



KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

CLUB MEETING OF JULY 18, 2016

The “dedicated dozen,” or “the faithful few,” or “the mighty men (plus Carolyn),” ----- these terms might be the description of the 12 members attending the meeting on Monday. The attendees were: Pat, Joe, Bill, Vince, Brent, Ben, Emmet, Dave, Wyatt, Carolyn, and two Bob’s. The rest of the members, including several who are usually at the meeting, were absent because of health problems, work responsibilities, or summer vacations. But---let’s all of us try to make the Monday meetings a priority.

We enjoyed a lunch of French bread, house salad, and (as described on the helpful card next to the entrée) beef borg with mashed potatoes. The Black & Tan chef knows the name, and can prepare, food that I have never heard of---he must have been an outstanding student in chef school! Since I had no idea what it was, I looked up “beef borg” on the internet and learned that it is short for “beef bourguignon.” It consists of stewing beef, bacon, vegetables and various other ingredients. It was something new for me, I’ve never had that meal at home.

Our first “no-Boyd-no-piano” singing actually sounded okay as Pat led us in singing the familiar *Hey Look Me Over* Kiwanis song, and the *Packer Fight Song*. But, the Packer song wasn’t quite the same without someone from “the original Packer Lumberjack band.”

The Happy Dollars were more of “telling a story” dollars, as: (1) Dave told us about a family trip to Glacier National Park where they saw bears and other wildlife, and had a scary adventure when a member of their tour group had a medical emergency. The rescue helicopter that was supposed to come within 30 minutes of being called didn’t show up, but the medical problem was resolved and the person was okay. Dave’s family had a great time. (2) Joe told us that the 25 Kiwanis people who attended the Kiwanis night at a Bullfrog game last week had a good time and Joe promoted the Kiwanis iPad project to other Kiwanis Clubs. (3) Bob F. said he had a story in the category of “it’s a small world” as he said he has a photograph of his mother’s family that is approximately 100 years old. On the bottom of the photograph the photographer’s name and

city said “Kuether, Sheboygan”. Bob told Wyatt about the photograph and Wyatt said that his grandfather was the photographer. A small world!

Two fundraising events coming soon are: (1) The Brat Barn on Friday July 22. Rick has a full roster of workers. (2) Table waiting and cleanup at HuHot Mongolian restaurant on Wednesday, August 10th.

The program today, presented by Wyatt and Carolyn Kuether, was titled “The Production Farm, One Year Later.” The Production Farm is the creation of the Kuether’s, providing initiatives for teenagers in foster care by teaching them the art of independent filmmaking, gardening and animal care. The Kuether’s moved to Green Bay from New York a year ago, on July 20, 2015, and they gave us a review of the major developments at the Production Farm during the first year. Wyatt and Carolyn found the farm property, obtained funding, and purchased the farm on a sheriff’s sale in March, 2016. They established programming for foster kids, and arranged transportation to the farm for the kids. The Kuether’s also established a respite program for the families of the foster kids. Wyatt and Carolyn should be commended for seeing a community need and devoting their time and energy on behalf of teenagers in foster care.

Our speaker on Monday, July 25th, will be Ryan Werner, introduced by Tim LeMere. On August 1st the speaker will be Denis Gullickson, the acting president of Green Bay Theatre. Responsibilities for programs in following weeks will be Pat on August 8th---Charity on August 15th---Ann on August 22nd---Doug on August 29th---Bob Rowan on Tuesday, September 6th (the day after Labor Day---and Rick on Monday, September 12th.

by Bob Fahres