

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

May 20, 2008

President Bob Losser called the weekly meeting of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club to order promptly at 7:00. Jason Johnson led the club in pledging allegiance to our flag, and Roger Peebles offered the invocation. The crowd was a little sparse last night, but we are entering the summer season.

We were pleased to have Christine McCroskey as our guest last night.

Sports

Tobe Karrh informed us that Sergio Garcia won the Player's Tournament in golf. On the ladies' side, Ms. Ochoa won another tournament. On the tennis court, Rafael Nadaal defeated Fedora. We understand that the Braves are continuing to play baseball, but so far no real excitement has materialized.

Court

Judge Charles Brewer recessed court for the evening. It seems the offenders he was looking for were not there last night. He said something about issuing bench warrants for them

Announcements

Tim Goodman gave us a report on the Knotty Pine Run. He began by thanking everyone who helped, and this was virtually everybody in the club. There were 62 paid runners, and 59 actually ran. This was one of the largest fields we have had in the race. A big thanks is due Tim for his efforts in organizing the race and seeing to it that all those pesky little details were taken care of.

Tim also had a number of Knotty Pine T-shirts that were left over. He said he did not want to store them again, and appealed to everyone to take a few. When I left, the pile was much smaller than it was when I arrived.



Program



Gary Couse

Gary Couse was program chair tonight, and he took us on a trip to the Fiji Islands in the South Pacific. He had visited there recently, and while he was there he had the opportunity to go scuba diving and snorkeling. He told us that Fiji is known world wide as a place to scuba dive, and he described some of the things he saw on his dives. There was a coral reef whose base was 90 feet deep, and whose top was only 15 feet beneath the surface of the ocean. There was a tunnel through the reef near the base, and his group swam through it. He reported seeing all kinds of fish and marine life on his dives. He also reported touring a sunken ship, which he said he did not enjoy very much.

He went on to tell us that Fiji consists of about 350 islands, of which 106 are permanently inhabited, the others being too small. Fiji is about the size of New Jersey. Eighty-seven percent of the population of the country lives on the two largest islands. Fiji is a member of the British Commonwealth, and all traffic drives on the left. The national sport of Fiji is rugby. About 38% of the population is Indian, having been brought in by the British years ago to harvest sugar cane. He said that the people of Fiji are a happy people, always singing.

We thank Gary for sharing his trip with us, through his descriptions and through the pictures that he passed around for us to see.

Night Out on Kiwanis

As our Night Out on Kiwanis continues, we are back to the fourth Tuesday. The following are invited to bring a spouse or guest to the meeting: David Bartram, Ed Bolton, Tim Goodman, Bob Losser, Jim Dekle, Paul Cerpovicz, and Adi Galloway.

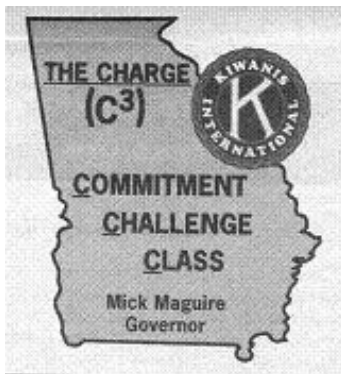
Door Prizes

The cake last night was a chocolate layer cake, provided by Chris Ramsey. Our guest, Christine McCroskey held the winning ticket. Tim Goodman won the Domino's pizza, provided by Chris Cann. Raymond Hendrix and Bob Losser won the take out meals. Congratulations to all the winners.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
May 27	????????	Bill Rountree
June 3	John Blackburn	Stacy Barber
June 10	Gary Couse	Bill Breedlove
June 17	Adi Galloway	Jim Dekle
June 24	Tobe Karrh	Ed Bolton
July 1	No meeting – Independence Day	
July 8	Bill Breedlove	Ron McCroskey

Program Chairs, if you'll let me know what your program is going to be, I'll put it in the bulletin ahead of time. Call me, or email me at edbolton@ega.edu



Just for the Fun of it

Toward the end of the school year, the sixth grade teachers decide which of their students should be accelerated in certain subjects in the seventh grade. When a child is chosen, the parents are notified. When one boy was accelerated in science and mathematics, his mother wrote to the teacher: "I think this is quite an honor for someone who just tried to make two quarts of lemonade in a one-quart pitcher."

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