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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

CLUB MEETING OF AUGUST 29, 2016

A big focus of today's meeting was Sconniewood! All 15 of us enjoyed hearing about Joe's experiences at the Sconniewood booth at Artstreet this past weekend. Joe gave out many, many posters and flyers and t-shirts. His wonderful efforts on behalf of the club will go a long way toward making our 2017 Sconniewood youth movie festival a sure fire success. Thanks also to Joe's kids and Matt who provided valuable assistance. If any club members need posters for their offices, please see Joe.

From the financial side of Sconniewood, Rick reported that he has deposited sponsor checks from members Ann, Dal, Dave, and Tim. Another huge club thank you goes out to them! Joe has promises of sponsorships from a number of other club members and companies. Those will be reported in this newsletter as they arrive. Stay tuned for more good news!

For lunch today, we enjoyed two types of French bread pizza. Toppings included olives, salami, mushrooms, tomato, and basil. Very tasty ... thanks Black & Tan Grille. Don't forget to come for lunch next week on Tuesday when we'll get September birthday cake!

The new voices singing Anne's song choices today were Joe's children Nico and Brie visiting before summer ends and school begins. Anne picked "On Kiwanis" saluting the Badgers visit to Lambeau on Saturday, "In The Good Old Summertime", and, of course, the "Packer Fight Song" since they remain undefeated.

Announcements included two thank you letters from scholarship winners and an update on Dal. He took a bad fall outside his home and reports that the number of doctors now on his payroll has risen to 14. Was that Dal's picture I saw on the newest Bellin Health billboard downtown? We yelled out a hearty "get well soon" to our good friend!

We had a glut of happy dollars! Ann for her weekend trip to Chicago, Emmet for his trip to Sister Bay, Joe because our iPad donations will be featured on Channel 5 news later this week, Rick in honor of Joe's hard three days of work at Artstreet, our speaker, because he doesn't often get a free lunch, and Doug (for two bucks) because he got to sleep in a real bed last night after a week of scout training and a Boys Life back-to-school joke.

Our speaker today (and source of the happy dollar) was John Kelly from Cornerstone Business Solutions. John was Doug's guest and spoke to us about Green Bay Sail and Paddle, a non-profit organization dedicated to creating educational experiences and quality of life opportunities for community youth through sailing, kayaking, and paddle sports. A past participant, Joe's daughter Brie, vouched for the fun that can be had on the water. She learned to sail a catamaran thanks to John's organization.

John showed us a video of smiling kids learning to sail and paddle on Lake Winnebago (made a lot of us wish we 10 years old again!). Green Bay Sail and Paddle works with school classes, scouts, YMCA and YWCA, plus they train local educators through the STEM curriculum. John said that 80% of the skills needed to sail a boat can be learned in less than two minutes! Hey, that's my attention span exactly! Where do I sign up?

Thanks, John, for coming to Kiwanis today and for your truly unique contribution to local youth. Club members, please attend in the following weeks to hear from:

Sept. 6 (Tuesday) - On Broadway (Bob R.)

Sept. 12 - Mediation Center (Rick)

Sept. 19 - Steve

Sept. 26 - Lindsay (we miss you!)

Oct. 3 - Ben

Oct. 10 – Dave

by Rick Satterlee