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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown
KIWANIS MEETING OF December 3, 2018

A small turnout at the meeting with nine members: Emmet, Dave, Ben, Joe, Ann, Anne, Rick, Bob R. and Bob F., plus Emmet's helper and our speaker. President Maria was Christmas shopping at the annual Christmas market in Elkhart Lake (that was my understanding, maybe not totally accurate but in this era of fake news, close enough), so Anne (as our vice-president for life) capably led our meeting. Ben, back from his California visit with his children, resumed his weekly service of pouring refills of coffee, Dave helped clear dishes after the meal, and Emmet gave his usual thoughtful prayer.

In an interesting return to a summer picnic meal, the Black & Tan served us hot dogs with (very hot) chili sauce, tossed salad and Birthday cheesecake.

We sang Happy Birthday to Joe and Maria who both have their birthday on December 17 (has anyone else chosen a spouse with the same birthday?), and Ann whose birthday is December 11. Our other song, after a vigorous debate whether we should sing a Christmas song or the Packer Song as a final lament to Coach McCarthy, was settled when Ann, as our song leader, decided on "Jingle Bells."

Happy Dollars from Joe in recognition of Mike McCarthy's one Super Bowl victory---from Ann who worked with Girl Scouts who produced a video for Sconniewood---from Dave who took his son to a Packer game---and from Rick who attended the Vikings win over the Packers in Minneapolis two weeks ago. Rick said that the new Viking stadium is too loud, has poor parking, has long lines for concessions, and has expensive beer. Rick (grudgingly?) said that Lambeau Field is definitely better than the Viking stadium.

Program---Our speaker was Jerry Ganz, a financial advisor with 34 years of experience and the owner of his own investment firm. Jerry gave an interesting presentation about tax changes under the new tax law that is effective for this year of 2018. A major point that Jerry made is that if you are at least age 70 and 1/2 you can make a direct transfer from your IRA, of up to \$100,000, to a charity without paying tax on the withdrawal from the IRA. Most taxpayers can realize a significant tax benefit from this transfer. Jerry also had a handout of 24 (!) graphs showing various aspects of stock investing. This was a timely program as we deal with the new tax rules.

REMINDER #1---There will be a Board of Directors meeting this Monday, December 10, at 11:00 am in our meeting room at the Black & Tan.

REMINDER #2---Our club Christmas luncheon is this Monday, the 10th, at noon at the Black & Tan. The entertainment will be a flute ensemble from East High. It should be a rootie-tootie-flutie program. PLEASE bring a spouse or friend to give us a good attendance for this special Monday meeting, meal and program.

Future meetings:

December 17 is our Holiday luncheon with the Nicolet third grade students at the Riverside Ballroom. The meeting starts at 11:45 am and will end at 1:15 pm.

December 26---Wednesday----a round table meeting with no program.

Week starting Monday December 31---no meeting this week.

January meetings starting the 7th will have programs arranged by members as set forth in Anne's email to all members.

By: Bob Fahres