

Kiwanis



GREEN BAY – DOWNTOWN, Founded 1917

KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown
KIWANIS MEETING OF March 28th, 2018

This special meeting was our annual Walter Awards to two students at each of the six Green Bay middle schools. Actually, it was our 29th annual Walter Award program----some of us were still members of our high school Key Club when the Walter Awards were first held in 1990.

Each of the six schools was represented by two or three staff members, the two student award recipients and the student's parents. Our special guests were Tom Hoh, the Green Bay school district executive director of secondary education; John Gossage, Brown County Sheriff; and several members of the Walter Family. The total attendance at the dinner exceeded 70 people, including our club members: Dal, Pat, Joe, Anne, Doug, Vince, Bob R. and Bob F. (Note—if I missed naming a club member who attended the dinner please tell me and the oversight will be corrected in next week's bulletin.)

The school staff members introduced each middle school student individually and read a resume of the activities that made the student the recipient of the Walter Award. The student's activities included school sports, music and drama, befriending and assisting their classmates and participating in community projects.

A very impressive group of students!

The Black & Tan provided an excellent dinner with an entree choice of pan seared whitefish or gourmet chicken. Evidence of the good meal were the “clean plates” of everyone at our table after they finished their meal. But there might have been another reason for the clean plates----the size of the entrée was very small. A person with a large appetite was probably still hungry after finishing their meal. (This is an editorial opinion only, perhaps a comment to the B & T.)





By: Bob Fahres



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Clubs

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7,900 Youth

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Each year, Kiwanis clubs
Sponsor nearly 150,000 service projects
Raise more than \$107 million
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1915 National
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**29th Annual
John M. Walter Awards**

**5:45 PM
March 26th, 2018
Black & Tan Grille
Green Bay, WI**

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Program

Call to Order.....Dal Wood
Kiwanis Club President

Invocation.....Pat Olejniczak
Kiwanis Club Past President

Master of Ceremonies.....Joseph Jacques
Youth Services

Awards Presentation (after dinner).....Tom Hoh,
John Gossage, Anne Van Ess, Joe Jacques, & Dal Wood

Special Guests

Executive Director of Secondary Education.....Tom Hoh

Brown County Sheriff.....John Gossage

Walter Family.....Tony Walter, Wendy Hopfensperger,
Rory Walter

Edison Middle School.. Dan Slowey, Associate Principal
..... Justine Skog, Teacher
..... Jan Sutton, Teacher

Aldo Leopold School.....Trina Lambert, Principal
..... Jaime Danen, Teacher

Franklin Middle School.....Jackie Hauser, Principal
.....Roberta Mellberg, Teacher
..... Ron Huisheere, Teacher

Lombardi Middle School.....Jim Van Abel, Principal
..... Jenna Starry, Counselor

Red Smith School.....Willie Birkholz, Principal
.....Cathy Wavrunek, Teacher
.....Jeff Jennings, Teacher

Washington Middle School
.....Seth Meinel, Associate Principal
.....Kristen Kozelek, Counselor

John M. Walter Award Winners 2018

Edison Middle School
Jennifer DeJesus Reyes
Dane Bergstrom

Aldo Leopold Community School
Alexis Rabas

Franklin Middle School
Paityn Keller
Zach Offield

Lombardi Middle School
Eleana Anderson
Ian Pagan-Gonzales

Red Smith School
Megan Jonet
Jake Petasek

Washington Middle School
Katelyn Valliere
Victor Martinez Macias



John M. Walter

The John M. Walter awards are presented annually to a boy and girl selected from each of the participating Green Bay middle schools. Good citizenship and a high degree of personal responsibility along with community commitment are major considerations for this award.

John Walter was our club president, District Lt. Governor, and State Governor. John was born in Green Bay on October 22, 1907 and once lived in the Historic Hazelwood house, which he co-owned with his grandmother. He graduated from East High School at the age of 16 and then joined the Navy.

After the Navy, John attended Lawrence University where he dropped out for financial reasons, taking a job as a reporter with the Green Bay Press-Gazette. The editor John Klein, told him to return to college, offering to pay for John's education. Mr. Klein indicated that John did not have to repay the debt, but should help other youngsters whenever he could. John graduated from Lawrence and always lived by his promise, helping many students through college.

John had a distinguished career in communications, and was married with seven children. However, he always had time to organize many youth activities through the Boy Scouts, starting the Boy Scout Troop 6 in Green Bay and the first Cub Scout Pack in the nation.

Mr. Walter passed away at age 52, with six of his children 18 years old or younger. We know that John would have continued to make contributions to the youth in this area. This award dinner is our Club's way of continuing to recognize the values cherished by Mr. Walter.



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