

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

September 2, 2008

Vice President Bobby Seamans called the first September meeting of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club to order promptly at 7:00 p.m. with a fair group of Kiwanians in attendance. Jim Dekle led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Roger Peebles offered the invocation.

We were pleased to have Carolyn Canady as a guest at our meeting.

Sports

With football season getting underway, there is going to be a lot of sports for Tobe Karrh to tell us about. This first weekend was a rather full one with local high school teams opening their seasons and the college teams also getting underway. On the local scene, Swainsboro High School beat Bleckly County, ECI beat Savannah Country Day, and DEA lost to Bulloch Academy. Georgia Tech beat Jacksonville State; Georgia beat Georgia Southern; South Carolina blew NC State away; Alabama beat Clemson; Kentucky beat Louisville, and Florida beat Hawaii. Vijay Sing won the Deutsche Bank Golf Tournament. Jimmy Johnson won the Pepsi 500, and the Braves lost.

Gary Couse reported on a bike ride that several of our members participated in over the weekend. I'll not go into all the gory details, but suffice it to say that it was a weekend filled with adventure.

Court

Judge Charles Brewer did not hand out any fines last night. He did, however, report on the grape picking last weekend at the home of L.H. and Jean Weise. There were ten Kiwanians present for the picking, including Charles Brewer, L.H. Weise, Raymond Hendrix, Gary Couse, Jim Daughtry, Jim Dekle, Tim Goodman, Ron McCroskey, Jim Hendrickson, and Charles' daughter Chris. Raymond will deliver grapes to the local nursing homes. Thanks to all the Kiwanians who participated in this worthy project.



Program

Our program chair last night was Charles Brewer, and he introduced Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) William G. Roberts and First Sergeant James Johnson. Colonel Roberts is the Scholarship and Enrollment Officer for the Military Science Department at Georgia Southern, and he brought us up to date on the new ROTC program that is being started this fall at East Georgia College. First Sergeant Johnson is the instructor at East Georgia College. Col. Roberts is actually responsible for what is known as the “Eagle Battalion.” This includes ROTC units at Georgia Southern, East Georgia, Armstrong Atlantic, Savannah College of Art and Design, and Savannah State.

Students who successfully complete this program will be commissioned Second Lieutenants in the United States Army and incur an 8-year obligation, which may be fulfilled by a combination of active and reserve service. Students may enroll as freshmen, sophomores, or juniors. Seniors may not enroll as it takes a minimum of two years to complete the program. Scholarships are available that will pay tuition and board, and a book allowance is also available to help cover the cost of text books. In addition, a monthly stipend is available to the ROTC cadets.

Cadets are required to participate in a 33-day leadership program at Fort Lewis, Washington, during the summer between their junior and senior years. There, they train with other cadets from throughout the United States.

East Georgia has 49 cadets enrolled in the program, with nine in Swainsboro and the remainder at our Statesboro campus.

Thanks to Charles and our guests for a very interesting program.



Colonel Roberts, Charles Brewer, and Sergeant Johnson

Door Prizes

Dorothy Black baked a delicious looking banana cake, which she sent by John. Charles Brewer held the winning ticket, and he said he would split the cake between our two guests.

Charles also held the winning number for the Domino's pizza, provided by Chris Cann. He said he would keep it too, since he was giving the cake away.

The take-out meals were won by Jim Daughtry and our guest Carolyn Canady.

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, 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
September 9	David Bartram	John Blackburn
September 16	Bobby Seamans	Club
September 23	?????????	?????????
September 30	Installation Night	(Spouses Night)

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

Next Week

Our speaker next week will be Swainsboro Police Chief Johnny Schuman, who will tell us all about the new Police Department Building, which has only very recently been occupied. Chief Schuman is always an interesting speaker, and you'll want to make plans to be present and hear him.

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