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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown
KIWANIS MEETING OF March 7, 2022

The roads were slick this morning from a fresh coating of snow, but that didn't keep our lunchtime attendance down today. We had, in fact, a real nice turnout for today's pork, broccoli, pea soup, salad, and cake lunch.

Attending today - Ann, Maria, Anne, Ben G., Bob R., Ben W., Bob F., Rick, Dave W., Emmet W., speaker Brian Nelsen, and guest Mike Shea.

Maria recovered our flag from the Bellin Building, so we officially had the pledge of allegiance, a song, and a prayer. Then we welcomed back Emmet and Dave Weber to their first club meeting in over two years! Dave filled us in on the adventures of Emmet and Ruth, they have moved back to De Pere and are living in the Lost Dauphin Road apartment they left when the pandemic hit. Their caregiver is none other than Nancy, the same wonderful lady who brought Vince to our meetings before his passing.

Happy dollars today were historic! Dave gifted a \$100 bill with a thank you for keeping the club moving forward during difficult times. Wow ... we really appreciate your generosity, Dave! Also donating today were Maria (Texas trip) and Anne (dogs and vacations).

Our speaker was Brian Nelsen, executive director of the Mediation Center of Greater Green Bay. Brian is familiar with our club from his days as principal at Ashwaubenon High School. He has attended our scholarship banquets with winners from AHS and was even our keynote speaker before retiring. Brian now directs the center part-time and works to promote the mediation process, which is a form of conflict resolution.

Brian explained mediation to us and later took a number of questions. The center works with strong support from the Brown County court system and focuses on family issues, evictions, and small claims. With 40 volunteer mediators (about 20 are really active), the center takes on 600 cases a year and resolves 80% of them. Eviction cases are in the majority, Brian explained they are very important because evicted individuals can end up homeless. We thanked Brian for the important work he does in the community and for joining club members for lunch today. Brian, in turn, thanked us for the donation we made to the center earlier this year.

Also visiting us today was Mike Shea from the Allouez Kiwanis Club. Their 53rd annual pancake and porkie breakfast is coming up on Sunday, April 10 at the Rite Place (serving 8-1). They expect to serve 1,000 people! Mike said the club is in need of volunteers to serve meals and clean tables. We offered to contact the UWGB Circle K Club and our two high school Key Clubs. Mike said profits would be shared with clubs that supply volunteers.

Our next meetings are March 21, April 4, April 18. Representatives from the Preble HS Key Club are planning to attend the April 18 meeting. Please put those dates on your calendars (along with the Allouez pancake and porkie breakfast) and plan to attend!

By Rick Satterlee