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MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2015

Sixteen members and our speaker enjoyed a meal of California turkey wrap sandwiches, roasted red pepper bisque (a smooth, creamy, highly seasoned soup), tossed salad and a pickle. A nice variety of food.

Boyd gave us an easy selection of “Hey Look Me Over” (which the song book brilliantly said is sung to the tune of “Hey Look Me Over”)---“America The Beautiful” (Thine Alabaster Cities Glean”---referring to a glistening white city)---and of course The Packer Fight Song (bring the bacon home to old Green Bay).

Welcome back, Dal---after missing almost 20 meetings (President Pat said “we missed you!”) while struggling with a bout of shingles, we were happy to see Dal back at our meeting again. And Dal’s Kiwanis involvement didn’t stop while he was gone, he has again arranged for our annual Apples for Christmas fundraiser. Dal had a sign-up sheet for members to indicate the number of apple bags that they will purchase, and the number that they will donate to the Salvation Army. The sign- up sheet will be circulated during the meetings in October and November and the apples will be available in early December. These delicious Honeycrisp apples make a nice Christmas present! A pencil with eraser will be also be circulated each week so that, as Dal suggested, we can erase a previous number of bags ordered and enter a higher number! We will purchase the bags for \$5 from the Wood Family Orchard (no relation, says Dal) in Door County. We’ll sell them to our members for \$10, the same price as on the retail market. This

will yield a net profit to our club of \$5 per bag (yes, I am an accountant). Last year we sold 256 bags for a club profit of \$1,280.

Rick donated a Happy Dollar to tell us that Past-President Joe Jacques has donated \$250 for the Nicolet 3rd Graders Holiday Party. This seemed to “generate generosity” of Happy Dollars from other members as Dal donated \$20 to cover all the weeks he missed; Wyatt donated \$10 to tell us that he and Carolyn celebrated their 10th anniversary, and also that their Production Farm has its first two students; and \$1 donations were from Doug because he was happy to be with us after missing several meetings, from Pat because the Kress Inn was filled on the Packer weekend, and from Tim for a successful fishing trip. As a suggestion---if we continue receiving such substantial dollars from all our supremely happy members, our Board could consider a substantial dues reduction!

The Production Farm that Wyatt and Carolyn are developing for foster kids was in the news on several local TV channels. The TV coverage included views of the property and an explanation of the project that Wyatt and Carolyn are undertaking. Their enthusiasm is very evident.

Joe reminded us that SCANNIEWOOD, our sponsored film competition for students, is on Sunday, October 25th at the Meyer Theater, at 7:00 PM. Joe said that arrangements are progressing, and encouraged all of us to attend the event and, ... if you have any financial connections, solicit funds to help finance the event.

DON'T FORGET--- this Monday, October 19th, we will hold our annual meeting at Nicolet School with our sponsored third graders. We will meet at the school at 11:40 AM and have a box lunch (from Jimmy John's) with the students in their classrooms at 11:45. After lunch, we will meet with the third grade teachers to hear about their school activities and challenges. Anne Van Ess has arranged this meeting, and told us to be sure to follow the new parking signs on Elm St., so that you park on the correct side of the street. Also, please enter through the East door of the school and proceed to the office for check-in. (The South door, which we previously used, will be closed.)

Our program speaker was Margaret Franchino, the Community Garden Coordinator for the Brown County UW-Agriculture and Extension. The community gardens are areas where people can rent a plot to raise their own garden produce. There are more than 300 garden plots in ten garden sites, located throughout the Green Bay area. This program was started in 1996 to help people, primarily lower income residents, with their food budgets. For more information you can access the website at Brown County UW-Extension Community Gardens Program.

Coming programs----after our Nicolet School meeting on October 19th, the programs are: October 26th, a speaker from the First Tee to tell us about a life goals program for kids through golf----November 9th a speaker from the Green Bay Service League to tell us about their Back To School Store----and on November 23rd Mary Ellen Gillespie, the athletic director at UWGB, will present a program.

by Bob Fahres