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CLUB OF GREEN BAY



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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown
Kiwanis Social on January 6th, 2025

Welcome 2025 and our club's 108th year! Celebrating today were Anne, Maria, Bob, Ann, Ben G., Rick and our speakers. Lunch was chicken, sweet potatoes, roasted vegetables, salad, roll, two kinds of cheesecake, and a soup that Anne named "Sunday Leftover Soup." Whatever was in it (I think I tasted a chicken meatball), it was delicious.

Rick got the meeting started, Anne had the prayer, we sang the "Packer Fight Song" and "Happy Birthday" to Ben (his last year in the 30's), and collected five happy dollars. We passed around Christmas cards received by the club and copies of our 2025 meeting schedule.

Our speakers were Beth Hudak and Liz Krumwiede from the House of Hope. They thanked the club for our recent holiday season donation. For 25 years the House of Hope has provided safe shelter and supportive services for youth and families with children that are experiencing homelessness. Their vision is a future where every youth knows what it feels like to have a home.

The presentation by Beth and Liz touched many topics, but it seemed we were mostly struck by the lack of affordable housing in Green Bay and human trafficking problems. Beth said we are short 12,000 homes across all price ranges and this issue alone keeps many families living on the streets or in their vehicles. Human trafficking noticeably increases during

Packer home game weekends and is expected to be a horrible tie-in to the NFL draft in April.

Many thanks to Beth and Liz for joining us today. The House of Hope is an organization our club is proud to support! We have a representative from another shining Green Bay youth services star coming to our next meeting. Today was our only club meeting in the month of January.

Monday, February 3 - noon lunch at the Hyatt Regency featuring speaker Heather Heil from the Children's Museum. Hope you can make it and Happy New Year!

2025 Kiwanis member meeting & special events schedule:

- January 6th
- February 3rd & 17th
- March 10th & Date TBD GBASO/Nicolet School trip – later in the month
- April 7th
- May 5th & Nicolet School NEW Zoo trip May 27th
- June 16th – Scholarship Awards Luncheon
- July 14th
- August 4th & Date TBD social at Zambaldi's Brewery- later in the month
- September 8th
- October 6th & 20th
- November 3rd & 17th
- December 1st & 15th

All meetings are noon at the Hyatt Regency Green Bay unless otherwise noted. Hyatt Regency Green Bay, 333 Main St. GB, 54301