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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

KIWANIS MEETING OF November 6th, 2017

We welcomed November with cupcakes, but forgot to sing “Happy Birthday” or ask for November member birthdays. That was the fault of your pinch hitting meeting leader, Rick. Next man up, please check for birthdays ... thanks!

Lunch today for our group of 12 was sloppy joe’s, fries, and salad (plus cupcakes). Happy dollars came from Joe who is leading his family’s football game picking pool and Rick who read a nice note from one of our 2017 scholarship winners.

The songs we did remember to sing today were “When the Saints Go Marching In”, “Grand Old Flag”, and the Packers fight song since we are hosting Monday Night Football tonight.

Our speakers today were Majors Bob and Lisa Mueller from the Salvation Army. Before they began their presentation, the club presented them with a check for \$248.00 to purchase 105 meals for their community Thanksgiving dinner program.

Majors Bob and Lisa gave a very entertaining team presentation. Both are from the Detroit area. Lisa was born into a Salvation Army family. She has four sisters and all are Salvation Army officers! Bob came from a single family home and the Salvation Army helped him turn his life in a positive direction at a young age. Before moving to Green Bay, they served in Grand Rapids and Minneapolis. All three of their adult children reside in Minnesota.

The Salvation Army has been in the Green Bay area since the 1890's and has a yearly budget of \$8 million. It was interesting to hear that fund raising programs only bring in 25% of that number, half during the Christmas season (hoping for \$1.1 million this year). During Christmas 2016, a total of 4,691 local kids received 43,231 gifts!

The new Kroc Center is self-sustaining and all money raised in the community goes to the west side facility. Major Bob is in charge of the west side and Major Lisa runs the Kroc Center. They are very aware of the long association between our Kiwanis club and the Salvation Army. They will be providing mittens and hats for our Nicolet School Christmas lunch next month. Major Bob will be looking for a staff member that could possibly become a Downtown Kiwanis member. The club gave them a heartfelt round of applause for the wonderful work they do here in Green Bay!

Upcoming programs:

November 20 – Jean Long Manteufel from the Appleton Kiwanis club

November 27 – Preble High School Key Club presentation

December 4 – officer installation

December 11 – Nicolet School Christmas party at the Riverside Ballroom

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