



# THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

May 26, 2026

President Dianna Wedincamp led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the opening prayer. We had 9 members present. Our guests were Governor Barry Gardner, 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Gloria Gardner, Former Governor Byron Mullican, Shakera Lewis, and Destiny Wilcher.

Dianna gave a Good News \$1 for a new grandchild coming next week. Tim Goodman gave \$3 for our out-of-town guests who came to the Kiwanis meeting.

Governor Barry updated us on his year and his “KIDS” platform, “KIWANIS IS DOING SOMETHING” for kids. He noted it was getting close to the end of his Kiwanis year, and clubs should be working on membership growth. We need to work on bringing in more and younger members to do service for kids. He appreciates getting copies of our bulletins and applauded the way we get our stories in the local newspaper. A growth in membership is the key to continuing our work. He talked about their summer trip to the Kiwanis International Convention in Manila. He looks forward to supporting Georgian George Elkins for International Trustee and for sampling more “sticky rice” desserts. More than 20 Kiwanians from Georgia will be attending the Kiwanis International Convention in Manila.

Dianna gave a Kiwanian-of-the-Year couple award to Paul Cerpovicz and Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz for their work with the Little Free Libraries (LFL) and the Youth Gardening booth at the Pine Tree Festival. They are known for LFLs and honey. Governor Barry presented a Governor’s Leadership Medallion to Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz.

Circle K’er Destiny Wilcher was presented a scholarship check for her work this past year. Presenting her the check was EGSC Circle K Faculty Advisor David Gribbin.

Deana Patrick and Windy Ward summarized the Franklin Memorial Library summer reading activities. We will have a cookout for the participants at the end of the summer. They expect around 100 participants. Dianna thanked the library staff for their help this year.

Dianna indicated that the fire hydrant painting would begin soon.

The Kiwanis Club White Elephant Sale is scheduled for June 6 starting at 8:00 am in the parking lot of the Primitive Baptist Church at 242 W. Main Street in Swainsboro. We continue to receive donations of items to sell.

We discussed locations for Little Free Libraries that have been completed. Deana Patrick, Wanda Ellis, and Tim Goodman have their LFLs ready. Tim brought his American 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary LFL to show to

the club. Both Barry and Byron are Veterans and liked the red, white, and blue LFL.



Gloria Gardner, Barry Gardner, Dianna Wedincamp, and Byron



Barry Gardner, Paul Cerpovicz, Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz, Dianna Wedincamp, and Byron Mullican



Barry Gardner, Destiny Wilcher, Circle K Advisor David Gribbin, and Byron Mullican



Meeting Attendees with the Red, White, and Blue Little Free Library

Cheryl Goodman won the cheesecake, and a number of people won plants and other prizes in the drawing.

## KIWANIS NEWS

June 2 Regular Meeting  
Raffle Item: Dianna Wedincamp  
June 9 Board Meeting  
June 16 Regular Meeting  
Raffle Item: Dianna Wedincamp  
June 23 Regular Day Meeting – 12:00 Noon