Kiwanis





KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

CLUB MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2016

The school bell rang today for ten members of our club. We all dutifully signed in with the school secretary and then were given a hall pass to the Nicolet School library. There we met "Principal for a Day" Ole, who gave each of us a tasty Jimmy John's lunch and a room assignment. Off we marched to see our teacher and students. Maneuvering into the little school chairs was easier for some than others, but the payoff was great! We met 80 exhilarated third graders who wanted to know all about each of us and Kiwanis. They thanked us profusely for bringing treats of cookies and chips. And to say they are fired up for our holiday lunch in December would be the understatement of the year. So, everyone reading this needs to circle December 12th on their calendar for lunch at the Riverside Ballroom with all of our new buddies. You won't be disappointed (and they will be if you don't show up!).

Later, we gathered back at the library with our four teachers, Ms. Brede, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Guillen, and Mr. Ashpole. The latter is the newest third grade teacher at Nicolet. He subbed here for seven years waiting for his opportunity to go full-time at his school of choice. Talk about dedication to the Nicolet kids and his profession ... thank you, Mr. Ashpole!

We had a friendly chat with the teachers (yes, they asked us questions too). We learned there has been an explosive growth of Somali students at Nicolet. They now represent 10% of the almost 500 enrolled students. With only one Somali translator available, communication is a challenge. And, yes, we did ask the obvious question. If you are from Somalia, the language you speak is Somali Arabic.

Our annual visit to the Nicolet classrooms is a club highlight every year. Thanks to Anne and Ole for making the arrangements. Also, Matt for bringing his camera. Maybe we'll see the movie at the Sconniewood Film Festival next year!

We're back at the Black & Tan Grille next Monday. Come celebrate Halloween with your fellow Kiwanians. Dal has a surprise speaker for us.

Here's a reminder of upcoming events, speakers and host assignments:

Oct. 31. Dal is hosting the program.

Nov.7. Gloria will host the program. Her guests are Kim Pahlow and Lucinda Robers, from the staff of GBAPS..

Nov.14. Vince is host.

Nov. 21. Bill is host

Nov. 28. Brent is host

Dec. 5. Bob F. is host .(also Apple Distribution Day)

Dec .12. Holiday Party for Nicolet 3rd Graders.

Dec .19. Club Christmas Party (members and guests).

Dec. 26. Matt is host.

'See you all next Monday!

by Rick Satterlee

aM)

Monday, October 17 Monday, October 24 11:30 AM)	Lunch with 3 rd Graders at Nicolet School (starts at
Monday, October 24	