





GREEN BAY - DOWNTOWN, Founded 1917

## **KIWANIS KEY**

## Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown KIWANIS MEETING OF May 8th, 2018

We skipped our regular noon meeting today and instead gathered at the Riverside Ballroom for the 39th annual George Kress Youth Awards Banquet. Members Joe, Pat, Vince, Rick, Dal, Lorna, Bob R. (2), and Anne (2) were in attendance along with another 230 members of the school community.

Dinner was served by the wonderful staff at Riverside and featured chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, and dessert plates including the world famous "kneecaps". At the close of dinner, we were serenaded with five songs from Ayslinn Gomez, a talented young musician and songwriter from Green Bay East High School.

Club members Dal, Joe, and Pat took turns at the podium and did an excellent job of keeping the evening humming along. Much credit for organizing the evening goes to Anne who chairs our Youth Services Committee.

Washington Middle School teacher Kevin Van Ess, who is also a celebrated local musician, was our featured speaker. He started his presentation by taking a stroll through the audience while playing his clarinet! Kevin then asked the students present to achieve all they can after high school. Kevin's inspirational comments were certainly well received by the appreciative audience.

Medals were given to students from seven area high schools for their excellence in art, drama, forensics, journalism, music, orchestra, band, and choir. School officials all made a special effort to thank the teachers and parents who have assisted the students along the way. We all joined in many rounds of applause, then the evening ended with lots of hugs and photos. A great event that we will surely continue as long as we have a club!

Upcoming meetings:

May 14 - Anne has the noon program at the Black & Tan Grille

May 21 - Scholarship dinner 6 PM at the Black & Tan Grille

May 29 - NEW Zoo with Nicolet School 3rd grade class

June 4 - Ben has the program

June 11 - Dave has the program

June 18 - Emmet has the program

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