



KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

CLUB MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2016

In the absence of President Pat, Vice president Anne, very adeptly as always, presided at our meeting from the opening ringing of the gong, to leading the singing, to having Dal introduce his guest (his wife Lorna, who Dal says comes to our meetings frequently enough to question the “guest” designation), to giving a Kiwanis coffee mug to our speaker, to the closing gong ring. Well done, Anne.

We might have set a new attendance record, in the wrong direction, with only 10 members at our meeting---this is less than half of our membership! As several members have mentioned, it’s embarrassing to invite a speaker when the turn-out is so low. We should all make our Monday noon meeting attendance a priority----and bring a friend, neighbor or co-worker with you to the meeting. The meals, camaraderie and programs are surely worth an hour-plus of your time on Monday noon.

Our meal was a bit different than usual with tomato bisque soup, house salad and grilled cheese sandwiches. I liked the sandwiches.

Our songs were “America The Beautiful,” from sea to shining sea-----“Keep It Booming,” with the Caisson song melody----and the “Packer Fight Song,” including the opening verse “Hail, Hail the Gang’s All Here to Yell for You.”

Happy Dollars were from: (1) Bob Rowan, who donated a dollar to give us the interesting information that every time we sing the two verses to the Packer Fight Song, the team loses the next game! Astounding, both in content and that Bob would know such a statistic. Do we need a fact checker? (2) Emmet enjoyed watching his young grandchildren play soccer. (3) Dal was happy that he “only”

sprained and did not break his wrist when he fell. (4) Joe enjoyed watching his young son trying to learn how to rake leaves, or was it “cut grass”?

Eleven members have signed the sheet to attend the October 24th meeting at Nicolet School. There is still time to sign up this coming Monday, to indicate the type of sandwich that you want from Jimmy John.

Our program speaker, Nick Austin, was introduced by Dave Weber. Nick is a senior at UW-GB and is also an intern at Dave’s law firm. Nick told us about his work as the president of the student council at UW-GB, specifically the efforts to obtain early voting privileges for the students, and to encourage the students to vote in the November election. Nick also mentioned the increasing student debt for college students to finance their college career. Some students incur debt that is unreasonably high in relation to the potential income in their field of study. This is a problem receiving state and national attention.

Coming programs are: October 17, Alicia Birder, from the St. Norbert music department faculty, will be our speaker---October 24 will be our meeting at Nicolet School with the third grade students, at 11:30 am (the meeting will end by 12:45)---October 31, Dal will have a program---November 7, Gloria will introduce an assistant superintendent from the Green Bay school system.

by Bob Fahres

