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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown
KIWANIS MEETING OF November 11th, 2019

It was Veteran's Day at Kiwanis! We missed you, Dal. We didn't get our usual salute to the club's many veterans. Next time you attend, Dal, please call out our veteran members so that they can be thanked properly.

Ben's prayer did praise contributions of our military forces and Ann's songs, which were "America, the Beautiful" and "Grand Old Flag", were very appropriate for this special day. In addition to Ben and Ann, members present today were Maria, Anne, Rick, Emmet, Dave, Bob F., Bob R., Marypat, and her son Jonathan who was our IT whiz during today's program. Lunch today was a chicken breast, mashed potatoes, and a salad. The author thought the potatoes were excellent!

Happy dollars came from Anne, Rick, and Maria. Club members Bill and Cheri left yesterday for Florida and will be back in May. They reported that they were greeted by 79 degree weather upon arrival. Or over 80 degrees warmer than tonight's expected low ... ughh!

Announcements - Ben reported that Vince took a fall when they were together for lunch last Friday, but he appeared to recover quickly. We hope to see Vince at a meeting again soon. Anne said we are taking donations for the Nicolet School Christmas store until December 9.

Today's speaker told us a graphic, disturbing, and uplifting story. Bamshak Dagwer, along with his wife Makayla, run "Seeds of Hope", an organization

dedicated to helping the children of Nigeria who are victims of the ongoing conflict with Muslim extremists. Over 100,000 lives have been lost and millions displaced.

At the age of 18 in 2001, Bamshak's village was attacked and many of the people he knew were killed or disappeared. A large number perished in the burning of his father's Christian church where they had gone for sanctuary. Bamshak ran for many miles and was extremely fortunate to escape, eventually making his way to America and Green Bay.

Bamshak has made return trips to his country and wants to give Nigerian children the opportunity to grow up in a safe environment. His organization is now working on constructing a complex of buildings that will include an orphanage, school, trauma counseling facility, and feature a feeding program. He showed us how even a very small donation can buy a month's worth of meals for a child.

Marypat is a member of the Seeds of Hope's board of directors. Thank you for bringing Bamshak to today's meeting and helping us learn about an organization that is doing some of the most difficult and important work going on anywhere in our world.

Upcoming meetings:

November 18 - speaker from the Newcomer's Club

November 25 - speaker from the Clean Water Council

December 2 - speaker to be determined

December 9 - club Christmas party with entertainment by the East High School flute group (bring a guest or your spouse)

December 16 - Nicolet School Christmas party with lunch being served at 11 AM at the Riverside Ballroom