

Kiwanis

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KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

CLUB MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2016

ATTENDANCE---We had low attendance today, only ten members on hand until Bill and Vince walked in---a bit late---but it brought the total to 12 members. The last time we had only 12 members attending the meeting was on January 18th, a **very** cold Monday. I know some members were traveling, some had health concerns, others had visiting family, others might have been on vacation---but we need a concerted effort at attendance! Guests, in addition to our speaker, were the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Governor Jim Burmeister and his wife Fay; our Division Lt. Governor John Day; and Harry Maier, a long time Kiwanian from one of the other Green Bay Kiwanis clubs.

BUFFET LUNCH---Another different, but good, lunch of chicken salad sandwiches, cold mushroom salad (a unique combination of salad ingredients), and deep fried potato chips.

SONGS---“We of Kiwanis” (in fellowship we meet today)---“Take Me Out To The Ball Game” (root, root, root for the home team)---and “God Bless America” (land that we love) written by Irving Berlin in 1918 and the signature song of Kate Smith. We sing this song exceptionally well!

INVOLVED KIWANIANs---President Pat, Joe, Bill and Vince attended the

Division 7 dinner for our District Governor in Little Chute on June 9th.

HAPPY DOLLARS---From Joe to recognize the visit from our Kiwanis guests today, and from Ann Patteson who proudly told us that she and a friend walked the Bellin on Saturday.

SPEEDY RECOVERY---To George O'Hearn after his recent cancer surgery. You've had more than your share of health concerns recently George. We look forward to your return to our noon meetings soon.

KIWANIS NEWS---Governor Jim gave us news about Kiwanis on the District level. Membership is decreasing, with an annual drop of about 200 members in our District---Jim is traveling extensively throughout our District, promoting Kiwanis----the annual District summer convention will be in Oconomowoc---and a decision will be made on increasing the District dues that member clubs pay.

PROGRAM SPEAKER---Paul Zeller, the Brown County treasurer, told us about activities in his office. Paul was elected to fill the unexpired term of the prior treasurer who resigned in November 2014, and Paul will run (currently unopposed) for re-election this November. Paul told us about the difficult current investment climate with the exceptionally low rate of investment interest---the problems of collecting delinquent taxes, usually on about 240 properties per year---penalties and interest on delinquent taxes that are 18% per year---and foreclosure, after three years of delinquency, on more than 40 properties in most years. Paul added a bit of humor to his presentation by reading (anonymously) letters he received from property tax payers who gave interesting reasons why they should not have to pay taxes.

MAJOR COMING EVENTS---

1. Friday July 15, Kiwanis night at a Bull Frog game. As most of you know, this is a baseball game, not actual frogs playing a game.

2. Friday July 22, Brat Barn sales at Festival Foods. Again, for full disclosure, we don't actually sell brats in a barn (although that might be an idea for Wyatt and Carolyn) --- we sell them in a stand outside of the grocery store.

3. Sunday October 2, the Sconniewood Youth Film Festival. I can't think of any further description for this event.

COMING PROGRAMS

June 20---Our speaker will be Mike Gallagher from Breakthrough Fuel. Mike is running for the U.S. Congress seat that is being vacated by Reid Ribble. We will also present a college scholarship to a high school senior who was not able to be at our scholarship dinner last month.

Program responsibilities for the rest of June and July are: June 27, Ray Kotwicki --- July 5, Tuesday (Monday is July 4th) Carolyn Kuether --- July 11, Denis Lee --- July 18, Wyatt Kuether --- July 25, Tim LeMere.

by Bob Fahres