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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown
KIWANIS MEETING OF February 4th, 2019

After a week off thanks to Mother Nature's fury, a total of 14 people made it to the Black & Tan Grille today for a fine lunch of burgers, fries, salad, and dessert for February birthdays. That turned out to be bread pudding with fruit compost. We asked our new server, Dusty, if he could hunt down some whipped cream to make it even better and he came through for us. A toast to Dusty, we hope to see him around for many more meetings!

Ben favored us with a beautiful prayer and Ann chose "Happy Birthday" and "Smile-Sing a Song" for our music choices. Happy dollars came from Doug (his Boy's Life joke and saluting the first girls to join Boy Scouts), Anne (happy the Polar Vortex left Wisconsin), Dal (informed us that everyone that walked on the Moon was a Boy Scout), and Joe (yesterday's Super Bowl means a new Packer season has started). Thanks generous members!

Rick read two letters to the club, one from a scholarship winner now at UW-Madison and the other from Green Bay Preble High School thanking us for a donation made last year. Maria had the biggest news of the day, however. We have been named a "Distinguished Kiwanis Club" and she will accept an award at the Kiwanis mid-winter conference later this month in Appleton.

Today's speaker was Jessica Diederich from the Greater Green Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). She had plenty of exciting news to share. The CVB, which helps the millions of people that visit Green Bay every year learn more about what to do and where to go when they are here, is going to build a new headquarters and visitors center in Green Bay (near Lambeau, of course). Jessica showed us the architectural drawings and it will be an impressive

structure when it opens in 2020. Private fundraising has brought in \$6 million so far and CVB is only \$500,000 short of their goal.

One of the most interesting things that Jessica told us was that the 2018 Packers training camp brought people from all 50 states and 34 countries to our community! She also said that travelers spent \$632 million in 2017 in our community. Wow ... that's impressive (and a number that also helps lower our property taxes). Thanks, Jessica, for all that you do to help make Green Bay the most well-known small community in America!

Next meetings:

Feb. 11 – Ann's guest is local businessman Pat Buckley

Feb. 18 – Doug has the program

Feb. 25 – Bob R. has the program

March 4 – Rick has the program

March 11 – Nancy has the program

Attendance today – Ben, Bob R., Bob F., Pat, Doug, Nancy, Vince, Anne, Dal, Joe, Maria, Rick, Ann, and our speaker. a great program!