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CLUB OF GREEN BAY



GREEN BAY – DOWNTOWN, Founded 1917

KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown
KIWANIS MEETING OF September 24th, 2018

Eleven members at the meeting today, down from our great turnout of 15 in the previous week. Members were: Ben, Joe, Maria, Ann, Anne, Pat, Bob R., Dal, Emmet, Vince and Bob F., plus Vince' assistant.

A nice meal of hot tamales on buns, tossed salad and French fries.

We met in our usual meeting room facing north. Several members mentioned that they much preferred the room where we met the previous week, the south facing room with the bar at the end of the room. NOTE to Tia, if you are reading this newsletter---COULD WE MEET IN THE SOUTH ROOM EVERY WEEK?

Our two songs were: (1) "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," an American Negro spiritual song that was chosen in 2002 for the National Recording Registry by the Library of Congress, and (2) "On Kiwanis," sung to the tune of "On Wisconsin." I'm waiting for the day we sing "On Wisconsin" to the tune of "On Kiwanis." Not singing the Packer Song was intentional, the team will have to earn our honorary singing of that song (are we fair weather fans?).

It was mentioned that Dal wrote an article for the Kiwanis International magazine, on the increase in our club membership in recent months. Accompanying the article was a nice picture of Dal and new members Lorna Wood, Christy Faymonville and Brie Jacques (representing her mom Maria). Pat attached the article and picture to last week's newsletter (the September 17th newsletter) which can be accessed on our website. A great article Dal, and great idea Pat to attach it to the newsletter.

Happy dollars were from Joe, who told us about the successful brat barn fund

raising project by his daughter's eighth grade class----from Anne, who is changing jobs to join Scholarships, Inc. She will work with students in 6th to 12th grades who will be first generation college students from their families and will receive financial assistance for college---and from Dal who told us about his going to the Darboy Kiwanis Club meeting.

Anne Van Ess has a special request. She has been storing Kiwanis records in the office of the Volunteer Center where she has been employed. Since she is now leaving that employment and will not have space for the records, she has asked if any of us could store the records at our home or our office. Just a few small boxes, can someone do this club service?

Our program speakers were scheduled to be Wyatt and Carolyn Kuether to tell us about current events at the Production Farm. But, through a mis-communication the Kuethers were not at the meeting. This could have left a void in our meeting, but Dal (with his innovative thinking) asked each of us to tell about something good that has happened to them. I won't write up each member's story of some good event in their life, but if you were not at the meeting you missed some very interesting events in the lives of our members.

Coming programs are:

October 1, installation of new officers for a two year term starting October 1.

October 8, the speaker will be Alexia Priddy from St. John's Homeless Shelter.

Future October programs will include re-scheduling the Kuether's and arranging our annual visit to Nicolet School.

By Bob Fahres

GREEN BAY-DOWNTOWN CLUB FOCUSES ON MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVES

Submitted by Dal Wood, Kiwanis Club of Green Bay-Downtown



Governor Justin Hahn assists with induction of three new members on July 23, 2018. Left to right, District Governor Justin Hahn, new members Brie Jacques (pinch-hitting for her mom, Maria Jacques) and Christy Faymonville, President Dal Wood and new member Lorna Wood.

The Kiwanis Club of Green Bay-Downtown, founded in 1917, is one of the oldest clubs in the WI-UM District. At its peak in the 1950s and 1960s it boasted more than 150 members. Recent years have not been kind to the Green Bay club. Recruiting has been difficult, aggravated by a weekly noon-time meeting schedule which doesn't fit many employed people. During 2017, the club's 100th

anniversary year, active membership declined to about 20 members. Amazingly, those dedicated Kiwanians have maintained all of the club's long-standing community service activities, including the sponsorship of three large Key Clubs and many other youth-oriented programs.

In 2018, the club adopted a commitment to devote itself to membership growth. This involved an upgrade in meetings, programs and activities, as well as a concerted recruiting effort. Seven new members joined in 2018.

Dal Wood, club president, says this is just the beginning. "We want to serve as a model for other clubs who may be shrinking due to normal attrition and worn-out recruiting methods. We want to prove that, in spite of the well-known obstacles, it still can be done!"

For further information on some of the innovations used to revitalize the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay-Downtown, contact the club at greenbaykiwanis@gmail.com.

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Sept. 24---Wyatt and Carolyn Kuether will tell us about current developments at the Production Farm.

Oct. 1---installation of our new club officers for the next two year terms.

Oct. 8---the speaker will be Alexia Priddy from St. John Homeless Shelter in Green Bay.

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