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## **KIWANIS KEY**

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown KIWANIS MEETING OF January 10, 2022

In the unlikely event that any of us had forgotten, we were reminded today that we are living in Wisconsin in the winter. It was -8 in Green Bay this morning and, unfortunately, the frigid weather affected our Kiwanis meeting attendance. Just five of us braved the cold to make it to the Hyatt Regency for a beef tips over rice lunch. Our warm and cozy (once we were inside) group included Anne, Pat, Ben W., Ben G., and Rick.

Ben's prayer included an appropriate "quality, not quantity" reference in addition to a sincere wish for comfort and treasured memories to the family of our past president and long-time club member Dal Wood, who passed away late last month at the age of 91. During our meal, we enjoyed sharing stories of Dal's years of dedicated service to Kiwanis and, in particular, our Key Clubs. His last afternoon of Kiwanis service was, in fact, a visit to a Southwest High School Key Club meeting. He was proud of their large group and honored to be asked by their president and advisor to share some of his Kiwanis wisdom. Dal would have really enjoyed knowing that a discussion topic during today's meeting was the start of a new Key Club at West High School.

As we all enjoyed our dessert cookies, Happy Dollars appeared from the pockets of each of us! Pat gets first billing since he gave \$5.00. He was happy to have spent New Year's weekend in Ft. Myers, Florida. Ben G. gave \$2.00 for two exciting events taking place in his life. He and his wife are expecting a baby in June and have moved into their new Allouez home ... congratulations Ben! Closing out the happy dollars portion of the meeting was Anne's winter get-away to Fox Hills resort, Ben's California trip, and Rick's collection of thank you letters sent to the club. Acknowledging our holiday season contributions were the YMCA, Foundations for Health and Wholeness, Rawhide Youth Service, and the Salvation Army. We also heard from 2021 scholarship winner Anna Balstad who told us about her first semester at UW Madison studying Biomedical Engineering.

The last part of our meeting included the new Green Bay West High School Key Club discussion. Ben G. stepped up as a volunteer to work with the school. We're sure to hear more about this exciting initiative in the coming weeks. Also discussed was the revival of the Pancake & Porkie breakfast, which has been on hold since 2019. Pat will be checking with St. Brendan's Inn about available dates and their interest in hosting this long-time club fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 24 at the Hyatt Regency. Everyone, please make an effort to attend as we will be joined by six members of the Southwest High School Key Club and Audrey Vandeyacht, their advisor.

We will be back to meeting on the first and third Mondays of the month in February. Mark February 7 and February 21 on your calendars

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