

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

September 11, 2007

Vice President Bobby Seamans called the meeting to order right on time last night. The Pledge was led by Jim Daughtry, and Tobe Karrh offered the invocation.

When I first joined the Kiwanis Club, we used to sing a patriotic or religious song as part of our opening ceremonies. Some of you may remember when we did that. I was reminded anew tonight why we have omitted this practice. Bobby suggested that we sing “Happy Birthday” to Travis Garrett, who was celebrating the big “six-o.” We did, but we are not quite ready to cut a CD. In spite of our singing, we hope Travis had a happy birthday.

Sports

Tobe Karrh had a full slate of sports to report on last night. In local high school football, ECI defeated Treutlen County, while Swainsboro High enjoyed a night off. On the college scene, it was Florida over Troy State 59 – 31; Georgia Tech over Samford 69 -14; South Carolina over Georgia, 16 – 12 (For some reason Tobe mentioned this two or three times. I wonder why.); Georgia Southern over West Georgia 45 – 12; Oklahoma over Miami 51 - 13; Appalachian State over Lenoir 48 – 7; Florida State over University of Alabama at Birmingham 34 – 24; Penn State over Notre Dame 31- 10; and LSU defeated Virginia Tech. Roger Federer won the U.S. Open in Tennis, while Justine Henin won the women’s U.S. Open. Tiger Woods won the BMW Golf tournament, and finally Kyle Bush won a race at Richmond. As Tobe likes to say, there’ll be more sports next week.

Court

Judge Charles Brewer found everything in order again last night and saw no need to hold court. People seem to be staying within the Kiwanis rules these days. There was a picture in the Blade Plus last week, but it was a legitimate Kiwanis photo of our grape pickers; and no fines were levied. The judge did note that one of the pickers was not identified.

Announcements

The joint meeting of the current directors and the incoming directors will be held on Thursday, September 20 at the Coleman House. Please note that this is a different date from that published last week, and mark your calendar.

The Fall Training Conference will be held on October 6 at Kennesaw State College. If you would like to go, let Edwin Canady know as soon as possible.

O September 25, we will be having our annual installation night, and it will be a spouses/friends night. Adi Galloway passed around a sign-up sheet last night. If you can go and have not let Adi know, drop her an email at galloway@ega.edu or give her a call at the college, 289-2025.

Program



Our program tonight was arranged by Bobby Seamans. He invited Darrell Gray as the speaker. Darrell gave an interesting and somewhat humorous account of growing up in Port Wentworth with his four sisters, and his mother and dad. He assured us that everything he would tell us was true, except for the part that was not true. He never distinguished between the parts. He told us of some of the interactions with his sisters, of his father's discipline, of his first jobs, and of his education. He first attended a technical college, went on to Armstrong State, and eventually attained advanced degrees.

Everyone recognizes Darrell as the Emanuel County tax assessor, but he told us that rather than discuss tax matters, he wrote a talk just for us; and we were very entertained by it. Thanks to Bobby for inviting him, and thanks to Darrell for a most enjoyable program.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
September 18	Bob Losser	Club
September 25	Installation Night (Spouses' and friends night)	

Door Prizes

The cake tonight was a fine looking caramel layer cake baked by Petite Garrett and furnished by L.H. Weise. I think everyone at the meeting really wanted to win that cake, but the holder of the lucky ticket was Tim Goodman.

The Domino's Pizza generously provided by Chris Cann was claimed by Charles Brewer. Thanks go to Chris for providing a weekly pizza for the club!

L.H. Weise and Ron McCroskey won the take out meals.

Highlights of Kiwanis History

- Kiwanis was founded in Detroit, Michigan, on January 21, 1915.
- In the early years, Kiwanis clubs focused on business networking, but even then, members were serving the needs of the poor.
- By 1919, the organization had changed its focus from business to service.
- Kiwanis became an international organization in 1916 with the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario.
- Kiwanis limited its membership to the United States and Canada until 1962 when worldwide expansion was approved.
- Until 1987, Kiwanis was a male-only organization. But after years of debate and growing support, women's membership was received overwhelmingly.

(Source: www.kiwanis.org)

Did you know that Kiwanis Members and clubs have contributed more than \$80 million toward the global elimination of iodine deficiency disorders (IDD), the leading preventable cause of mental retardation?

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