

# **The Swainsboro Kiwanian**

**December 11, 2007**

It was spouses' night at Christmas for the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club. President Bob Losser convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jim Daughtry led the group in pledging allegiance to our flag, and Travis Garrett gave the invocation.

We had several guests at our meeting. Nelson and Jo Arnold were guests of L.H. and Jean Weise. Also present were Linda Lamb, Annette Evans, and Marcell Brannon. It was great to have these guests with us, and it was great to have all the spouses.

John Black began the meeting by reading the Christmas story from the second chapter of St. Luke's gospel. This reminded us that we are celebrating the birth of Christ at this festive time.

The club recognized the staff of Catered Creations with a token of our appreciation for the way they serve us week after week. We often overlook the contribution they make to our meetings, but it is definitely appreciated.

## **Sports**

Tobe Karrh had a brief sports report tonight. Most of the college action is over, except for the coming bowl games. On the local scene, Emanuel County Institute will be playing for the state championship in their division this weekend. They are playing Wilcox County. The game was to be in Rochelle, but I understand that it has been moved to Cordele, about twenty miles away. Wherever they are playing, we wish them the best. There should be good representation for Twin City and Emanuel County, because I hear two thousand tickets have been sold.

## **Court**

Judge Charles Brewer said no court tonight, maybe not until after the holidays. Still, everyone better be on their toes, because the court can be called to order at any time.

## **Announcements**

Our poinsettia sale was very successful. If you have not had a chance to turn in your poinsettia money, please turn it in to Tim Goodman or Adi Galloway as soon as possible.

Monday afternoon, our club sponsored a Christmas party for some of the kids at the Pre-K school. Jane and Chip Durden organized the affair, and a big Kiwanis thanks goes to them for their efforts. Santa

Claus recruited our own Jason Johnson to help him distribute the gifts to the children. Thirty-four children received new bikes, thanks to the Kiwanis Club. Were it not for Kiwanis, most of the kids would not have received much of anything for Christmas. It really warmed your heart to see the smiles of these children as they received their gifts.

## Program

In the spirit of Christmas, program chair Tim Goodman invited Jim Roberts of Southern Traditions to give us some ideas for decorating for the Christmas Season. It was a very visual program, so rather than write a lot about it, I'll show you some pictures of things that he did. I can't really do them justice in the printed bulletin, but if you go to our website, [www.swainsborokiwanis.org](http://www.swainsborokiwanis.org), you can see them in living color.



Jim Roberts



Wreath Hanger with wreath



Wreath with ribbon



Jim with two of the decorations



Another Wreath



Lighted Wreath

Thanks to Tim for inviting Jim tonight, and thanks to Jim for a very interesting program.

## Door Prizes

There were no tickets tonight, but a few lucky people found a paper taped to the bottom of their chair and took home a poinsettia. A number of people received poinsettias, but I don't know who they were, so let's just say congratulations to all of them.

## *Kiwanis Kalendar*

	Program	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	?????
January 22	Tobe Karrh	Paul Cerpovicz

## Next Week

Program chair next week is bulletin editor Ed Bolton. I have invited Whitney Bush, a very talented young lady, to come and present us a program of Christmas music. If you have not heard her sing, you are in for a real treat, for as I said, she is very talented. Hope to see you then.



A scene from our Christmas party at Pre-K