

# The Swainsboro Kiwanian

**October 30, 2007**

President Bob Losser called the meeting to order at our appointed time. Ron McCroskey offered the invocation, and Caroline Harless led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Other than our guest speaker, there were no visitors.

## Sports

According to our sports reporter Tobe Karrh, there was a lot of action in the sports world. Boston swept Colorado to win the World Series in four games. There will be more baseball next spring.

For our local teams, it was a mixed weekend. Swainsboro defeated Josey, and DEA lost to Thomas Jefferson, while ECI did not play. In an upset, the University of Georgia defeated the University of Florida, Tennessee defeated South Carolina, and Georgia Southern defeated the Citadel. Georgia Tech did not play this weekend. In auto racing, Jimmy Johnson won the race in Atlanta.

## Court

Judge Brewer recessed court for the evening. He said he was saving up for next week.

## Announcements

Sell poinsettias. This is another of our major fundraising projects, and we need to sell at least as many as last year, if not a few more. Final deadline for submitting your orders will be November 20. The poinsettias are to be delivered on November 28 and will be available for pickup on November 29. Location will be announced later.

As mentioned in the bulletin last week, Farm City night will be November 13, so make plans to attend this important event that celebrates the importance of agriculture to our local economy.

## Circle K News

On October 13, Circle K President Jessie Hackle and member Livia Morris assisted at the Emanuel County Arts Festival.

Circle K continues to collect coats in their "Koats for Kids" project.

This weekend Circle K advisor Paul Cerpovicz along with President Jessie Hackle and Vice President Angel Bowers will be attending the annual Circle K Fall Membership Retreat (FMR) at the FFA camp in Covington, Georgia. We appreciate the leadership that Paul

is providing, and we appreciate the fine work that the club is doing on the East Georgia College campus and in the Swainsboro community.

## Program



Program Chair Travis Garrett invited his son-in-law Michael Lee to speak to the club. Michael is Assistant Engineer for construction in the Swainsboro office of the Georgia Department of Transportation, and he brought us up to date on some things that are happening in Emanuel County and brought maps to show some of the work being planned. The Swainsboro bypass, which was under construction from August, 2000, until October, 2004, was a \$29,000,000 project for the DOT. Right now, the DOT is widening U.S. 1 South, and this will be a \$24,000,000 project. Plans are underway to widen U.S. 1 North from Dellwood to Wadley, and this will be a \$40,000,000 project. Other plans include a bypass around Oak Park, widening bridges on U.S. 1 south, widening U.S. 1 north from Modoc Road to the bypass, widening U.S. 1 south from Injunction Road, and doing some work on some of the downtown intersections in Swainsboro.

The Department of Transportation is providing some funding for the new entrance to East Georgia College, which is under construction. This will perhaps be complete by December. The DOT has also assisted with some construction at the Swainsboro airport.

Frankly, I was amazed at how much is being done in our county and the amount of money being invested to improve our transportation. Thanks to Travis for inviting Michael, and to Michael for a most interesting and informative program.

## Door Prizes

The cake was a strawberry cake, baked by Petite Garrett and provided by Raymond Hendrix. Through some stroke of luck, Travis Garrett was holding the winning ticket. Gary Couse took home the Domino's Pizza, provided by Chris Cann. Thanks to Chris

for providing a pizza for us each week.

The take out meals were won by Jim and Jim, that is to say Jim Daughtry and Jim Dekle. Actually, Gary held a winning ticket for one of the meals, but graciously gave it up since he had won the pizza.

## Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
November 6	Bill Breedlove	Chip Durden
November 13	Farm-City night	
November 20	Caroline Harless	Club

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](mailto:edbolton@ega.edu).

## Octoberfest



We had a very successful night this evening with our annual Octoberfest. I would say that about twenty Kiwanians were present, and I will not try to name them for fear of omitting someone. But we all had a very good time. I don't know how many people were there, but I would say there were two to three hundred. If you ask someone else, you might get a completely different estimate. But the people came. We gave away four large tubs of candy, popcorn, cotton candy, cokes, and balloons. You could tell by the smiles on the children's faces and the comments of their parents that they were enjoying themselves. Some came in rather elaborate costumes, and some came as themselves, but everybody seemed to have had a good time. And that is what it was all about in the first place, to provide a good time and a safe environment in which the children of our community could enjoy Halloween. Thanks to everyone who gave their time so that the Kiwanis Club could provide this evening of fun for the Swainsboro community.