



GREEN BAY - DOWNTOWN, Founded 1917

## KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay - Downtown

## **KIWANIS MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2015**

Members and lots of guests enjoyed a truly wonderful Christmas Party, consisting of good fellowship, songs, great food, a champagne toast, birthday cake, prize drawings, and a fascinating presentation.

The Black & Tan chef's lunch offering was gourmet pizza (the margarita was especially good), greens salad, and garlic bread. At lunch's end Boyd played *Happy Birthday* for our members celebrating December birthdays: Joe and Ann. And everyone sang, and enjoyed birthday cake.

Boyd played the Baby Grand and led us in a fine selection of Christmas songs; Jingle Bells, Silent Night, Up On the Housetop (Click, Click, Click!), and Jolly Old St. Nicholas.

Happy Dollars:

Pat had a happy dollar because he was happy that he had made it back from Vegas with at least the one happy dollar.

Joe was happy because his daughter was such a hit at the Farmers Market, doing portraits. She was even asked to do a portrait of a wedding party.

Announcements included:

The Monday December 21 meeting is our annual Holiday Party for the Nicolet School 3<sup>rd</sup>grade classes, at Riverside Ballroom. Please arrive by 11:30 am.

Our Monday December 28<sup>th</sup> noon meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn. It was requested that the following information be included in the newsletter:

We will meet at the Hampton Inn on the Monday - 28<sup>th</sup> Dec – Noon for a meeting, speech, and short tour of the new KI Convention Center addition.

Barb and Kirsten Hurd from the Hampton Inn, will provide an update to the hotel property, and arrange with the KI for a short tour for us.

We can bring a "box lunch" for our members, perhaps from the Black & Tan, and the Hampton is so nice as to offer a free small dessert for us.

Please let our members know of the meeting place – Hampton Inn (a few blocks north of the Black & Tan), ... and, the members can park in the front row, covered Hampton Inn parking (right across the street from Schreiber.)

Also, we wish George and Ann O'Hearn a complete and speedy recovery from the flu that kept them from joining us at the Christmas Party. We hope to see you soon!

Our guest speaker was Stephanie Lemerond. Stephanie, with her mother, recently completed the pilgrimage to Saint James. This is a walking/hiking journey of one thousand miles beginning in France and culminating in Spain at the cathedral of Santiago de Compo Stela. Stephanie and her mother completed their pilgrimage in segments over a period of eight consecutive years. Stephanie has written a book describing their journey from a physical and spiritual perspective, and addressing many of the interesting sights, sounds, people, places, foods, and cultures along the way. Stephanie's presentation was a brief summary of her experience, accompanied by wonderful photographs. All present were engrossed in the presentation. Stephanie answered several questions and was involved in lively "post meeting" conversations relating to her presentation.

by Denis Lee

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