

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

December 18, 2007

On our last meeting of the calendar year, we had a fair group of Kiwanians present. President Bob Losser called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00. Roger Peebles led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Tim Goodman gave the invocation. We had no visitors, but those present enjoyed another delicious meal from Catered Creations.

Sports

The big news in sports tonight was that ECI defeated Cook County 41-24 to become the state champions in Region A. The Kiwanis Club offers its congratulations to the team and its coaches upon this outstanding accomplishment. The Miami Dolphins closed out their season by finally winning a game.

Court

The only thing Judge Charles Brewer had to say tonight was “Merry Christmas.” Everyone appreciated his generous spirit for not issuing any fines.

Announcements

It was reported that Chris Ramsey’s health is improving, and this was good to hear. We want to continue to remember Chris and his wife Marilyn.

We also want to continue to remember Olan and Ruby Flanders. They are in the Johnson County Nursing Home in Scott.

Tim passed out a letter from Dave Curry, Kiwanis International President, giving an update on the progress of his vision for Kiwanis. More on this letter will appear in a later edition of the bulletin.

President Bob paid tribute to the committee that planned and executed the Christmas party at Pre-K. The committee was headed by Charles Brewer and consisted of Caroline Harless, Adi Galloway, Travis Garrett, and Jane and Chip Durden. He thanked them for their effort in securing the bicycles and having them ready to present to the children. Hats are off to Jane and Chip for their efforts in this most worthy cause. They did a great job!



Kiwanians present for the party included, Charles Brewer, Jim Daughtry, Paul Cerpovicz, David Bartram, Santa Claus (Jason Johnson), Ed Bolton, John Black , Bob Losser, Chip Durden, and Bobby Seamans. Thanks to Wally Gallian for taking the picture.

Program

Ed Bolton was program chair for the evening. Unfortunately, he learned on Tuesday afternoon that the person he had invited to sing for us was ill, and could not be present. Ed was not about to sing! Instead, he presented a pair of readings for Christmas. The first was a fifteenth century German Carol, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," which was based on prophecies of Isaiah. The second was an essay by well known pastor, author, and diplomat Henry Van Dyke, called "Keeping Christmas." This essay is in the book The First Christmas Tree and Other Stories, by Henry Van Dyke and published by Paraclete Press.

Door Prizes

The cake was a caramel cake, donated by Jim Dekle and baked by Petite Garrett. Charles Brewer was the lucky winner.

Gary Couse won the Domino's Pizza, generously provided by Chris Cann.

Bill Rountree and Raymond Hendrix won the takeout meals.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
December 25	No Meeting	
January 1	No meeting	
January 8	Stacey Barber	Tobe Karrh
January 15	Dwight Watt	?????
January 22	Tobe Karrh	Paul Cerpovicz

Note that our next meeting will be on January 8, 2008. Enjoy the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Some Christmas Thoughts

From the prophet Isaiah:

“ For unto us a Child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his Kingdom to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from henceforth even forever.”

“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.”

From the Gospel of St. Luke:

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, ‘Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.’”

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all!**

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