

Kiwanis

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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

KIWANIS MEETING OF March 13th, 2017

It was a cold and snowy Monday noon, the Board of Directors meeting was cancelled because many of the @Board members were unable to attend. But the “elite eight”---to use a basketball tournament term---of Anne, Ben, Bob, Bob, Denis, Emmet, Pat and Vince were on hand to set a new record for #low attendance.

President Pat was at the meeting, back from his vacation in Mexico. Pat said the weather in Mexico was warm and he had a good vacation. It might have been especially good if Pat arranged for Mexico to pay for his vacation!

Lunch consisted of what I first thought were bacon sandwiches(?) But when I saw the lettuce and tomatoes, obviously they were BLT sandwiches. We also had a salad and what (I’m quite sure) were sweet potato fries---no helpful signs on the buffet table today.

We sang two Kiwanis songs: “Hey Look Me Over” and “On Kiwanis.” After those two fine renditions of songs that we do regularly, we really floundered on “My Wild Irish Rose.” I think we need to sing that song more than once a year to make it sound even close to a good Irish melody. Or alternatively---recruit some members with Irish tenor singing voices.

The only Happy Dollar was from Pat, who donated it to thank Anne Van Ess for presiding at our meetings for the past couple weeks. Anne, our vice-president-for-life, always does an enthusiastic job of leading our meetings.

Our program today changed from “speaker cancelled” to----“serendipity,” a District Kiwanis leader was available. Dale Vaness, a former Governor of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District was in Green Bay and contacted Pat to see if he could talk to our club about membership. Dale is the District chairman of “The Formula,” a Kiwanis committee to increase membership in Kiwanis clubs. Dale said that Kiwanis clubs throughout the United States are incurring severe membership losses. In response to this problem, Kiwanis International developed a formula that local clubs can use to gain new members. Dale hopes that he can meet with a few members of our club to explain the formula and increase our membership. A great idea, if it works.

Our programs for the next two weeks will be: (1) arranged by Matt Haney on Monday, March 20th, and (2) our speaker on March 27th will be Josh Anderson from Delaware North food services at Lambeau Field.

THESE DATES SHOULD BE ON YOUR CALENDAR-----YOU SHOULD BE PLANNING ON HELPING WITH THE EVENTS:

March 30---Hu Hot fund raiser.

April 3---Walter awards dinner at the Black & Tan. 5:45 pm social and 6:00 pm dinner.

April 23---Sconniewood film festival.

May 2---Youth awards dinner at the Riverside Ballroom. 5:30 pm social and 6:00 pm dinner.

May 7---Pancake and Porkies fund raising breakfast at St. Brendan Inn.

May 15---Scholarship awards dinner at the Black & Tan.

May 30 (Tuesday noon)---11:00 am picnic lunch at the NEW ZOO with the Nicolet school third graders, followed by a tour of the Zoo.

By Bob Fahres