

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

July 5, 2022

With President Dianna Wedincamp presiding, Gary Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance and Wanda Ellis gave the blessing. We had 21 members present. Our guests for the evening were Steve Burke, Jimmy Allen, and an Interclub from the Metter Club, Tim Wood and Lawanna Marlin.

President Dianna reminded everyone about the Convention on August 12-14 in Macon. Anyone wishing to attend needs to let her know ASAP.

Tim Goodman thanked everyone who helped with the Firecracker 5K on July 2 in Wrightsville. He thanked Tammy Allen for feeding the workers after the run and Jimmy Allen for grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs.

President-Elect Tammy gave a report on local sports. The SECRD Youth Baseball and Girls Softball Teams are still alive in their respective state tournaments and all local high school football teams are getting ready to start the season. The endangered species of the week is the Eastern Indigo Snake. David Gribbin gave the national sports report. In MLB, the Braves are 47 and 34, 3.5 games behind the Mets in the NL East. The USFL championship was won by the Birmingham Stallions over the Philadelphia Stars 33-30. #1 seed Novak Djokovic beat # 10 seed Jannik Sinner in five sets at Wimbledon.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined President Dianna from missing last week and not telling anyone. He fined Bobbie Daughtry for three pictures in the newspaper. Tammy Allen reminded Judge Jim that she had her picture in the newspaper and transferred her fine back to the Judge.

A Good-News \$1 was given by Dess Smith for son Richard going back to work after his stroke. Jim Clapham gave a \$1 for a new grandchild and President Dianna gave a \$1 for her granddaughter's 1st unassisted roll-over sit-up.

Our program for the evening was hosted by Ginny Smith, who introduced local historian and survivalist Steve Burke. Born in Jenkins County, Steve grew up on a farm owned by Abraham Shepard Lane, his ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War. Steve gave us a program on sharpshooters early in the history of

the United States. He showed us the smoothbore matchlock gun that was used before the Revolutionary War. With an effective range of about 20 yards, it was not the best for the sharpshooter. He showed us the smoothbore Flintlock with a greater range of 100 yards. The flintlock musket was the standard weapon in the Revolutionary War. The big advancement was the rifled barrel in the Kentucky Rifle, increasing the range to 300 yards. In the War of 1812, the under hammer rifle was used with a fulminated mercury firing cap for greater speed in loading and accuracy. This was used in the Battle of New Orleans by the troops of Andrew Jackson. Steve closed by showing us the Whitworth Sniper rifle used by Confederate snipers in the War Between the States. The Whitworth rifle featured a unique hexagonal-section bullet that gave it superior accuracy. It was accurate beyond 1,000 yards. Whitworth rifles were also equipped with telescopic sights. Using a minie ball rather than the round musket ball, the spinning minie ball was very accurate and deadly in battle.



The promise cake donated by Jeff Brewer brought \$71 and was won by Jane Durden. Karolina Cerpovicz won the Domino's pizza.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

July 19	Regular Program	Host: Dianna Wedincamp Cake: Paul Cerpovicz
July 19	Board Meeting	Host: Dess Smith
August 2	Regular Program	Host: Jim Clapham Cake: Wanda Ellis
August 16	Regular Program	Host: Gary Couse Cake: Bobby Seamans
August 16	Board Meeting	Host: Cheryl Goodman
September 6	Regular Program	Host: Jim Daughtry Cake: Cindy Ware

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