

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

September 30, 2008

On the final night of the 2007-2008 Kiwanis year, President Bobby Seamans called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30. (Notice I promoted Bobby. He was President by the time the meeting ended!) Jason Johnson led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Clarence Thompson offered the invocation.

On this installation night, it was great to have so many spouses and guests present. Everyone had the opportunity to introduce their spouse, but space doesn't allow me to list them all. Suffice it to say we were glad to have them. Roger Peebles also invited his daughter Sissy, Bobby Seamans invited his friend Jean Moore, and Charles Brewer brought his daughter Christy. In addition, we also were happy to have Marcelle Brannan and former member Clarence Thompson. We need to remember Clarence and his wife Mildred in our prayers as she continues to recover from broken bones.

Sports

Tobe Karrh again brought us up to date with both good and bad news depending upon whom you support. All three of the local high school teams were victorious this weekend. UGA lost to Alabama, and Georgia Southern lost to Wofford by 1 point. Other victors noted were Maryland over Clemson, Oregon State over USC, Ole Miss over Florida, Auburn over Tennessee, and South Carolina over University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

Court

As Judge Charles Brewer closed out this Kiwanis year, he issued no fines. He did say something about fining the Bulldogs if he had the chance. We take this opportunity to thank Charles for keeping us on the Kiwanis Strait and Narrow through a well operating system of Kiwanis justice.

Lieutenant Governor Visit

We were certainly pleased to have our incoming Lieutenant Governor Erv Hietbrink with us for our installation night. Erv is a member of the Skidaway Club in Savannah. He brought us greetings and challenges from our District Governor Carlton Norris, from nearby Washington, Georgia.

Governor Norris has three major goals for the Georgia district this year. The first is to grow our membership by 1000 members. The district currently has about 8000 members, so we need to grow to

9000. The second goal is for each division to add a new club. The third goal is for half the clubs in the district to achieve Distinguished Club status.

Erv localized these goals for our division and our club. The division needs to add 70 or 80 members, which is a 10% growth. Our club needs to recruit three new members. C'mon folks. Three members in a year! We can do that.

He wants every club in Division 22 to be guided by the Distinguished Club criteria, which is service, which includes sponsoring Circle K, Key Club and Builders Club. It also includes participating in certain Kiwanis International projects, some of which we currently do. The second is leadership education, which includes attendance at division, district, and international meetings. The third is new members, and I've commented on that already.

Finally, Erv wants our division to add at least one new club, and he has set in place a plan for achieving that.

New Officers

Before installing the new officers, Lieutenant Governor Hietbrink recognized and paid tribute to the retiring board members, Jim Dekle, Charles Brewer, Tim Goodman, and Travis Garrett. Then he installed the new board members, including Jason Johnson, Raymond Hendrix, Ed Bolton, and Travis Garrett. Returning board members are Paul Cerpovicz, L.H. Weise, Jim Daughtry, and Roger Peebles. Edwin Canady was installed as secretary, having served the club in that capacity for the past 22 years. Thanks, Edwin, for everything you do for the club. Tim Goodman was installed as treasurer, Jim Dekle as Second Vice President, David Bartram as First Vice President, and Bobby Seamans as President. Congratulations to all of our new officers.



Bobby Seamans and Erv Heitbrink

Editorial Comment 1

We have a new Kiwanis Year ahead of us. President Bobby is all fired up, and he has a good leadership team backing him in the person of the directors and our other officers. Governor Carlton Norris and Lieutenant Governor Erv Heitbrink have challenged us to become a distinguished club during this year. With the leadership we have, there is no reason why we cannot and should not achieve this. Let's go after it! I'll report on our progress from time to time.

Editorial Comment 2

The club saw fit to bestow upon me the honor of Kiwanian of the Year. I consider this one of the highest honors the club can bestow, and I am humbled by it, and I appreciate more than you know the honor. I have had the pleasure of writing your bulletin for the past two years and look forward to continuing in the future. I'll try to live up to the honor you gave me.

There will be some changes in the bulletin coming up. Those with email addresses will get the bulletin by email. Others will receive a printed copy through the mail as in the past. If you would prefer a printed copy rather than an emailed copy, let me know. Dwight Watt continues to post the weekly bulletin on line at www.swainsborokiwanis.org. The second change is that we are going back to the 8½ by 11 format that we have used in the past. How this will affect the weekly product remains to be seen. I'll have to write less and perhaps use fewer or smaller pictures, but I'll work to keep the same quality.

Door Prizes

The flowers on the tables were given away. Those receiving them were Christie Whitenberg, Jean Moore, Barbara Karrh, Carolyn Canady, Ginger Bolton, and the two waitresses from Catered Creations. Christine McCrosky won the grand prize, the center piece at the head table. Congratulations to all.

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.

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