

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

July 21, 2009

President Bobby Seamans called the weekly meeting of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club to order promptly at 7:00, with a rather sparse group of Kiwanians present. David Bartram led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Roger Peebles offered the invocation.

Guests: We were pleased to have Christy Whitttenberg as guest of Charles Brewer and Marilyn Couse as guest of Gary. Other than our speaker, there were no other guests.

Next week is the fourth Tuesday, and David Bartram, Ed Bolton, Tim Goodman, Bob Losser, Jim Dekle, Paul Cerpovicz, and Adi Galloway are invited to bring their spouse or a guest.

Sports: Tobe Karrh brought us our weekly sports update. In the Tour de France, Alberto Contadon leads, with Lance Armstrong not too far behind. Gary Couse provided some additional details about this classic bicycle race. Tobe also mentioned that Stewart Cink, a Georgia Tech alumnus, won the British Open, beating Tom Watson in a playoff. On Sunday and Monday, the Braves beat the Mets and the Giants by lopsided scores.

Court: Judge Charles Brewer held court and fined himself for not being at the hot dog cook out after he had said he would assist. He also fined President Bobby for showing up late.

Teen Reading Club: On Thursday, July 17, we cooked hotdogs for the Teen Reading Club at the Franklin Memorial Library to conclude the summer activities. Assisting chefs Tim Goodman and Bobby Seamans were Travis Garrett, Gary

Couse, David Bartram, Jason Johnson, and Raymond Hendrix. Ed Bolton was present to document everything with his camera. We fed about 20 or 25 teens with hotdogs and all the trimmings.

Program: Program Chair Jason Johnson introduced newly appointed Superintendent of Schools Dr. Thomas Craft. Dr. Craft was principal of several high schools before coming to Emanuel County. Unfortunately, he arrived at a time when the economy is down, and he is going to have to deal with some severe budget cuts mandated by the Governor. The bottom line is that we can expect to see an increase of 3 to 3.5 mils in our school taxes. He also talked about some of the signs of improvement at Swainsboro High School, including a significant rise in reading and mathematics scores and an improving graduation rate. His goal for Emanuel County Schools is for every teacher and administrator to improve their skills and competence as teachers or administrators. Thanks Jason for a timely program, and to Dr. Craft for taking time to speak to us.

Door Prizes: Christy Whitttenberg won the red velvet cake, provided by Raymond Hendrix and baked by Petite Garrett. L.H. Weise scored another win by taking the Domino's pizza, provided by Chris Cann. Ron McCrosky and Debbie Jones of Catered Creations won the meals.

Coming up:	Program	Cake
July 28	Jim Daughtry	Caroline Harless
August 4	Carroll Gambrell	Jason Johnson
August 11	Jim Dekle	Chip Durden
August 18	Travis Garrett	Ron McCrosky
August 25	Chris Cann	Tobe Karrh
September 1	Dwight Watt	Chris Cann

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