

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

September 4, 2007

President John Black called the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro to order at 7:00. Gary Couse led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, and Tobe Karrh gave the invocation. Other than our speakers, we had no guests.

Sports

Our sports reporter Tobe Karrh had a full slate of sports to tell us about tonight, since the pigskin season is officially underway. In local high school football, ECI beat Metter, and Swainsboro High beat Johnson (some team from Savannah). On the college scene, UGA (or as Tobe likes to call it, Clarke County Community College) beat Oklahoma State 35 to 14; Auburn over Kansas State 23 to 13; Florida over Western Kentucky 49 to 3; Georgia Tech over Notre Dame 33 to 3; Oklahoma State over Texas 79 to 10. Appalachian State beat Michigan. How about that! The Braves continue to be awful, but they did manage to beat the Phillies on Sunday. Tony Kanaan won a race in Detroit, and Phil Mikilson won the Dorchebank Golf Tourney.

Court

Judge Charles Brewer recessed court for the evening. There were no late comers, missing badges, or other Kiwanis infractions tonight. September birthdays include Travis Garrett and Tobe Karrh.

Announcements

September 25 is installation night and spouse/friend night. Be sure and put this on your calendar.

The joint directors meeting has been rescheduled to September 27, with the location to be announced later.

The Atlanta Pops is slated to be the first event of the 2007/2008 Vision Series at East Georgia College. They will perform at 11:00 a.m. and again with a longer program at 7:00 p.m on Thursday, September 13. Both performances are free and open to the public. They will be held in the auditorium of the Luck Gambrell Center. Those of you who have heard them before know what a treat we are in for, and those of you who have not heard them are invited to come and see for yourselves the kind of entertainment they provide.

The Kiwanis Club received a thank-you note from the Franklin Memorial Library for our assistance with the summer reading program.

We had a note from Bob Losser, letting us know that he is doing well and enjoying some cool weather.

Wandering Member Returns

We were happy to welcome Gary Couse back last night after his bicycle odyssey across Canada. He participated in the Tour de Canada with about twenty bikers. They left Vancouver, British Columbia and biked through all the Canadian provinces, finishing the trip in St. Johns, Newfoundland. They biked about 5000 miles, averaging about 81 miles per day. Congratulations, Gary, on completing the ride, and welcome back to Swainsboro.

Grapes of Joy

Last Saturday, a number of Kiwanians came to the vineyard of L.H. Weise to pick grapes to be delivered to local nursing homes. Those picking included Jim Daughtry, Tim Goodman, L.H. Weise, Raymond Hendrix, Travis Garrett, David Bartram, Dwight Watt, and Charles Brewer. Also present to help was former Kiwanian Clarence Thompson. According to Charles Brewer, the pickers were accompanied by a considerable number of bees. Also, because of the freeze last spring, the crop was a little smaller than usual. They did pick enough to share with two nursing homes, and according to Raymond, who delivered them, the residents thoroughly enjoyed them. Thanks are due to L.H., who allowed us to pick his grapes and to the Kiwanians who did the picking.

Program



Charles Brewer was our program chair tonight, and he invited Christine and Tim Conner to present the program. Christine is an instructor at the East Georgia College Statesboro Center, and Tim is an aeronautical engineer with Gulfstream in Savannah. At one time, they lived near the Pacific Crest Trail and would pick up backpackers as they came off the trail to get mail and supplies. They would invite them into their home for a few days, and eventually asked them to do some of the cooking. What grew out of this was an outdoor cookbook, which they have published. Later, they were asked to judge a Boy Scout cooking contest, and a Scout cookbook will come out of this. It will be published in the spring. They brought a couple of desserts from their forthcoming cookbook, a “leave no trace coconut pie”, and the “biggest s’more in the world”. Judging from the reaction of our members, these desserts were quite tasty indeed. Thanks to Charles for a very interesting program and to Christine and Tim for taking the time to come and share with us.

Door Prizes

The cake tonight was a Hershey Chocolate Bar Cake, furnished by L.H. Weise and baked by Petite Garrett. Ron McCroskey was the fortunate winner. Charles Brewer won the Domino’s pizza, furnished by Chris Cann. The take out meals were won by David Bartram and our speaker, Christine Conner.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
September 11	Greg Barwick	Club
September 18	Bob Losser	Club
September 25	Installation Night (Spouses’ and friends night)	

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.

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