

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

June 3, 2008

In the absence of President Bob Losser, Vice President Bobby Seamans called the weekly meeting of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club to order promptly at 7:00 p.m. Jim Daughtry led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Travis Garrett offered the invocation.

We were pleased to have Petite Garrett as our guest last night.

Sports

It was a busy week in sports, according to our sports reporter Tobe Karrh. Kenny Parry won the Memorial Golf Tourney. In tennis, Maria Sharapova lost her match and her number 1 standing in ladies tennis. Roger Federman won, and Raphael Nadahl is trying to win his fourth title, and seems to be well on the way. The Atlanta Braves lost to the Cincinnati Reds, and then beat the Miami Marlins.

Gary Couse gave us information about basketball and hockey. It seems that the NBA championship games will feature the Celtics (That's Boston, I believe.) and the Lakers (Los Angeles). In hockey, the Penguins (Sorry, I don't know where they're from!) won their second game, but the Detroit Redwings hold a 3 to 2 lead in the series.

Court

Judge Charles Brewer held court last night, but levied no fines. I did hear something about a Kiwanian who may not have been properly registered running in the Knotty Pine Race.

Announcements

Things seem to be quieting down for the summer. We only had two announcements. The International Convention will be held June 22 to June 29 in Orlando, Florida. Chip Durden and Dwight Watt are currently planning to attend.

The Georgia District Convention is slated for August 16, 17, and 18 in Peachtree City. Maybe we can have a good contingent from our club attending that meeting.

Program



John Blackburn holding a jar of his biodiesel fuel.

John Blackburn was our program chair last night, and he presented his own program. For the last couple of years, John has been converting used vegetable oil from restaurants into biodiesel fuel, which he uses in his vehicles. He told us last night of some of the ups and downs of doing this. On the upside, he saves a lot of money. He says it costs him about a dollar a gallon to convert the vegetable oil into usable fuel, and with the current price of diesel fuel, he figures he has saved about \$8000 in fuel costs since he has been doing this. In addition to the monetary savings, he said that the biodiesel fuel is more environmentally friendly than the diesel that is made from oil from the ground because it emits fewer atoms of carbon into the atmosphere. (You'll have to get a chemist to explain that one.) He is using oil that would otherwise be discarded and converting it into a usable fuel.

On the downside, it can be downright messy at times, especially if he spills a barrel of the vegetable oil. He told us of an incident when he was trying to move a barrel of vegetable oil in his front-end loader, and it shifted. When it did, the lid came off and drenched him in the oil. I'm not sure how he cleaned himself up after that one, but it sounded like a real mess. He told us of other incidents when the oil spilled and covered his shop floor. He also told us of incidents when his fire that he was using to drive off the moisture got a little out of control, and once he had a small explosion, as the water was on the bottom of the tank and the steam had nowhere to go but through the oil above it. Must have been an interesting day.

John is really excited about his project and is more than willing to share his hard earned knowledge with anyone who might be interested in beginning such a project. John said he would keep doing it, but if he had it to do again, he doesn't know if he would get into it. Thanks, John, for a very interesting program.

Door Prizes

The cake was a chocolate chip pound cake baked by Jessica Barber and donated by Stacey. John Black took that one home. L.H. Weise won the Domino's pizza, donated by Chris Cann. The take out meals were won by John Black and Jason Johnson. I heard John say something about buying some lottery tickets on the way home.

Night Out on Kiwanis

As our Night Out on Kiwanis continues, we are back to the second Tuesday. The following are invited to bring a spouse or guest to the meeting: Tobe Karrh, John Black, Jimmy Morgan, L.H. Weise, Bill Rountree, Caroline Harless, and Chris Ramsey. For the following week: Ron McCroskey, Jim Hendrickson, Gary Couse, Chip Durden, Charles Brewer, Raymond Hendrix, Bill Breedlove, and Dwight Watt are invited to bring a guest.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
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
July 15	Lee Grier	????????????????

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 a Laugh

When Lord Halifax was a young man, he traveled one day from London to Bath seated between two somber faced spinsters. No one spoke during the journey. Just before reaching Bath, the train entered a tunnel and young Halifax put the back of his hand to his mouth and made a loud kissing sound. As the train emerged into daylight he looked from one to the other of the startled ladies, rose, tipped his hat and said with a mischievous twinkle, "To which of you two charming ladies am I indebted for that most delightful interlude?" Then he stepped out, leaving the two oldsters glaring suspiciously at each other.

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