

# **The Swainsboro Kiwanian**

**December 4, 2007**

President Bob Losser called the Kiwanis Club to order and asked Raymond Hendrix to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Jim Hendrickson offered the invocation.

It was good to have L.H. Weise back with us tonight. I'm sorry I missed him.

## **Sports**

Tobe Karrh gave us the sports report tonight, noting that ECI defeated Warren County last weekend. Their next stop is the Georgia Dome. We wish them well.

College action is almost done, except for the bowl games, and there will be plenty of them. UGA goes to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

In the pro football world, the Falcons lost another one, as did the Dolphins. The Colts defeated the Jags, the Buccaneers defeated the Saints, and the Steelers defeated the Bengals.

## **Court**

Judge Charles Brewer held court tonight and fined Bobby Seamans for a late entrance and President Bob for starting the meeting 4 minutes late. And then, perhaps in the spirit of the season, he suspended the fines.

December birthdays include John Blackburn, Paul Cerpovicz, Ron McCroskey, and Wes Stramoski.

## **Announcements**

Tim Goodman gave an update on the poinsettia sale. There were 7 remaining plants, and Chip Durden and Jason Johnson bought them. I am sure that Tim is happy to report a complete sellout. Our Activity Fund will certainly benefit from everyone's efforts. Thanks to everyone who bought and/or sold poinsettias.

Chip Durden gave an update on the Christmas project. He reports that the club has bought bicycles for the thirty plus children on the list that we obtained from the school system. There will be a Christmas party on Monday, December 10, at 5:00 p.m. at the Pre-K center. All Kiwanians are encouraged to come out and show their support.

Spouses' night is next Tuesday. As a reminder, the meeting will begin at 7:30 rather than our usual 7:00. Don't be late! Tim Goodman is the program chair, and he has invited Jim Roberts of Southern Traditions to present the program. Jim has been here before, and he always does a good job, so bring your spouse, and come on out and enjoy a nice evening. By the way, if you haven't let Adi Galloway know that you are coming, give her a call at East Georgia College and make your reservation.

## **More on the Lt. Gov.'s Visit**

Last week when Lieutenant Governor Debbie Kittrell was here, she spoke of the vision that Governor Mick Maguire has for the district in his administrative year. I was not able to get them all down and thus did not adequately convey them to you, so I'll try it again. Thanks to Debbie for sending them to me.

- A renewed effort throughout the District to develop leaders for all levels.
- A district revitalized and devoted to growth so that we can increase service especially to youth.
- Every club actively supporting one or more youth leadership programs, i.e. Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, KKids, Aktion Club.
- Every club supporting at least one youth to attend Key Leader.
- Every club supporting at least one of the service in a box programs, i.e. BUG, Reading Around the World, Terrific Kids.
- Every club participating in Keep Georgia Beautiful in April, 2008.
- Every club offering each/every member an opportunity to do hands on service at least monthly.

## **Program**

Program Chair David Bartram introduced Dr. John Derden of East Georgia College as his program. John coordinates the Vision Series at East Georgia College, and he told us about some of the upcoming events. On February 7, author W. Dale Cramer will be speaking at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. *Balalaika*, a Russian folk music ensemble will perform at 11:00 a.m. on February 28. Mark and Delia Owens, nature writers will be here at 11:00 a.m. on March 27, and will lecture on the endangered African Elephant. On April 17, at 11:00 a.m., the Honorable Justice Leah Ward Sears, Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court will speak. All events will be held in the auditorium of the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center and are free and open to the public.

On February 9, Dr Derden will lead a tour of sites in our area where Sherman passed through on his infamous March to the Sea. Contact the Department of Continuing Education at East Georgia College for additional information.

John's program was entitled "Writing Ms. Kate" and concerned some letters and scrapbooks found when they were moving the Screven County Library. Ms. Kate was Katherine Enecks, postmistress for Screven County in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Many letters, newspaper clippings, and other material were found from this period. We were able to actually see examples of letters, including an example of cross writing from that era. Letters included a poem from one of her admirers and a letter from a Confederate soldier.

Thanks to David for bringing John and to John for a very interesting program.

## Door Prizes

The cake tonight was a sour-cream pound cake, provided by Dwight Watt and baked by his wife Sherry. Chip Durden was the lucky winner. Adi Galloway won the Domino's Pizza, provided by Chris Cann. L.H. Weise and Bobby Seamans won the takeout meals.

## *Kiwanis Kalendar*

	Program	Cake
December 11	Tim Goodman Spouses Night - Christmas Celebration	No Cake
December 18	Ed Bolton	Jim Dekle
December 25	No Meeting	
January 1	No meeting	
January 8	Stacey Barber	Tobe Karrh
January 15	Dwight Watt	?????

## A Final Note

Duty called, and I was unable to be here tonight. Thanks go to Tim Goodman and David Bartram for being my eyes and ears. Any errors that you find should not be charged to them. Just say that I made it up, since I was not there!

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