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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

CLUB MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2016

In attendance were 15 members, plus our Guest Speaker, former Kiwanis Governor Lynn Messer, and his wife Merita. Lunch consisted of BBQ Chicken Sandwich, a Macaroni Pasta Salad, and Watermelon. Emmet led us in prayer, and President Pat in song. The songs included *Boost Kiwanis*, *Grand Old Flag*, and *My Bonnie*. There were neither any Names in the News nor Happy Dollars this week.

Our speaker this week was Lynn Messer, whose subject was "IPads for Autism". This was a project started by Lynn when he was our Kiwanis Governor. It has now become The Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis Autism Project. The goal is to provide iPads and software applications to 1000 children who currently have Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Teachers are using iPads as tools to connect with children with ASD. Special Education professionals are asked to recommend children who would benefit from this technology. Kiwanis clubs then work to fulfill the grants. Cost for each iPad and software is \$330-\$388. Tax-deductible donations can be made by either individuals or clubs, to the WI-UM Kiwanis Autism Project.

The total budget for the 1000 I-Pads is \$500,000. Lynn's Kiwanis club in Sheboygan Falls has already donated more than 40 iPads, while a club in Elm Grove has donated 43. Good luck, Lynn, with this worthy project.

Next week's meeting is TUESDAY, July 5th. On that day, Carolyn will introduce our speaker, Matt Bero, who will discuss "The Challenge of Artists". On July 11th we will have a special program honoring Boyd Henry. State Senator Frank Lasee, a candidate for Congress, will also make a few comments.

by Bob Rowan

