

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

July 31, 2007

President John Black called the meeting to order at the appointed time. David Bartram led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Jim Dekle offered the invocation.

We were pleased to have Anthony Faris visiting us tonight. Anthony is with RFD Gallery and is also on the Board of Emanuel Arts Council.

Sports

It was good to have sports reporter Tobe Karrh back with us tonight after a sojourn in Florida. He reported that in golf, Jim Furyk won the Canadian Open, and Tony Stewart won the Brickyard. In baseball, the Braves had a god night recently and won 14 – 0. How about that! They are playing the Astros tonight.

We all watch as the Michael Vick story continues to unfold.

On a sad note, Tobe reported that Bill Walsh of the 49'ers died recently.

Court

In the absence of judge Charles Brewer, Raymond Hendrix filled in as judge. Raymond said everyone was doing as they should, and he recessed court for the evening.

Announcements

President John read a letter from Kiwanis International congratulating our club on its 85th anniversary. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club was chartered in August, 1922, which means we have been around 85 years. The first President was A.S. Bradley, and he served two years. The Kiwanis Club has the distinction of being the oldest civic club in the county.

The directors will meet next Thursday night, with James Smith as host. He will need to know soon who is planning to attend.

Program



Program chair Bobby Seamans invited Bobbie Daughtry to present the program tonight. She began by telling us about an exhibit currently underway at Emanuel Arts Center entitled “Art and the Motorcycle.” This exhibit includes some rather interesting motorcycles. If you want to see it, you will have to hurry, since it ends this Friday.

Bobbie talked to us about how state support for the arts in public school is declining and what Emanuel Arts Council is doing to bring the arts to students in our county. She noted that every year since 2002, funding for the arts has declined. Yet, statistics show that students involved with the arts tend to score higher academically than those not involved with art. Last year, for example, the highest SAT score in the state was at Davidson Charter Art School in Augusta, and they beat the runner-up by 50 points.

The last two art teachers in Emanuel County were not replaced when they retired. This year, however, Emanuel County has employed a part time art teacher who will work with the elementary and the primary schools.

The Emanuel Arts Council has had a number of programs involving local students. They offer lectures, workshops, monthly Super Saturdays for children aged 6 to 12 as well as summer art camps for children. Through the LaPetite Series, they bring in live professional performances such as plays and puppet shows, which are often performed in the schools to make it easier for the students to attend. Through their programs, over 3200 children have been served. The Kiwanis club provided a grant to the Arts Council that enables them to provide scholarships for deserving students to attend their programs.

A big Kiwanis salute to the Arts Council for what they are doing to promote the arts among our young people, and a big Kiwanis salute to Bobbie for the outstanding leadership she provides to the Council and for her efforts at promoting the arts in our community.

Thanks to Bobby Seamans for arranging the program and to Bobbie Daughtry for a very interesting presentation.

Door Prizes

The cake tonight, to be delivered next week, will be a key lime cake by Petite Garrett. The lucky winner was Justin Peebles. The Domino's pizza provided by Chris Cann was won by Tobe Karrh. The meals were won by Jim Daughtry and John Black. As always, congratulations to the winners.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
August 7	Jim Dekle	Lee Grier
August 17 – 19	Georgia District Convention, Albany	
August 14	Ed Bolton	Olen Flanders
August 21	Travis Garrett	Club
August 28	John Black	Chris Cann
September 4	Charles Brewer	L.H. Weise

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

Future Program

On August 14, program chair Ed Bolton has invited Rev. Gilbert Westberry as speaker. Gilbert is associate pastor and minister of music at First Baptist Church. Last spring, he went to Russia and visited Moscow and St. Petersburg and brought back some excellent slides. Come that night and take a trip to Russia with him.