

Kiwanis

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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

KIWANIS MEETING OF February 26th, 2018

We said goodbye to February with a strong group of 13 people gathering for a luncheon of pizza, Italian bread, and salad. Following Emmet's prayer asking for protection of our youth, Ann was our inspired song leader. In anticipation of a few days of spring like weather, we sang "Wait 'Till the Sun Shines, Nellie". And then because it's her favorite song and no other good reason, we gave a rousing performance of "Stodola Pumpa" and then proceeded to argue about how to pronounce "Stodola"!

Lots of happy dollars today, here's the list – Joe because he ate Easter and Valentine's candy at a belated Christmas dinner with his in-laws, Ann in honor of the sunny weather, Doug put in \$2 because he's happy to be back after a long absence and for his Boy's Life bad joke of the week, and finally Dal who announced that we will have a piano player at the meeting next Monday!

Doug was our speaker and told us the very interesting story of the beginning of the Boy Scouts. The founder was British Army officer Robert Baden-Powell who lived from 1857 to 1941. While serving in South Africa during the Boer Wars, he wrote several books on military reconnaissance and scout training. He learned later that his books were

loved and read by boys back in England, so after he retired from the military he organized a camp for boys in 1907. It was a success and credited with being the start of the Boy Scouts. His sister later started the Girl Guides, which eventually became Girl Scouts.

Growth of Boy Scouts in America was helped by Fred Burnham, a native of Minnesota who grew up on a Sioux Indian reservation. He met Baden-Powell in South Africa and taught him tracking and outdoor skills. Burnham returned to America, became a wealthy oil man, and dedicated many years of his life to scouting.

Changes are coming to scouting, according to Doug. Starting this year, girls can join Cub Scout packs. And next year they can join Boy Scout troops and earn Eagle Scout badges. Speaking of Eagle Scouts, we believe our club has two of them – Emmet Weber and Vince Zehren. Outstanding work, gentlemen!

Important dates to remember:

March 5 – our speaker is Nancy Quirk, general manager of the Green Bay Water Utility

March 12 – regular club meeting

March 19 – regular club meeting

March 26 – Walter Awards dinner at Black & Tan

April 8 – Pancake & Porkie breakfast at St. Brendan's

April 29 – Sconniewood at the Meyer Theatre (Joe is looking for sponsors)

May 8 – Youth Awards dinner at Riverside Ballroom

May 21 – Scholarship dinner at Black & Tan

May 29 – Nicolet 3rd grade class trip to the NEW Zoo

By Rick Satterlee