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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

KIWANIS MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2016

Attendance had been light for July meetings, but the group definitely expanded today.

Unfortunately, because your newsletter editor forgot to do an exact count, we can only guess at the number. I'm going with 18 and my excuse is I need to get into the swing of this job again after having two months off!

We did have a fun lunch, it was "make your own" Philly cheese steaks with a lip smacking cheese sauce, salad, fries, and lemon cake with goat cheese frosting to salute our two August birthday boys -- Tim and Wyatt. Of course we sang to them (hope they heard us, neither was here today) and then showed off our strong voices in "Show Your K" and "The Packer Fight Song". I think the goat cheese might have actually helped us a little.

Today's happy dollars came from Anne and Joe who both thanked Bill for kindly giving them awesome VIP tickets to the EAA show (Joe went up in a helicopter), and Doug who chose to drive from New Orleans to Chicago after his plane flight was postponed for a day due to a thunderstorm. He got to see a lot of different states and we're glad he made it!

Joe also spoke briefly about this year's Sconniewood film festival and passed out his first fund raising flyers. Club members are encouraged to find festival sponsors.

Pat read two thank you notes received by the club. One was from the Boy Scouts of America acknowledging our donation earlier this year and the other was a from one of our scholarship winners. Pat is also looking for a couple more workers to help clear tables at the Ashwaubenon Hu Hot restaurant on August 10th. Shifts are 4-6 and 6-8. Call Pat if you can help, please!

Our guest speaker today was Denis Gullickson, a local historian, author, and educator. He's now added "playwright" to that list. Denis is producing the new play "The Vagabond Halfback" which premieres this weekend at Green Bay East High School.

The play salutes "town team" football and the characters that played the game like Johnny "Blood" McNally, legendary Packers halfback and night time carouser. Denis said Green Bay's first town team played here in 1895 and in the 24 years until the Packers showed they up likely won a dozen

championships. The show also focuses on one of the Packers greatest early moments, their 1929 upset of the New York Giants in New York City (later in the year, the Packers won their first championship). Denis even had a newsreel clip of the two teams practicing in preparation for the game ... fascinating!

Best wishes for great success, Denis, and thanks for visiting our club today! Our next few Monday's will feature:

8/8 - a speaker from Bay Beach (Pat)

8/15 - Wellspring, a safe place for women (Charity)

8/22 - AmeriCorps (Ann)

8/29 - Doug has two potential speakers under consideration

9/6 which is a Tuesday - On Broadway (Bob)

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