

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

August 11, 2009

The weekly meeting of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club was held as usual at 7:00 with President Bobby Seamans calling the meeting to order. He asked Raymond Hendrix to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Roger Peebles to offer the invocation.

Guests: We were happy to have Jean Weise as the guest of L.H. and Barbara Karrh as the guest of Tobe.

Next week is the third week in August, and Ron McCrosky, Jim Hendrickson, Gary Couse, Chip Durden, Charles Brewer, Raymond Hendrix, and Dwight Watt are invited to bring a spouse or a guest.

Sports: Tiger Woods won again, this time the Bridgestone Tournament. In tennis, Andy Reddick lost to Juan Martin del Porto. Tony Stewart won a race at Watkins Glen. And last, but not least, the Braves beat Los Angeles on Saturday and welcomed Washington to Atlanta on Tuesday. As always, thanks to Tobe Karrh for the weekly sports update.

Court: For the second week in a row, Judge Charles Brewer recessed court, because he could not find anyone breaking any Kiwanis rules.

Announcements: Things seem to be a little slow during these hot days of August. Nobody had any announcements to make.

Program: Jim Dekle introduced Larry Calhoun of Swainsboro Tech (actually Southeastern Tech now) as the speaker for the evening. Larry began by showing a video that

featured President Cathryn Mitchell of Southeastern Tech, Senator Jack Hill, Representative Butch Parrish, Bill Rogers, Jr. and Michelle Lank, the Outstanding Tech Student of the Year. Larry went on to talk about the fact that the high school graduation rate in Georgia is low: 40,000 dropped out last year, and 1.3 million people in Georgia have no high school diploma or GED. He went on to say that in the next 2 years, the state will need a more educated work force. He also said that 75% of parents in Georgia want their children to get a Bachelor's degree. He also told us that enrollment is up in the technical schools.

Thanks to Jim for arranging the program, and to Larry for taking the time to come and speak to us.

Door Prizes: The cake was actually a coconut cream pie, won by Tim Goodman. Roger Peebles won the Domino's pizza, provided by Chris Cann. Raymond Hendrix and Ron McCrosky won the takeout meals.

Coming up:	Program	Cake
August 18	Travis Garrett	Club
August 25	Chris Cann	Tobe Karrh
September 1	Dwight Watt	Chris Cann
September 8	Charles Brewer	L.H. Weise
September 15	Chip Durden	John Blackburn
September 22	Raymond Hendrix	Jason Johnson
September 29	Installation night	

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