

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

August 21, 2007

President John Black opened the meeting at our appointed hour. Charles Brewer led the Pledge of Allegiance, and James Smith offered the invocation. Other than our speaker, we had no guests.

Sports

There was a lot of news in the world of sports, according to sports reporter Tobe Karrh. In the automobile racing world, Kurt Busch won the 3M Performance 400 in Brooklyn, Michigan. In golf, Brandt Snediker won the Wyndham. In tennis, Lorena Ochoa won the Canadian women's open, and Roger Federer (You've heard that name before.) won his 50th title. I have a feeling you'll be hearing that name again.

The Braves bats came to life as the Braves defeated the Diamondbacks 6 to 2. Pitcher John Smoltz set a game record with 12 strikeouts.

Court

Judge Charles Brewer recessed court for tonight.

Announcements

President John announced that our club has received a certificate of appreciation from the Sunshine House for our continued support of them and their programs.

The Georgia District Convention was held in Albany August 17-19.

While at the convention the Kiwanians voted on several resolutions and policies including changing the title of the district administrative secretary to executive director. They also elected Mick Maquire from Peachtree City as the new governor, Carlton Norris from Washington as governor elect and Nancy Walden as Secretary-treasurer.

Jim Fowler, former host of Wild Kingdom, spoke to the group at lunch and brought several of his animals with him for the Kiwanians to see. He discussed the animals and his experience on Wild Kingdom and on Johnny Carson's show.

Jerry Farber, famous comedian from Atlanta, spoke at the dinner and gave an enjoyable talk.

Sunday the new officers were installed for the coming year.

Thanks to Dwight Watt for this report on the convention.

Attending the convention along with Dwight were former District Governor Chip Durden, Lieutenant Governor Tim Goodman, James Smith and Lee Grier.

Program



Program Chair tonight was Travis Garrett, and he invited Jean Schwabe as speaker. In addition to being the daughter-in-law of former Kiwanian Ed Schwabe, Jean is the newly appointed Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in the Emanuel County schools, and she was eager to let us know some of the exciting things that are happening in our school system.

She informed us that the school year opened on August 8 with a total enrollment of 4468 students, and 52 in the pre-K program. Last year, six of the seven schools made Adequate Yearly Progress in the No Child Left Behind program. Last year, Emanuel County schools partnered with three other systems to write a grant to fund a institute for mathematics and science teachers. The grant was successful, and East Georgia College and Georgia Tech provided instruction for about 40 teachers in these important areas. Emanuel County has been invited to participate in GLISI, Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement. This prestigious program should lead to improvement in a number of areas. There are writing programs, graduation coaches to work with at risk students in both middle schools and high schools, after school tutoring, and other programs to assist students to graduate and provide information on post secondary opportunities in employment and further education.

Jean was very excited about what is going on in our school system and shared her enthusiasm with us. Thanks to Travis for bringing us a very timely program and to Jean for coming and updating us on what is happening in our schools.

Door Prizes

The cake, baked by Petite Garrett, was a key lime cake. David Bartram was the lucky winner. Jim Dekle won the Domino's pizza provided by Chris Cann; and he kindly donated it to our speaker. The two meals were won by James Smith and Ed Bolton.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
August 28	John Black	Chris Cann
September 4	Charles Brewer	L.H. Weise
September 11	Greg Barwick	?????
September 18	Bob Losser	Club
September 25	Installation Night (Spouses' and friends night)	

Program Chairs: Let me know your program as soon as you nail it down, and I'll put it in the bulletin ahead of time so our members will know what is coming up. You can phone me at home or email me at edbolton@ega.edu

Next Week

Next week, President John has the program, and we will have a picture tour of the Augusta National, accompanied, according to John, with a special surprise. Sounds like another interesting program!

What is a Kiwanian?

Kiwanians are volunteers changing the world through service to children and communities. Kiwanis members help shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, mentor the disadvantaged, and care for the sick. They develop youth as leaders, build playgrounds, raise funds for pediatric research, and much more. No problem is too big or too small. Why? Because working together, members achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone. When you give a child a chance to learn, experience, dream, and succeed, great things happen! As Kiwanis clubs and members, we see it everyday!

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