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# KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown  
Kiwanis Club Meeting March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

A total of eight attended our meeting. Seven members and a guest Dannielle Dirksen, a HR supervisor for the Green Bay School District. Our seven members included Anne, Ann, Rick, Bob, Ben W, Pat, and Eric. Lunch consisted of a Salad, Chicken Marsala, Potatoes, Green beans, Tomato soup and Apple Pie.

Rick led the meeting, Ben said the prayer, and we sang Happy Birthday to Pat. On the 5th of April Rick, Eliza, and Ben G will be attending the Wisconsin Kiwanis Convention in Wausau. At the convention Ben G is expected to be elected LT Governor. Rick and Ben G recently attended a Southwest Key Club meeting. Between 25 and 30 students attended the meeting. The students reviewed some of their fund raising projects.

For the first time at our meeting, we had Unhappy dollars. Anne, has been a temporary employee of the US Census Bureau for almost four years. She received a letter last week that due to the US Government hiring freeze her job has been eliminated. We all wish Anne good luck in her new job search.

Our next meeting will be on March 17th at GBASO indoor Skateboard Park for an event with the 3rd grade class from Nicolet. Members should arrive by 9:15. The children will arrive at 9:30 and leave at 11:40. It promises to be a fun event. Kiwanis members will have lunch around noon when the students return to Nicolet School.

Only meeting in April will be on the 7th at the Hyatt

By: Bob Rowan

See pictures from meeting below....

Anne/Rick shared a picture of Leo – Anne & Matt’s dog... such a great picture!

 PRESENTS **Pets of Brown County**

**Leo**



Meet Leo, a dog living in Green Bay with his owners Matte and Anne Van Ess. Leo's family describes him as a lover and a little party boy, noting that he enjoys celebrating holidays. Leo lives with a dog sibling, Yaggy Mae, and a cat, Dewey. Submitted photo

Rick shared a article/picture of the Lumberjack Band. Longtime Kiwanis member Boyd Henry was part of the band as a trumpet player. Boyd is not in the picture... He was just a teenager at the time of this picture. We sure miss Boyd and his musical talents!

## The Lumberjack Band: 'Go! You Packers Go!'

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
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*Continued from previous week*

Back in 1931, the Lumberjack Band had been leading the crowd with the fight song, "Go! You Packers Go!" — composed and written by Erich Karl.

"The original idea for the Packers song was one of those things which seemed like a 'screwball' idea at the time but which caught on and paid off," a Sept. 4, 1953, *Press-Gazette* article stated.

"Karl lived in Green Bay at the time and wrote the words for the song. He pestered a number of musicians to help him set it to music."

One day Karl went to WHBY, where local musician, Billy Burt, sat down at the piano and created the sheet music.

"And then, in 1930, Karl had the song copyrighted and published," the article added.

The lyrics:  
*Hail, hail, the gang's all here to yell for you,  
And keep you going in your winning ways.*

*Hail, hail, the gang's all here to tell you, too.*

*That, win or lose, we'll always sing your praises, Packers.*

*Go, you Packers, go and get 'em*

*Go, you fighting fools, up-set 'em*

*Smash their line with all your might*

*A Touchdown, Packers, Fight! Fight! Fight,*

*Fight on, you Blue and Gold, to glory*

*Win this game, the same old story,*

*Fight, you Packers,*

*Fight, and bring the bacon home to OLD GREEN BAY.*

In September 1939, Sports Editor John Walter of the *Press-Gazette* wrote that the song was being revived for the rebirth of the Lumberjack Band.

"[Alex Enna] is having some New York arrangers work on 'Go! You Packers Go!' to get a more satisfactory arrangement, one which will show to the best advantage of his particular grouping of instruments,"

he stated.  
The new Lumberjack "swing band" made its first appearance dressed in bright colorful uniforms as they cheered on the Green Bay Packers against the Chicago Cardinals on Sept. 17, 1939.

According to Walter, Tony and Jim Collard were the only members of the original band who reprised their roles with the reboot of the band.

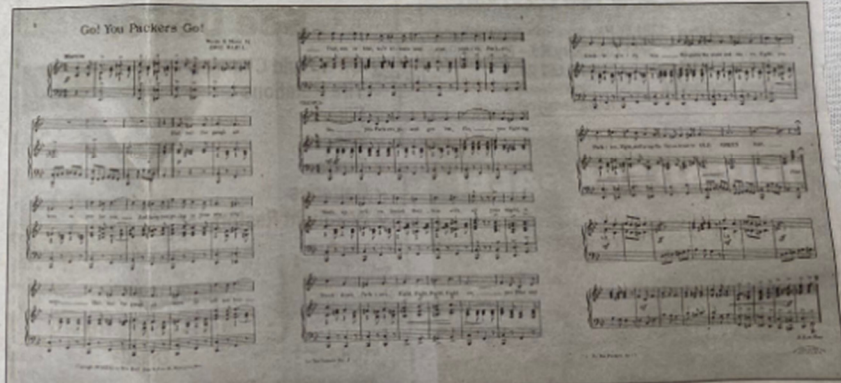
When performing for games, the band was often joined by members of local high school groups.

"We have been sold on the Packers Lumberjack band ever since it was organized, and Sunday it sounded peppier than ever, established in an attractive shell at the northwest corner of the gridiron. We feel, too, that additional musical organizations add to, rather than subtract from, the utility of the Lumberjack group," Walter wrote in 1940.

*To be continued*



The 1939 Lumberjack Band, front row from left: Walter Remick, James Collard and Franklin Le Roy; second row: Wilner Burke, Norbert Ecker, Russell Walters, Joseph Hartinger, Gordon Besseau and Bill Johnson; third row: Tony Vandenberg, Ray Du Puis, James Aerts, Howard Sheldon, Bernard Paulson and Carl Sturdevant; fourth row: Leo Klamert, Elmer Kapp, Quinten Willems and Merrill Guerin; fifth row: Wendell Shaw, Donald Barber, Robert Le Claire, Clifford Ahasey and Eugene Stiller. **Press-Gazette photo**



The original sheet music for "Go! You Packers Go." Written and published in 1930 by Erich Karl.

Staff photo

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We received a very nice thank you card from WIUM Kiwanis Governor, Kathy Durner, regarding our donation to the Governor's projects.

Dear Green Bay Kiwanis,

Thank you very much for your generous donation towards my Governor's Project.

The children attending Camp Waubeek will enjoy the improvements to the Art Room. New, six and eight foot tables are being made by the Wisconsin Dells Industrial Technology class.

Labor fees go towards student scholarships in the Industrial Technology class.

Hopefully, we will be able to replace the art room floor with an epoxy floor.

I have a list of smaller projects as funds become available.

Other monies raised will go towards tuition for children attending Camp Bay Cliff in Upper Michigan.

The two camps are most appreciative of your support.

Yours in Service  
Gov. Kathy  
WIUM Kiwanis