

# The Swainsboro Kiwanian

April 28, 2009

President Bobby Seamans called the meeting to order at 7:00 sharp last night. Jason Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ed Bolton offered the invocation. On this last Tuesday night of April, we had a fair attendance.

**Guests:** Our guests included Linda Dekle, Cheryl Goodman, Christine McCrosky, and our speaker Sandra Wright. We were very pleased to welcome these guests to our weekly meeting.

Next week is spouses' night, and everyone is invited to bring their spouse or a guest. If you haven't done so, be sure and let Tim Goodman know if you are coming and bringing a guest. Don't forget that on spouse's night, we begin at 7:30 rather than our usual hour.

**A special note:** In the listing of Kiwanians in the Pine Tree Festival tabloid published last week, the names of several Kiwanians were inadvertently omitted. Please be assured that this was unintentional and that the club regrets the omissions.

**Sports:** Tobe Karrh brought us his weekly sports report. In golf, Jerry Kelly won the Zurich Classic, while Bernard Langer and Tom Lehman won the Legends of Golf. Georgia Bulldogs Stafford and Marino were drafted by the Detroit Lions and Denver Broncos respectively.

**Court:** In the absence of Chief Justice Charles Brewer, Associate Justice Raymond Hendrix recessed court.

**Announcements:** Positions are still available for the Knotty Pine Race. Contact Tim Goodman to assist. Following

the Fun Run, all Kiwanians are asked to sit in the bleachers for the parade. Wear your *gold* tee shirt!

President Bobby read a letter of thanks from the Pre-K school for our assistance with their Fund Day on April 10.

**Program:** Jim Dekle arranged our program last night, and brought as his guest Sandra Wright, Emanuel County Tax Commissioner. She brought us a variety of information about her office. She commented on the large number of specialty tags that are available in Georgia. Her office processes about 2000 tag applications each month. Her office also issues disabled parking permits now, rather than the State Patrol. One thing that I learned from her presentation is that if you are over 62 years of age, you can get additional tax exemptions on your home beyond the homestead exemption. You must apply by April 1, so if you don't have this exemption and qualify for it, make a note on your calendar to apply next year. The bad news is that she confirmed that the state will no longer fund tax relief, and we can all expect an increase in our property taxes next year. In spite of the bad news, we thank Sandra for an interesting program and Jim for arranging it.

**Door Prizes:** Gary Couse furnished a Hershey Bar cake, baked by Petite Garrett and won by L.H. Weise. Linda Dekle won the Domino's pizza, furnished by Chris Cann. Travis Garret and Raymond Hendrix took home the meals.

<b>Coming up:</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Cake</b>
May 5	Roger Peebles (Mothers Day Celebration)	Roger Peebles
May 12	L.H. Weise	David Bartram
May 19	Chip Durden	?????????
May 26	John Blackburn	Charles Brewer
June 2	Jim Dekle	Chris Cann

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