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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

KIWANIS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Busy day for the Downtown Kiwanis members! Started with a meeting of our Board of Directors and ended with an excellent speaker. There were 22 of us at the Black & Tan Grille where we were treated to a lunch of turkey and bacon sandwiches, fries, and a salad.

After Emmet's prayer, Boyd found three song selections for us to belt out – "Smile, Sing a Song", "America the Beautiful" (he was inspired by the Super Bowl), and "Tell Me Why", in honor of Valentine's Day.

Names in the News – Anne for her 15th anniversary at the Volunteer Center (congratulations!).

Happy Dollars – a different sort of happy dollar from Joe saluting his dead chicken that taught his kids about the "circle of life" and Doug's "Boy's Life" joke of the week about construction. (I won't tell it here because it got a good laugh and Doug might want to use it again).

Pat announced that he and Joe are going to the Kiwanis "Leadership Education" conference in Richland Center on April 9th. Let them know if you're interested in attending and want to join them on the ride. I know for a fact that you don't need a passport to enter Richland Center so this trip should have less drama than their memorable visit to Detroit and Canada for the 100th Kiwanis anniversary party.

Speaking of 100, that will be our club's age next year. Joe is heading our celebration committee. He has a few helpers already, but would welcome a few more. See Joe to discuss this once-in-a-lifetime volunteer opportunity!

Today's speaker was Lee Meyerhofer from the American Transmission Company. Lee is a former Wisconsin assembly member from Kaukauna and has been with ATC for 13 years. His

job title is “Local Relations Consultant”, and he did a fine job of relating to us today. His presentation was titled “Power Forward”.

We learned that ATC is a Wisconsin based company that owns and operates an electric transmission system in much of the Upper Midwest and all the way down to Louisiana. That geographic area includes over 5 million customers and almost 10,000 miles of transmission lines. Lee simplified the company for us by suggesting that we compare ATC’s system to our interstate highways. Lee said “we move electrons instead of cars”.

Replacing aging infrastructure is a high priority for ATC because much of the system is getting close to 70 years old. In the 15 years since ATC was formed, Lee said 600 miles of new transmission lines have been built and over 1,800 miles have been upgraded. Lee spends much of his time traveling through Wisconsin to meet with the public and explain the need to keep our transmission system robust.

Members kept Lee busy long after his presentation ended so he clearly “sparked” our interest. If you want to learn more about ATC, visit their website which is www.atcllc.com.

Next week, on Feb. 15, Steve has Dr. Kevin Quinn coming as our Guest Speaker. Dr. Quinn is Dean of the Donald J. Schneider School of Business and Economics. On Feb. 22, Lindsay will host Ron Niesing of the ADRC, for a “Medicare Minute”. Anne’s speaker on the 29th, is Amanda Reitz, from the Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary.

Have a great week, members!

by Rick Satterlee