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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown  
Kiwanis Club Meeting February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

We were challenged today by below zero weather, but battled through and enjoyed a tasty lunch of chicken, mashed potatoes, and tiramisu. In attendance were Ann, Maria, Anne, Ben G., Rick, Ben W., and new member Eric Peters. His application for membership was approved by our board today. Eric is Director of Operations at GBASO and will be our busiest member next month when we host the Nicolet School third grade classes at his skate park.

Ben G. started us off with a prayer and then we belted out a beautiful rendition of the “Packer Fight Song”. Eric and Rick will be attending this week’s Packer employee and volunteers banquet. They are ready now in case anyone calls on them to sing!

Business items included planning for the skate park event. The date is Monday, March 17 (we should probably wear green) and the students will be arriving at 9:45 and departing at noon. One group will be on skateboards and one group will have snacks and activities. After an hour, they’ll switch. Eric has ten volunteer instructors lined up for the event. Our club members will primarily be involved with the activities. Ben G. is planning to bring YMCA team building instructors, which should be something fun and different for the kids.

Rick reported on attending the Milwaukee Academy of Science K-Kids club meeting last Friday. Our member Eliza Carman is a social worker at the school and club organizer. We surprised the kids (4th and 5th graders) with a club banner. Photos were taken and can be seen on our club website & below.

Our speaker today was Eric Sponholtz, Literacy Green Bay’s executive director. Since 1981, his organization has helped 9,000 students from 99 countries acquire reading, writing, language, and workforce skills. Eric currently has 110 tutors paired

with local adults. There's a waiting list of students. Literacy Green Bay provides childcare services while adults are taking classes. The hope is that their graduates will thrive in our community and provide a better life for themselves and their children.

We sincerely thank Eric for the work he does to make Green Bay a better home for everyone. Literacy Green Bay is part of the "Give Big Green Bay" program this year and we all wished him success in meeting his fundraising goals.

Next meetings:

Monday, March 10 - noon at the Hyatt Regency. We will be making final plans for the skate park event.

Monday, March 17 - GBASO skate park starting at 9:45 (come a little earlier if you can). The address is 2351 Holmgren Way in Ashwaubenon.

By: Rick Satterlee

See pictures below....







