

# Kiwanis

GREEN BAY – DOWNTOWN, Founded 1917



## KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

### KIWANIS MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2016

On this Martin Luther King Jr. day, President Pat presided over the meeting with his usual aplomb, and Emmet gave an inspired invocation with reference to Dr. King.

I had a dream that we would have a large attendance on this special day, but alas, only 12 members and our speaker came out on this very cold day.

The delicious warm buffet on this frigid day included spaghetti and meatballs, salad with red wine vinaigrette, and cheesy garlic bread.

We had two special songs celebrating today's Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, printed on a hand-out sheet: (1) "I'm A Yankee Doodle Dandy," the patriotic song written by George M. Cohan, and (2) "The Marine's Hymn," written in 1917. Marines honor the hymn by standing at attention when it is sung, and retired Marine Colonel Dal Wood honored this tradition. Our third song, sung from our song books, was "Dixie." This song originated as a black face minstrel in the 1850's, certainly not politically correct in today's world. We didn't sing the Packer Song because of lack of time. Singing another song would have put our meeting into overtime and that would have been a losing situation.

Happy dollars were from: (1) Anne Van Ess, who brought greetings from Florida from two former club members Mike Chandler and Gerry Germain, and current member and world traveler Bill Buerschinger, and (2) from Joe who told us about

his visit with Mary Jane Herber, the Brown County Library historian, to obtain historical information about our club. Our club was chartered in 1917 and Joe is working on a spectacular dinner event to commemorate our 100th anniversary next year.

Our program speaker was Judge Thomas Walsh, from Circuit Court Branch 2. Judge Walsh had two main topics in his presentation. His first topic was the criminal justice system in Brown County. There is a coordinating board consisting of law enforcement officers and other people involved in the criminal system, who meet regularly to discuss various criminal problems in the county. A regular topic of concern is the overcrowding in the jail and possible solutions to reduce the number of inmates. The Judge's second topic was an explanation of the four special courts in Brown County. The Veterans Court and the Drug Court have been in existence for several years and are funded by the Brown County Board. Two newer courts, the Mental Health Court and the Heroin Court are funded by the State of Wisconsin. Judge Walsh talked extensively about the growing problem of heroin use and sale in Brown County. Judge Walsh is articulate and easy to listen to----an interesting and informative program.

Future program responsibilities are:

January 25---Doug Ramsay will host a program

February 1---Bob Rowan will introduce Toni Bennett, the Director of the Green Bay Children's Museum

8---Rick Satterlee will introduce Lee Meyerhoffer from American Transmission Company, who will tell us about Power Forward

15---Steve Schneider will arrange for a program

22---Lindsay Tafelski will host a program

by Bob Fahres