

# Kiwanis

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## KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

### KIWANIS MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2016

We had an All-American meal for Olympics week this Monday ... macaroni and cheese with tender pieces of steak! Add a side of tossed salad and most of us were ready to run the marathon ... right to the couch for a nap. But first we had an important Kiwanis meeting to finish!

Ann had a special guest with her today. All the way from California came her father, Mark Patteson. With 13 members and our speaker, that put today's attendance at 15. Better than our numbers for the last month, but way shy of where we should be gang. Always be thinking about someone you know who would enjoy our club as much as we do and then bring them in for a visit.

After Emmet's touching prayer, we sang under the direction of Ole. I understand he gave Adele voice lessons earlier in the week. He is that good. And he knows how to pick songs that complement each other. For example, we tried "I've Been Working on the Railroad" first today. That's a very long song we now know. So Ole picked "You're in Kiwanis Now" for song number two because it's only 22 words long! And then we closed with the "Packer Fight Song" because, as we all are aware, the boys are undefeated.

Today's "Happy Dollars" came from Joe who got a special tip at the Hu Hot fundraiser from a young man who said his father was in Kiwanis, Emmet who is very pleased (as are we all) that Ruth's recent surgery was successful, Rick who begged members to buy his Packer exhibition game tickets for Thursday night, and Doug who tickled us with his Boy's Life joke of the week.

Ole thanked his helpers from last week's Hu Hot fundraiser. Wyatt & Carolyn brought some of the kids from the Production Farm to assist. Ole said he had to sit down, watching them race around to clear tables made him very weary. And we all thanked Joe for both his help at Hu Hot and his special contribution to the tip jar.

Ole read a thank you letter from another scholarship winner and a request from the City of Green Bay for our members to become school crossing guards. We practiced holding up our hands and yelling "halt". Ummmm ... the city might want to look elsewhere.

Today's speaker was Jane Jordan, program supervisor at Wellspring, A Place of Peace for Women. She was the guest of Charity. Wellspring is a daytime drop in center located at 413 Dousman Street and it's part of Lutheran Social Services. In 2015 they had over 4,000 visitors!

Jane said Wellspring helps women of all cultures, ages, economic status, and religious affiliation meet the challenges of daily life. They have resources and volunteers to help women find jobs, build self-esteem,

confront family issues, exercise, get peer support, and educational assistance. We watched a video and heard more than one women credit Wellspring for saving their life.

Thank you, Jane, for all that you do for struggling women in Brown County. Thank you, Charity, for bringing this important community program to our attention.

Coming up we have:

August 22 – AmeriCorps (Ann)

August 29 – Green Bay Sail & Paddle (Doug)

September 6 (Tuesday ) – On Broadway (Bob R.)

September 12 – Mediation Center of Greater Green Bay (Rick)

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