

# Kiwanis

GREEN BAY – DOWNTOWN, Founded 1917



## KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

### KIWANIS MEETING OF April 3rd, 2017

Our meeting of April 3rd was the 28th annual John Walter Awards, honoring a boy and girl who attend each of the six Green Bay Middle Schools. The winners are picked by the schools and again we were introduced to an outstanding group of students.

A total of 64 attended dinner. The group included students, parents and school officials. Eight of our members were present including, Bob F, Bob R, Joe, Vince, Pat, Anne, Wyatt, and Carolyn. Both Anne and Bob F's spouses also attended. After being served a salad and bread we had a choice of either, Roasted Chicken Breast or Wild Stripe Bass. Cheese cake was served for dessert. Thanks again to the Black And Tan Grille for an outstanding dinner.

President Pat led the Meeting and Joe gave the Invocation. Carolyn and Wyatt did a great job, as always acting as our Master of Ceremonies. John Walter's daughter, Rory Walter, attended and gave a very emotional talk. A great time was had by all. See below for the John M. Walter Awards program.

By:  
Bob Rowan



**Kiwanis International** is a global organization of members dedicated to serving children of the world. Kiwanis and its family of clubs, nearly 600,000 members strong--annually raise more than \$107 million and dedicate more than 18 million volunteer hours to strengthen communities and serve children. Members of every age attend regular meetings, experience fellowship; raise funds for various causes and participate in service projects that help their communities. Members also make an impact throughout the world by participation in Kiwanis International's new global campaign for children, the Eliminate Project: Kiwanis Eliminating Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus.

**Mission**

Serving the children of the world

**Membership**

256,500 Adult  
341,000 Youth

**Clubs**

8,700 Adult  
7,700 Youth

**Service**

Each year, Kiwanis clubs  
Sponsor nearly 150,000 service projects  
Raise more than \$107 million  
Devote more than 6 million hours to service

**Established**

1915 National  
1917 Green Bay

**Special Sponsors**

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**28<sup>th</sup> Annual  
John M. Walter Awards**

**5:45 PM  
April 3, 2017  
Black and Tan Grille  
Green Bay, WI**

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## Program

Call to Order.....Patrick Olejniczak  
Kiwanis Club President

Invocation.....Joe Jacques  
Kiwanis Club Past President

Master of Ceremonies.....Wyatt & Carolyn Kuether  
Youth Services

Awards Presentation (after dinner).....Tom Hoh,  
Anne Van Ess, Joe Jacques, and Pat Olejniczak

## Special Guests

Executive Director of Secondary Education.....Tom Hoh

Walter Family.....Rory Walter

Edison Middle School..... Jonathan Wiebel, Principal  
..... Ms. Douthitt, Teacher

Aldo Leopold School.....Trina Lambert, Principal

Franklin Middle School.....Jackie Hauser, Principal  
.....Heather Zelzer, Counselor

Lombardi Middle School...Jennifer Grunwaldt, Principal

Red Smith School.....Willie Birkholz, Principal  
.....Michelle Eberhardt, Teacher  
.....Mark DeMuth, Teacher

Washington Middle School...Dennis Christensen, Principal  
.....Brenden Whitefield, Activities Director

## John M. Walter Award Winners 2017

**Edison Middle School**  
Trentin Phillips  
Pa Nhia Thao

**Aldo Leopold Community School**  
Myles Chung  
Hallie Hatfield

**Franklin Middle School**  
Skyler Genz  
Mason Kohlbeck

**Lombardi Middle School**  
Atticus Cruz  
Gabrielle Siudzinski

**Red Smith School**  
Luke Dockum  
Savana Schommer

**Washington Middle School**  
Sara Victoria Gomez  
Cezar Gabriel Morales Shuler



**John M. Walter**

John M. Walter awards are presented annually to a boy and girl selected from each of the participating Green Bay middle schools. Good citizenship and a high degree of personal responsibility along with community commitment are major considerations for this award.

John Walter was our club president, District Lt. Governor, and State Governor. John was born in Green Bay on October 22, 1907 and once lived in the Historic Hazelwood house, which he co-owned with his grandmother. He graduated from East High School at the age of 16 and then joined the Navy.

After the Navy, John attended Lawrence University where he dropped out for financial reasons, taking a job as a reporter with the Green Bay Press-Gazette. The editor John Klein, told him to return to college, offering to pay for John's education. Mr. Klein indicated that John did not have to repay the debt, but should help other youngsters whenever he could. John graduated from Lawrence and always lived by his promise, helping many students through college.

John had a distinguished career in communications, and was married with seven children. However, he always had time to organize many youth activities through the Boy Scouts, starting the Boy Scout Troop 6 in Green Bay and the first Cub Scout Pack in the nation.

Mr. Walter passed away at age 52, with six of his children 18 years old or younger. We know that John would have continued to make contributions to the youth in this area. This award dinner is our Club's way of continuing to recognize the values cherished by Mr. Walter.



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## 2017 John M. Walter Award Winners

