

## KASC Community Safety Awareness Meeting

March 18 at Picadilly, 16 people in attendance.

Gene Faxon welcomed everyone to our meeting. Tom Patton opened the meeting with prayer. We had one guest, Junior Carr of Golfers Edge. Mike Livingston gave a report on the Kids Safety Fair that is scheduled at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center on May 7. KASC partners with the Eastman Contractors Safety Partnership to provide a day of safety training for approximately 450 area youth from local schools.

Max Middleton gave a report on the KASC Safety Seminar scheduled for May 14 at the same facility. The brochures are out for printing and are now available for e-mail distribution. The Seminar Committee is working diligently to prepare for this event.

Our guest speaker was Ken Coats with Capital Safety, Hampshire, TN. He gave an overview of the regulations that control manufacture and use of fall protection devices, such as lanyards and D-ring hooks. He demonstrated the failure of older-style snap hooks that are coupled with non-compatible rings. The new ANSI Z359 defines specific requirements for compliant equipment, including changes that increase the safety factor with stronger designs, especially in the gated connections. Designers also try to make these devices more user-friendly, especially considering use with gloved hands. The program was very educational, and all attendees were given handouts that reinforce the information presented. Ken was given a speaker gift and two door prizes were also given out. Harold Gillenwater will provide the speaker for next month's meeting.