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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

CLUB MEETING OF MAY 9, 2016

It was a busy Monday noon hour for our club, so let's get right to the meat of the matters ... and that meat was beef stroganoff, which our group of 20 greatly enjoyed. Accompaniments were salad, bread, and S'Mores cupcakes in honor of the club's May birthdays. I thought they were very tasty, and that feeling was confirmed when our speaker said the single best reason for coming to Kiwanis today was to eat that cupcake!

May club birthdays: Lindsay T., Dick G., and Wally Buerschinger, a treasured friend who we greatly miss. He was remembered today by his son, Bill.

Today's songs, in addition to "Happy Birthday" were: "I'd Rather Belong to Kiwanis", "Smile - Sing a Song", and "You Tell Me Your Dream". On the last one, about 20% of the members knew the tune. The rest of us just hummed along (but quite pleasantly, I thought).

Pat announced that we are moving the Youth Awards dinner to a Tuesday night next year. We agreed to a request from the Riverside Ballroom, which always has a major trade show on our current date. We will even get a reduced dinner rate!

Six members jumped at the chance to donate Happy Dollars! Carolyn for the successful "Pop-Up Fundraiser" Saturday night for The Production Farm, Joe who attended the fundraiser and stopped by the Black & Tan the same night for a sing-along, Bill who saluted Steve for his generous donation to the fundraiser, Doug for his joke-of-the-week, which Ann could not answer for once, Steve because he enjoyed playing hooky from work last Friday and driving out to The Production Farm to cut the grass, and finally, Bob F. who is finally retiring from his accounting career after 61 productive years! Proving he is still mathematically inclined, Bob donated 8.2 cents per year of work and so the club received a crisp, new \$5 bill. Thanks, Bob, and sincere club wishes for many years of retirement relaxation!

Today's speaker was Jeff Mirkes from Downtown Green Bay, Inc. (headquartered on the fifth floor of the Bellin Building). Jeff had a PowerPoint presentation for us on all the exciting things happening in our vibrant downtown. There were a lot of them, but my favorites were the possible new Green Bay Bullfrogs stadium on the riverfront, the \$40 million Northland Hotel upgrade, pending completion of the East River Trail from the City Deck to East High School, the rapid growth of living space downtown, and the wonderful new Schreiber Headquarters that employs 700 people.

Jeff passed out brochures on all the summer events planned downtown (Artstreet, Taste on Broadway, Farmer's Market to name a few). He made special mention of the Tall Ships Festival in August that will include a four-story-tall rubber duck floating in the Fox River.

Thanks for visiting, Jeff, and always remember that you can enjoy those birthday cupcakes every month by joining Kiwanis!

Upcoming programs;

May 16 - we meet at 5:45 PM at the Black & Tan Grille for the Scholarship Awards Dinner

May 23 - Mary Beth Leopold from downtown's new Automobile Gallery

May 31 (Tuesday) - NEW Zoo with the Nicolet 3rd graders, starting at 11 AM

June 6 - Matt has the program

June 13 - Anne and Boyd are working on a program

June 20 - Joe has the program

June 27 - Ray has the program

by Rick Satterlee