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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Bylaws / Regulations / Club Education.....	Tim Goodman
Cake / Door Prize Sales.....	David Gribbin
Christmas Project for Pre-K.....	Dianna Wedincamp
Community Youth, Sr. Citizens, and Veterans.....	Wanda Ellis
Fall Festival.....	Paul Cerpovicz
Fall Fundraiser.....	Dess Smith
Finance / Budget.....	Dess Smith, David Gribbin
Herrington Homestead.....	Cheryl Goodman
House.....	Cheryl Goodman
Human / Spiritual Values.....	Bobbie Daughtry
Interclubs.....	Cheryl Goodman
Judge.....	Bobbie Daughtry
Library Cookouts / Events.....	Deana Patrick
Membership Growth.....	All Club Members
Parades.....	Karolina Cerpovicz
Pine Tree Festival Tabloid.....	Tim Goodman, Dess Smith
Pre-K Fun Day.....	Dianna Wedincamp, Deana Patrick
Property/Equipment.....	Dess Smith, Tim Goodman
Public Relations/Facebook/Bulletin/Website.....	Dwight Watt, Dess Smith, DCW
Runs/Resolution Run/Knotty Pine Run.....	Tim Goodman
Service Leadership Programs Circle K.....	Paul Cerpovicz
Spring Fundraiser.....	Jeffrey Palmer
Young Children: Priority One.....	Dianna Wedincamp/All Club Members



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THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

September 1, 2026

President Dianna Wedincamp opened the meeting. Jeff Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Dess Smith gave the opening prayer. We had 12 members present. Our guest for the evening was Erin Youmans. Our September birthdays are Wanda Ellis (September 2), Jeff Palmer (September 17), and Edwin Canady (September 26).

Dianna read a thank you note from the Emanuel Arts Council for the sound system donated by the Kiwanis Club. They announced the 1st official Open Mic Night using the new sound system will be September 15 from 6:00 until 9:00 pm at Tea Strings.

Judge Bobbie Daughtry fined Dianna for using “Mr” and “Miss” two times and Dess Smith for two Skunk Patrol pictures in the newspaper. She also fined anyone who had not worn a bathing suit this summer.

Dess Smith gave a Good News \$1 for surviving his “heart attack.” We are glad he is doing fine.

Dianna gave a quick report on “Read Emanuel,” our Signature Project. We have about 18 of the Little Free Libraries functioning, and the Fire Hydrant Project will be underway next week beginning with the hydrant on Roger Shaw Street.

The Franklin Library has scheduled a Fall Festival for September 19 from 10:00 am– 12:00 noon. The library outdoor streetlights will be installed soon.

The Officer’s Installation Night for the Kiwanis Club will take place in two weeks (September 15) at 6:30 pm at the Sudie Fulford Center on the Georgia Southern University East Georgia campus (GSUEG).

Our program for the evening was hosted by Tim Goodman, who introduced Erin Youmans, the Regional Coordinator of the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center (GYSTC). Erin has worked for GYSTC for 14 years. GYSTC is a non-profit which is housed at the Fulford Center on the GSUEG

campus in Swainsboro. GYSTC, founded in 1997, provides STEM education and resources to local students and teachers. In 2023-2024 they served over 7,600 students and 514 teachers in Emanuel, Candler, Jefferson, Baldwin, and McIntosh Counties. She does STEM nights and STEM days for students, parents, and teachers and summer camps for students. In 2024 Erin wrote a grant to get a “Moon Tree” for rural Georgia. The “Moon Tree” was planted on May 7, 2024 at the Fulford Center. The Loblolly Pine, which orbited the Moon, was 12.2-in tall when planted and is now 39 inches tall. This year Erin started a “Let’s Go Outside and Learn” program which includes the Sea Turtle and Bee Projects. Erin explained about outdoor events with U.S. Fish & Wildlife at Kennedy Pond in Statesboro. She also talked about the Sea Turtle project in conjunction with the Caretta Research Project on Wassaw Island. Her plans for this year include lots more resources for students and teachers, Starlabs to the schools, STEM nights for students and parents, family astronomy and nature days, along with continuation of the Sea Turtle study.



L-to-R: Karolina Cerpovicz, Jim Wedincamp, David Gribbin, Jeff Palmer, Cheryl Goodman, Tim Goodman, Erin Youmans, Dess Smith, Deana Patrick, Wanda Ellis, Bobbie Daughtry, and Dianna Wedincamp

Dianna Wedincamp and Erin Youmans

Cheryl Goodman won The Cakery’s Assortment Tray and Tim Goodman won the Domino’s Pizza.

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September 8 Board Meeting

September 15 Installation Meeting – Sudie Fulford Center

September 22 Regular Day Meeting

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