



GREEN BAY – DOWNTOWN, Founded 1917

KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown
KIWANIS MEETING OF June 25th, 2018

A nice attendance on this “special meeting” day with 12 members, 11 guests, and our speaker, 24 people total. Our members were: Dal and Lorna, Pat, Rick, Anne. Emmet, Doug, Denis, Ann, Vince, Bob R. and Bob F. Guests included: Lindsay Tafelski, a past club president and prospective returning club member---Dal’s daughter Peggy. Dal had the interesting comment that Peggy is the youngest of six children, with five older brothers---Dal’s granddaughter who is a college engineering student---Kathryn Gardner, the Executive Director of the Automotive Gallery in Green Bay---Denis Lee’s wife Kathy---Ron Niesing, a retired Social Security director---John Gillespie, retired co-founder of Rawhide Boys Ranch.

Our lunch included tomato soup, ham and turkey sandwiches and salad. And for this special occasion, the Black & Tan set out cream for the coffee.

We sang three familiar and easy to sing songs: “You’re A Grand Old Flag” with the line “should old acquaintances not be forgot (or something like that), appropriate for some of today’s guests---“Smile, Sing a Song,” our singing did bring a smile to some of our faces---and an all time favorite (for some members?) “Stodola Pumpa.’

Happy dollars from Doug, who (almost) astounded us with a magic trick---from Ann who enjoyed a visit with relatives in California---from Rick who read two thank you letters from a student recipient of a club scholarship, and from the Principal of Luxemburg Casco High School expressing his appreciation for the scholarships that we give to

students---from Pat who was happy to welcome Lindsay back to a meeting---and from Dal who told about his visit to the Appleton morning Kiwanis Club.

Our speaker was Jeff Mirkes, the Executive Director of Downtown Green Bay, who presented a slide show of various sites in Downtown Green Bay, showing how they once looked and how they look today. An impressive display of the tremendous improvements that have occurred in Green Bay in recent years. Highlights of Jeff's comments were about the new lighting on the bridges over the Fox River, the development of the City Deck along side of the Fox River, and 500 new residential units downtown with 100 % occupancy. At the conclusion of Jeff's presentation, Dal invited Jeff to become "a friend of Kiwanis" and have lunch with us any Monday noon. Jeff's office is in the Bellin Building, so perhaps we will see Jeff at lunch occasionally.

At the conclusion of the meeting Dal mentioned that John Gillespie would personally sign his new book about Rawhide: "351 Sons."

Coming meetings:

July 2---roundtable to discuss the future of our club.

July 9---Emmet will have a program

July 16---A Kiwanis news presentation.

July 23---Hannah Springer, a high school Key Clubber will tell us about a Key Club convention---we helped finance Hannah's attendance at the convention.

July 30---No noon meeting, we will meet at the Bullfrogs game that evening. \$16 per person for a tailgate supper and a ticket for the game.

By Bob Fahres