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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

CLUB MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2016

President Pat presided at the meeting. ‘Nice to have Pat back after missing a few meetings recently. Pat thanked V.P. Anne Van Ess for presiding over the meetings during his absence.

Thirteen members were at the meeting, our “new normal” for Monday noon attendance. Also attending were the wives of two members, Ruth Weber (Emmet) and Lorna Wood (Dal).

The buffet included a house salad and assorted-topping pizzas. The salad consisted of various types of green lettuce: romaine, bib, endive, oak leaf, red leaf, etc. (maybe not all of those were in the salad, maybe some other types were, who knows?). My salad preference is iceberg lettuce with a choice of dressings, none of those exotic types of lettuce which to me are quite tasteless [Note, a disclaimer: This is my opinion, not necessarily the opinion of our club officers or members, or of Kiwanis International]. The pizza was delicious----a note to Steve Schneider (who was not at the meeting): If you ever need a testimonial for the Black & Tan pizza, Bill Buerschinger would be an excellent choice. Bill was still enjoying the pizza, taken from a tray on his way out, as he went down the stairs after the meeting.

Our songs were: “Hey Look Us Over” (a Kiwanis song)----“Somewhere Over the Rainbow,” which sounded good with our blended harmony, Pat commended us on the great sound----and the “Packer Fight Song.” We often sing only the chorus of the “Packer Song”, but the previous week, when we sang both verse and chorus, Bob Rowan mentioned that whenever we sing both verse and chorus, the Packers lose their next game. The next game was the loss to Dallas! This is either an amazing coincidence, an example of cause and effect, or----the whole thing is rigged! Anyhow, we only sang the chorus today. While we thereby haven’t condemned the Packers to a loss to the Bears, I’m not sure that it will guarantee a win. [Note. This is written on Tuesday, ... we’ll see what happens Thursday evening at Lambeau!]

Happy dollars were from: Rick, who was sympathizing with Joe over some sad issue----from Joe who enjoyed a show in Illinois----from Emmet, who took his daughter to a Packer game--- and from Pat, who explained his absence from last week's meeting by saying he was taking in his "floating" dock at the lake. Through a mis-hearing, one member (who won't be named, except for "Bill") asked, "What is an exploding dock?"

Our club received two "thank you" letters. One from a student who received one of our college scholarships, and the other from the De Pere Kiwanis Club for our financial contribution to their club golf outing.

Dal told us that the annual distribution of delicious HoneyCrisp apples will be on December 5th. Sign-up sheets to order the apples will be available at future meetings.

Joe said that the Kiwanis Club of Allouez/Greater Green Bay has invited all Green Bay area Kiwanis Club members and their guests to attend a Christmas Party/Celebration at The Wally Spot Supper Club on Wednesday evening, December 7th. Joe will have more information on this event in future weeks.

Our program speaker, introduced by Dave Weber, was Alicia Birder. At one time Alicia was known as "Dudley Birder's daughter," but she is now a well-known community personality herself, as an instructor in the arts department at St. Norbert College, a choreographer and resident director of musical productions at St. Norbert, a member of the "Birder Players" performing group, and the Executive Director of the Birder Studio of Performing Arts. Alicia told us about her life in music and her enthusiasm for the arts. She said that the goal of the Birder Studio is to educate, inspire and instill confidence in young students. The Birder Studio is located in the old Broadway Theater at 123 South Broadway Street in De Pere. Alicia had a hand-out brochure explaining the Birder Studio, and offering the opportunity to make a donation to help fund the Studio.

Future program responsibilities are: October 31, Dal---November 7th, Gloria (with a speaker from the Green Bay Public Schools) ---14th, Vince---21st, Bill---28th, Brent---December 5th, Bob F.---12th, our Holiday Party for the Nicolet School third-graders at the Riverside Ballroom--19th, our Club Christmas Party----27th, Matt Haney.

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