

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

November 6, 2007

President Bob Losser opened the meeting at 7:00 sharp. John Black offered the invocation, and Jim Dekle led the Pledge of Allegiance. We had no visitors, but prospective member and former member Jason Johnson was with us again. We hope the words “former” and “prospective” will be gone shortly.

Sports

As always, Tobe Karrh brought us up to date in the sports world. All three local high school teams won this weekend, with DEA beating Griffin Christian, ECI defeating Portal, and Swainsboro defeating Screven County. This was a great week for Emanuel County football fans.

On the college scene, UGA defeated Troy State, Georgia Southern defeated Wofford, South Carolina lost to Arkansas, Clemson defeated Duke, Virginia defeated Wake Forest, Florida defeated Vanderbilt, and Navy defeated Notre Dame for the first time in 44 years.

Court

Judge Charles Brewer fined Jason for not having a badge and fined his sponsor, Bobby Seamans for failing to provide him one.

Announcements

We all need to remember L.H. Weise in our prayers. He said he would appreciate everyone’s prayers, and we hope he will be back with us before too long.

The Farm City night, which I have mentioned in the bulletin for the past couple of weeks has been cancelled. We will have our regular meeting at Catered Creations next week, with program chair Greg Barwick.

President Bob thanked everyone who worked at the Octoberfest. We had a great turnout of Kiwanians to assist and a large crowd of children of all ages who turned out to enjoy the goodies we were distributing. I heard estimates that were higher than I wrote in the bulletin last week, and maybe I did underestimate.

Poinsettia orders must be turned in by November 20, so that the final order can be placed with our supplier. Thanks to Tim Goodman for taking the leadership on this project. As Tim would have said had he been here, “Sell! Sell! Sell! Sell!” Seriously, this is an important fund raiser for the club, and we do need to sell as many as we can.

Important Vote Next Week

The Board of Directors has presented a motion to the club that “The club discontinue the Christmas Project as it is currently being carried out.” Kiwanis rules require that the club vote on this after it has been published in the club bulletin, since we would be discontinuing a project of long standing. That vote will be taken at our meeting next Tuesday, November 13.

Program



Program chair David Bartram introduced our speaker, Buck Marchinton. Buck’s program was on the decline of the quail population in our region. Historically, Georgia’s high quail density was a by-product of extensive low-intensity agriculture and forestry. The main reason Buck gave for the decline was habitat change. Quail densities remain high on land that is managed for quail. When habitat is improved, we will see an increase in quail populations.

Some changes to improve quail habitat that he mentioned included leaving corners of the field uncultivated so that they can grow up and provide suitable nesting area for quail. He also mentioned leaving field borders and hedgerows or weedrows. The soil needs to be left natural for from one to three years for the quail to nest there. They seek a place with natural ground cover where they can hide from their predators. He mentioned that raccoons, foxes, and Cooper’s Hawks tend to prey on quail. They need a place that provides them food and groundcover.

Thanks to David for bringing us this interesting program and to Buck for coming and speaking to us.

Door Prizes

The cake was a thirteen layer chocolate cake provided by Chip Durden. Jason Johnson held the winning ticket. He said he could not use the cake, so it was agreed that he could trade it for the Domino's Pizza provided by Chris Cann. On the second draw, Adi Galloway held the winning ticket and won the cake. The takeout meals were won by Charles Brewer and Jim Daughtry.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
November 13	Greg Barwick	Bill Breedlove
November 20	Caroline Harless	Club
November 27	Gary Couse	Tim Goodman
December 4	David Bartram	Dwight Watt
December 11	Tim Goodman	No Cake
	Spouses Night - Christmas Celebration	
December 18	Ed Bolton	Jim Dekle

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.

We Remember

This Sunday, November 11, is Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans of the United States Armed Services. We are fortunate to have in our club veterans from a number of different eras and services, going back to World War II. It is a privilege to take this opportunity to say thanks to all of our veterans, no matter when or where you may have served. All veterans have answered the call of their country.



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