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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

KIWANIS MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 2015

We welcomed August with some new faces in the room. Besides Brent DuBois, new member and today's speaker, we were happy to see Wyatt and Carolyn Keuther from The Production Farm, Inc. Their membership applications were approved today by the Board of Directors and Joe presented them with their member pins. It's great to have you in the club Brent, Wyatt, and Carolyn! We wish you many rewarding Kiwanis experiences!

Attendance today was 17 members. We enjoyed a luncheon of pork sliders (tasty!) with cole slaw and baby red potatoes. Topped off by carrot cake to celebrate August birthdays, one of which was new member Wyatt.

Boyd had an excused absence today and Ann graciously substituted at the piano. Besides "Happy Birthday", Ann pounded out "Grand Old Flag" and "God Bless America". Ann said patriotic songs are the easiest for amateur piano players.

Lots of happy \$\$ today including Joe thanking Ann for pinch hitting at the piano, Denis for his week at Bear Paw Camp (which included a reunion of 25 Eagle Scouts), and Doug for his backpacking trip with his daughter through the Pictured Rocks National Park (six days and five nights). Doug added another dollar for the club's \$200 donation to the Boy Scouts. He said he is now only \$3,000 short of his \$118,000 Friends of Scouting Program fundraising goal. Nice work, Doug!

Names in the News - Matt Van Ess (Anne's hubby) on the front page of the newspaper. Matt is the Brown County Library's Coordinator of Research, Local History, and Genealogy. By the way, Anne continues to recover well from her surgery. She's greatly missed at the club meetings.

Joe reminded us that Sconniewood part two will be held on October 25th right across the street at the Meyer Theatre. And he shouted out a special “thank you” to Bill for writing a Sconniewood sponsorship check (hint – the club is looking for others).

Today’s program was our opportunity to meet new member Brent DuBois, president of Lab USA. He runs an unusual and exciting business that operates across the entire country. Your bulletin editor borrowed one of Brent’s brochures so he could tell you that Lab USA specializes in incinerator bottom ash recovery and recycling. They specifically recover valuable metals from an otherwise lost resource, giving owners a new revenue stream. Brent said he even finds new uses for the ash that is left behind, including becoming base material in road construction projects. Wow! Not surprisingly, members had lots of interesting questions for Brent.

Prior to discussing his current business, Brent told us about his family and career. He met his wife on an airplane, she was traveling to Green Bay to see a Packer game. They now have a son and a daughter along with a beautiful home on the bay across from UWGB (his alma mater). He was a volunteer firefighter for 16 years in Bellevue (starting at age 17) and his hobby is buying old boats, fixing them up, selling them, then buying another one (usually bigger) and starting over again. Brent worked for Veolia Environmental Services for many years, primarily on the sea. His crew was instrumental in capping the BP oil well that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico a few years ago.

Terrific presentation, Brent! Thanks so much for joining the Downtown Kiwanis Club. We look forward to getting to know you even better at club meetings and activities.

See you next Monday at noon. For the next two weeks the Weber’s (father and son) are meeting hosts.

By Rick Satterlee