

# The Swainsboro Kiwanian

**October 2, 2007**

Our new Kiwanis administrative year was off to a good start last night with good attendance, good fellowship, a good program, and as always a good meal. Vice President Bobby Seamans called the meeting to order at the appointed time. Jim Dekle led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and the invocation was given by Jim Hendrickson.

Olan Flanders introduced his son David as his guest. We are always glad to have David with us when he is in town, and we thank Olan for bringing him.

Tim Goodman introduced two guests, Jesse Hackle and Angel Bowers. Jesse is president of the East Georgia College Circle K, and Angel is the vice president. We were glad to have these two student leaders with us.

Circle K meets the first and third Thursdays at 11:30 in room 239 of the Academic Building, and it would be great if we could get an interclub to some of these meetings. Kiwanian Paul Cerpovicz of the East Georgia College faculty works with this group, and we certainly appreciate the fine job he is doing with them.

## Sports

In the absence of our sports reporter, several members provided information for us, and I'll try to give you the main results. Swainsboro lost to Laney 3-0, while ECI beat Jenkins County 28-0. I don't know how DEA fared. Georgia beat Mississippi 45-17, while Georgia Tech beat Clemson 13-3. In a surprising upset, Colorado beat Oklahoma 27-24. For the NASCAR fans, Greg Biffle won the Nextel 400 in Kansas City. Perhaps there will be more sports next week.

## Court

Judge Charles Brewer held court tonight, fining Gary Couse for his picture, which was on the front page of the Blade. To make matters worse, Gary was said to have attempted to bribe the judge, for which he was fined an additional dollar. Finally, Gary confessed to having a birthday this month. Tough night for Gary.

Speaking of birthdays, October birthdays in addition to Gary include Adi Galloway, Tim Goodman, Bob Losser, Bobby Seamans, and L.H. Weise. October looks like it is going to be a great month for the judge.

# Announcements

The Kiwanis club will be sponsoring a chili supper on Friday, October 19, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. David Bartram is heading this up, and all Kiwanians are needed. David gave everyone tickets last night, so sell as many as you can. I am sure there are more where those came from. He also handed out a work force list, which gives everyone their responsibility at the supper. This is an important fund raiser for our club, so let's all pitch in and make this a real success.

## Program



Gary and David hold a map showing Gary's route.

Gary Couse brought us a most interesting program last night about his bicycle ride across Canada last summer. David Bartram arranged the program and introduced Gary. From June 24 until September 1, Gary was participating in a bicycle ride, which began in Vancouver, British Columbia, and ended in St. Johns, Newfoundland. On his trip, he passed through ten Canadian provinces. He spoke of the mountainous terrain in British Columbia, Banff National Park in Alberta, the plains of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and the Canadian Shield as he passed from Manitoba into Western Ontario. The Canadian Shield is an especially hilly and rocky country. Most of his time in Ontario was in northern Ontario, which according to the natives, is all of Ontario except Toronto. He told us about swimming in Lake Huron, which he said was quite cold and taking a ferry across Georgian Bay, a part of Lake Huron. He also visited Ottawa, the capital of Canada and toured several government buildings. In Quebec, he saw Quebec City and Montreal and followed the St. Lawrence River into the maritime provinces of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, where the trip ended.

Before beginning his cross country trip at Vancouver, he took a side trip to Victoria, so all together, he logged about 5000 miles. That is a long way to travel on the seat of a bicycle. There were 21 bikers on the trip, and fortunately they had a truck to ferry their gear for

them. It really sounded like a great adventure, and we appreciate Gary telling us about it.

## Door Prizes

Travis Garrett provided a key lime cake baked by his wife Petite. Bobby Seamans held the winning ticket for that prize. The Domino's Pizza provided by Chris Cann was taken by our guest Jesse Hackle. The take out meals were won by Charles Brewer and the other visiting Circle K member Angel Bowers. Congratulations to all the winners.

## Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
October 9	Tim Goodman	Jim Daughtry
October 16	Ed Bolton	Gary Couse
October 22	Travis Garrett	David Bartram
October 29	L.H. Weise	Raymond Hendrix

## A Special Announcement

James Smith informed me last night that he is about to move to Macon, and that next Tuesday night will be his last night with us. James has been a very active member of our club. He is a Past President, and spearheaded the Arts and Crafts segment of our Pine Tree Festival for a number of years. We wish James the best as he moves on to another phase of his life.