

## ***THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN*** ***July 6, 2021***

With President Dess Smith presiding, Jim Clapham led the Pledge of Allegiance and Tammy Allen gave the blessing. We had 22 members present. We are happy to have Edwin Canady back after a pause in his face-to-face attendance. Our guests for the evening were Steve Burke, Renee Burke, Breana Librizzi, and John David Bailey.

Gary Couse gave the sports report. The Braves are still 3<sup>rd</sup> in the National League East at 41-43, 4 1/2 games behind the Mets. In the NBA the Hawks lost to the Bucks in the Eastern Conference 4 games to 2 but had a very good year. The Bucks and Suns are in the NBA finals. In Nascar Chase Elliott won at Road America on July 4. Kyle Larson leads the Cup standings with four total wins. The local sports report was given by Frank Patrick. Most local teams are taking the summer off, but the Effingham County beat Emanuel County in the state softball tournament, which was held in Swainsboro. The endangered species of the week is the Bobbed or Bog Turtle.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Dianna Wedincamp for being late and President Dess to make him feel good. Dianna Wedincamp gave a Good News \$1 for her son in Key West after Elsa passed over the Keys headed this way. Gary Couse gave a \$1 for his grandson's win at a local bass tournament. Gary taught him everything he knows about fishing.

Tim Goodman gave us an update of our timing of the Firecracker Run on July 3 in Wrightsville. We had 14 Kiwanians who helped time the race which had 77 runners. We will also be timing the Moonshine Run in Oak Park on September 18 and the Terminator Run in Sandersville on August 28. A special thanks to Tammy Allen who invited us to have lunch at her house in Wrightsville on July 3<sup>rd</sup> following the run. The food and fellowship were great.

The program for the evening was hosted by Dess Smith, who introduced local survivalist and historian Steve Burke. Steve is also a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Steve presented a program on the American soldier from the American Revolution to World War

II. He used George Washington as his example and talked about the sacrifices that were made by Washington and those early Patriots. They were always there when needed and the same applies to all American soldiers. He talked of the testing of the new nation in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War of 1846. He talked of the war of brother against brother, the War between the States in 1861-1865. Steve spoke of the Spanish-American War in 1898 in Cuba and the global World War I in 1918 with Germany. In 1941-1945, the U.S. fought World War II on two fronts, the European front against Germany and Italy and the Pacific front against Japan. He closed with a tribute to the role of women in these wars.



The carrot cake, donated by Ginny Smith and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$55 and was won by Pepper Fields. The Domino's pizza was also won by Pepper Fields. The produce from Frank and Deana Patrick's garden was won by Pepper Fields. There seems to be a pattern here.

### **KIWANIS REMINDERS**

| Please Note the <b><i>Changes</i></b> from the Directory |                 |  |
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| July 20  | Regular Program | Host: Pepper Fields<br>Cake: Bobby Seamans             |
| August 3   | Regular Program | Host: Travis Garrett<br>Cake: Ginny Smith              |
| August 17  | Regular Program | Host: Tim Goodman<br>Cake: Windy Ward                  |
| September 7  | Regular Program | Host: Deana Patrick<br>Cake: Joe Ware                  |
| <b><i>September 21 Installation</i></b>                  |                 | <b><i>Host: Dess Smith</i></b><br>Cake: Petite Garrett |