

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

July 29, 2008

On the last Tuesday night of a hot July, Vice President Bobby Seamans convened the weekly meeting of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club promptly at 7:00. David Bartram led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Tim Goodman offered the invocation.

We had a good number of visitors with us last night. First of all, we had an interclub from Vidalia, led by Lieutenant Governor Debbie Kittrell. Also from Vidalia were June Hunter, President of the Vidalia club, Wesley Luhn, Secretary, and Dennis Donahue.

In addition, we were pleased to have Jean Moore, a guest of Bobby Seamans; Mary Ann Peebles, Bobby Daughtry, Cherry Carruth, a guest of Charles Brewer, and Sissy Peebles.

Sports

Tobe Karrh brought us up to date on the goings-on in the sports world. Winning the Tour de France was Carlos Sastre of Spain. Chez Reavie won the Canadian Open. Helen Alfredsson won the Evian LPGA event. Tobe said he had to look a long way to find an American winner to name, but he found one in Jimmy Johnson, who won the All State 400. The Braves continue their losing ways and appear to be totally out of contention this year. As they say in baseball, "Wait'll next year!"

Court

Judge Charles Brewer convened court for the evening and fined Vice President Bobby for failure to wear his badge. There being nothing else to come before the court, he adjourned it for the evening.

Announcements

The next Board of Directors meeting will be on August 14, hosted by John Black.

Vice President Bobby Seamans read a letter from Bobby Daughtry of the Arts Council thanking the club for supporting a pair of students in the Arts Camp. She enclosed pictures of the ones we had sponsored, and in her letter reported on some of their activities.

Lieutenant Governor Report

Lieutenant Governor Debbie Kittrell began her report by presenting to Vice President Bobby a number of patches that our club has earned. Among them were the Rally Patch, the Georgia District for Community Service Patch, Interclub Patch, Georgia Memorial Foundation and Georgia District Foundation Patches. The last two were for donations that our club has made to these foundations. Debbie announced that the last two would be combined into one in the future. She also informed us that the Georgia District has lost 4 clubs in the past year and is down by 200 members. The million member goal by 2015 still stands, but it looks like Kiwanis is going to have a real challenge to meet it. On the positive side, she reported that 3 new clubs are in the making in the metro Atlanta area, and she challenged us to sponsor a new club in this area.

Program



Dr. Karen Ross and Bobby Seamans

Bobby Seamans was our Program Chair for the evening, and he brought as his guest Dr. Karen Ross, Director of Special Services for the Emanuel County Board of Education. Karen is a graduate of East Georgia College and Georgia Southern University. She talked about the role of special education in our schools. Among the disorders that require special education according to Federal law are autism, emotional/behavior disorders, hearing impairment, blindness, orthopedic impairment, speech-language impairment, and intellectual disability. She explained that the special education teachers work with these children to try to bring them to the point where they can be functioning members of society. “Every child deserves a quality education,” she told us.

She also informed us about a new program that is designed to teach proper behavior. Noting that some students do not have good role models or proper guidance, this program is designed to teach students how to behave in a variety of settings. It is being piloted in Emanuel and Lee Counties.

Thanks to Bobby for arranging the program and to Karen for bringing us this information.

Night out on Kiwanis

As our Night Out on Kiwanis continues, we are back to the first Tuesday. The following are invited to bring a spouse or guest to the meeting: Travis Garrett, Justin Peebles, Roger Peebles, Jim Daughtry, Edwin Canady, Stacy Barber, Bobby Seamans, and Jason Johnson.

Door Prizes

The cake was a pound cake with a chocolate cream cheese icing, provided by Bob Losser and baked by Petite Garrett. Jim Daughtry held the winning ticket. L.H. Weise won the Domino's Pizza, provided by Chris Cann. No meals were awarded last night.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
August 5	Jim Dekle	Lee Grier
August 12	Ed Bolton	????????????????
August 19	Travis Garrett	Club
August 26	Justin Peebles	Chris Cann
September 2	Charles Brewer	John Black
September 9	??????????	John Blackburn

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

Future Program

Ed Bolton has the program on August 12. Dr. John Derden will be our speaker that night. His program will be about the building of the Central of Georgia Railroad through Jenkins and Burke Counties. It should be a very interesting program.



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