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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown
KIWANIS MEETING OF February 25th, 2019

Hooray for the end of February! Or at least our last meeting of this historically snowy month. We welcomed 12 members and our speaker to the Black & Tan Grille today for a tasty lunch of spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, and bread. I didn't hear of any falls on the icy streets and sidewalks, which was also good news.

Ben got us going with a heartfelt prayer. Joe was the music man today and he selected "Take Me Down to Kiwanis" in honor of spring training getting underway plus "Grand Old Flag" because it's one of his personal favorites.

There were a bunch of happy dollars which made the club treasurer happy. Maria gave two dollars for the weekend family trip to the University of Minnesota to see Nico and for the safe arrival back home (snowy drive), Bob R. because he has heard a cardinal singing four mornings in a row, Dal who shared a photo of a doe sipping water in his backyard, Joe for the email he received thanking the club for an iPad donation, and Doug's joke of the week which was judged to be one of his best ever!

Today's speaker was Elizabeth Runge, an Economic Development Planner from the Bay Lake Regional Planning Commission (RPC), which works with local governments in eight northeast Wisconsin counties. Elizabeth and her co-workers specialize in helping communities that don't have their own planning staff. RPC can assist with a wide variety of projects, including preparing comprehensive plans and writing grants to fund needed infrastructure improvements.

Elizabeth spoke about her focus on brownfield grants which help municipalities reuse old and abandoned parcels of land. The RPC received a grant from the U.S. EPA to provide this assistance and recently helped the City of Marinette and Marinette Marine with a critical project. Thank you, Elizabeth, for an interesting program and for answering our many questions!

Attendance today: Bob R., Joe, Ben, Rick, Bob F., Vince, Nancy, Dal, Maria, Anne, Doug, and Ann.

Next programs:

March 4 - Advance Business Center

March 11 - Nancy will discuss her new book

March 18 - speaker pending

March 25 - we plan to host a Mayoral debate, more information coming

April 1 - Walter Awards dinner meeting starting at 5:45 PM

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