

# Kiwanis

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## KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

### KIWANIS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2016

We had 17 members attend the meeting of February 1st, an increase from only 12 at last week's meeting. Other than our speaker, Toni Burnett, we did not have any additional guests.

A great lunch of herb-roasted chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, and a Brussels sprouts salad was enjoyed by all. This was topped off by a chocolate cupcake birthday cake in the shape of a football. This was enjoyed despite no member in attendance having a February birthday!

Vice President Anne led our meeting, which included a prayer by Ben Wagner and four songs by Boyd, including Happy Birthday.

The monthly board meeting will be held next Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:15. Next week, Rick Satterlee will introduce our speaker, Lee Meyerhoffer, from American Transmission Company (ATC).

Bob Rowan, introduced our speaker, Toni Burnett, who is Executive Director of the Green Bay Children's Museum. Toni has held this position since 2001. The Museum has grown from a small location in the old Port Plaza Mall to its permanent location on Washington Street. The museum had over 86,000 visitors last year. The admission cost of \$8.00/visitor does not cover the yearly operating cost of the Children's Museum. Last year they operated with a \$240,000 deficit, which must be raised from contributions. Most of the annual operating shortfalls are covered by contributions from area corporations.

When the museum was built, they had a fundraising campaign that came up 1.2 million dollars short. The balance was borrowed from an area bank, which must be

paid in 2017. They will soon kick off another fundraising campaign to raise the funds to repay the debt and fund two new exhibits. To keep the museum fresh, they must update the exhibits on a 1, 3, and 5-year basis.

by Bob Rowan