

**Kiwanis**

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# KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

## KIWANIS MEETING OF September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

A solemn day for our country as we remembered the 9/11 tragedies from 16 years ago. President Ole read a special 9/11 prayer from St. Patrick's Church in Chicago. Very appropriate and moving, thank you Ole. Fyi.. link to Prayer of Remembrance for 9/11:

<http://www.oldstpats.org/prayer-of-remembrance-for-911/>

Our group today totaled 13 and we had a particularly tasty lunch of steak, mashed potatoes and salad. Oh, I almost forgot, we had birthday treats too for members with September birthdates. That meant we also sang "Happy Birthday" today along with "Boost Kiwanis" and the "Packer Fight Song" (since the team won a tough week one game).

In the news was the death in Illinois of past club president Terry Thorson.

Happy dollar contributions came from Emmet because he enjoyed the Packer game with his grandsons, Bob F. because after he replaced his broken hot water heater this weekend he realized what a small problem that was compared to the issues that will follow Hurricane Irma, and \$6 from Joe because all his favorite Big Ten football teams won games this weekend and his daughter is going to receive an award from Lawrence

University for an art project (and the award might be worth \$50 or it could be \$5,000 ... we'll learn later).

Ole distributed "100 Year Celebration" dinner invitation cards. Our party will be held at the Black & Tan Grille on Friday, September 29th. Call Anne at 920.815.6722 to make reservations or if you haven't received an invitation yet.

Our speaker today, invited by Bob Fahres, was retired United States foreign service officer Jim Prosser. His wife Mary, also retired from the foreign service, was our guest today also. Jim is almost 90 years old and has been retired for 27 years, but he has a booming voice and is a great storyteller which made for a fun and interesting meeting.

Foreign service careers in the US government started right away in 1776. Jim's former co-workers include Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams! Jim said a foreign service officer "represents the affairs of the United States in foreign countries". He and Mary lived in eleven different countries and traveled to or worked in 85 others. Jim is an electrical engineer and his specialty was communication networks.

Jim told us about working in exotic and dangerous locations like Saigon, the Belgian Congo, and Kenya. He said his favorite people in the whole world are the members of the U.S. Marine Corps who are assigned to protect foreign service employees. Too bad Dal wasn't here today to catch that wonderful compliment!



Jim Prosser, retired Foreign Service Officer speaks to our club

Coming up we have:

September 18 – Mayor Jim Schmitt (bring a guest)

September 25 – a speaker from the Oral Health Partnership

September 29 – Our 100th anniversary dinner

October 2 – a speaker from the Appleton Kiwanis Club

By Rick Satterlee