

Kiwanis



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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown
KIWANIS MEETING OF March 19th, 2018

Our usual attendance of eleven members included President Dal, Pat, Ben, Vince, Emmet, Doug, Denis, Ann, Joe, Bob R. and Bob F. Anne was in Mexico (seems someone is in Mexico every week----tell me when it's my turn) and Rick was touring the Western United States (possibly researching roundabouts?).

We enjoyed a nice lunch of corned beef, sauerkraut, salad and potatoes. Was the corned beef leftover from St. Patrick's Day two days earlier? Perhaps, but it was still tasty.

We sang just one song: "You're A Grand Old Flag." Dal's confidence that everyone knows that song from memory wasn't quite accurate, several people had their song book open.

Joe gave us a Happy Dollar to tell us about visiting his daughter at Texas A & M. It happened that Joe's alma mater, the U. of Michigan was playing a basketball game against A & M, which Joe thought was an interesting coincidence but his daughter had little (none) interest in the game.

Doug's "Boy's Life" joke of the week was "what do you have if you have poison ivy and find a four leaf clover?" Answer: a rash of

good luck! (Groan).

Doug also showed us a prototype of a very nice color brochure that he designed describing our club events. The brochure will be used for membership recruitment. A large supply of the brochures will be available soon.

Our program consisted of a discussion of a proposal by Dal to end our policy of billing members for all meals at the start of each quarter. Instead, members would be billed for the meals only when they attend a noon meeting. Dal's reasoning was that it would be more fair to some of our members who are not able to attend regularly, and it would help in recruiting new members. There was a lively discussion by the members present, some agreeing fully with Dal and some others saying they didn't mind paying for a meal even though they were not at the meeting. Pat said that we are the only Kiwanis club in the area that has members pre-pay for meals. We discussed the mechanics of paying only for meals eaten, and possibly using a weekly email system for members to notify the club and the Black & Tan if they would attend the Monday meeting. At the end of the 15 minute discussion we voted unanimously on----something! By that time we were all anxious to leave and happily voted on something, even though we weren't sure what it was. It appears that we have been seriously influenced by the U.S. Congress.

A DATE TO REMEMBER---Dal reminded us that we should all bring a spouse or other guest to our meeting on April 23. The speaker that day will be John Gillespie, the co-founder of Rawhide Boys Ranch. John will have two primary topics: How Bart Starr helped start Rawhide, and to tell us about a book that John has written about Rawhide. Dal has been proofreading that book, so we can be assured it will be factual.

AND ALSO REMEMBER---There will not be a noon meeting on Monday, March 26th. Instead, we will have our annual Walter Awards evening recognizing outstanding students from the Middle Schools in the Green Bay area. The dinner and program will be at the Black & Tan with social time starting at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00. Our spouses or other guests are very welcome.

For future club events and noon programs, see the last paragraph of the newsletter dated March 12th, which is on this website.

By Bob Fahres