

# The Swainsboro Kiwanian

August 12, 2008

Vice President Bobby Seamans called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00. Gary Couse led the Pledge of Allegiance, and John Black offered the invocation.

We were pleased to have as guests Barbara Karrh, Dorothy Black, and Jean Weise.

## Sports

Tobe Karrh reported that it has been a rather busy week in the sports world. In golf, Irishman Pdraig Harrington won the PGA championship in Michigan. Spaniard Sergio Garcia finished second.

Professional football is here again, with the Atlanta Falcons losing to the Jacksonville whatever.

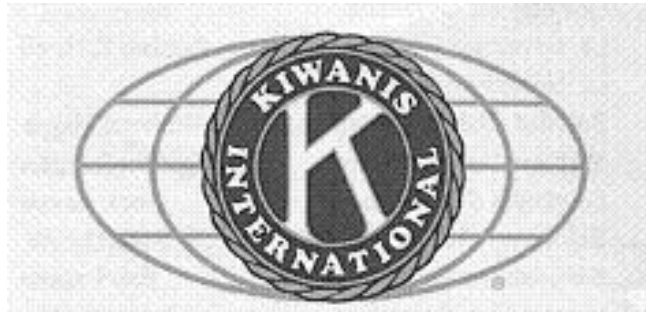
The Beijing Olympics are attracting a lot of attention. Michael Phelps is well on his way to setting a record for the number of gold medals in swimming. Nicole Cooke of England is leading in cycling, and in volleyball, the United States lost to Cuba.

## Court

Judge Charles Brewer opened court tonight and fined Jason Johnson for coming in after the bell sounded. No other infractions were noted, and court was recessed until next Tuesday evening.

## Announcement

The Board of directors, with John Black as host, will be meeting this Thursday night, August 14, at East Georgia College.



# Program



**Dr. John Derden**

Ed Bolton was program chair tonight, and he introduced Dr. John Derden, Professor Emeritus of History at East Georgia College as the speaker. John discussed the Central of Georgia Railroad and its relationship to Emanuel County. He entitled his program “Tracks in the Ogeechee River Swamp.” He began by giving us a history of the Central of Georgia, which began in Savannah in 1833 to compete with a railroad that had just opened connecting Augusta, Georgia, with Charleston, South Carolina. The ultimate dream was to connect the port of Savannah with the west (anything west of the Appalachian Mountains). In 1835 they began laying track, and by 1843, Savannah and Macon were connected by rail. Of course, the Central played a major role in the Civil War by hauling troops, POW’s and supplies. Consequently, Sherman destroyed the railroad. However, even before Sherman reached Savannah, the Central was rebuilding its track. As they rebuilt, they moved it a little farther north, rather than following the original tracks, which were very close to the Ogeechee River. John told us that the original roadbed can still be seen in the woods just across the Ogeechee River. If you go to the Coleman Lake Restaurant, the roadbed is just across the river in the woods. He says that when the river is low, original pilings can be seen.

He brought some pictures showing how the track was built and compared it with modern railroad tracks. He also showed pictures of some of the early engines, which looked very primitive in comparison to the steam engines that many of us remember.

We thank John for bringing us a very interesting program.

## Door Prizes

Rather than a cake tonight, we had a chocolate cream pie, baked by Petite Garrett and furnished by the club. John Black held the right ticket and took the pie home.

Jean Weise won the Domino's Pizza, provided by Chris Cann.

The take-out meals were won by Dorothy Black and Bobby Seamans.

## Night Out on Kiwanis

As our Night Out on Kiwanis continues, we are back to the third Tuesday. The following are invited to bring a spouse or guest to the meeting: Ron McCroskey, Jim Hendrickson, Gary Couse, Chip Durden, Charles Brewer, Raymond Hendrix, Bill Breedlove, and Dwight Watt.

### *Kiwanis Kalendar*

	Program	Cake
August 19	Travis Garrett	Club
August 26	Justin Peebles	Chris Cann
September 2	Charles Brewer	John Black
September 9	?????????	John Blackburn
September 16	Bobby Seamans	Club
September 23	?????????	?????????

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](mailto:edbolton@ega.edu)

## Brotherly Love?

A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year old charges. After explaining the commandment to "Honor thy father and mother," she asked if there was a commandment that teaches how to treat our brothers and sisters. Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

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