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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

KIWANIS MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2016

President Pat presided over our meeting with 18 members in attendance, plus one guest and our program speaker. Our guest was Doctor Brian Burnette, who is with the Green Bay Oncology group. He was the guest of Brent and was introduced to us as a prospective member. Thanks, Brent, for thinking of prospective members.

We all enjoyed (I'm sure I can speak for all of us) a superb buffet lunch of chicken cordon bleu wrap, salad with sherried mustard vinaigrette, roasted red pepper bisque, and a birthday cake treat of chocolate cupcakes with peanut butter mousse. Could you get a meal like that anywhere else? If you were not at the meeting----you missed a great meal!

We had a nice surprise when Ray Kotwicki attended the meeting after an absence of more than a year. During the time that Ray was gone his wife passed away and Ray had four hospitalizations, included three surgeries. Ray looked good, seemed to be the same as I remembered him, and he plans to be in regular attendance at our meetings. Reverend Ray celebrated his return by giving the invocation in his inimitable style. Welcome back, Ray!

Boyd's appropriately chosen songs were: "I'd Rather Belong to Kiwanis," because we all rather would----"Take Me Out to The Ball Game," to celebrate the Brewer's opening game of the new baseball season. Unfortunately, the Brewers lost by a score of 12 to 3. But on a positive note, the differential of 9 runs was an improvement over last year's opening game when the Brewers lost by a score of 10 to 0. Sometimes we have to celebrate small improvements! The third regular song was "You're A Grand Old Flag," to recognize voting day on Tuesday. And, for a fourth song, we sang "Happy Birthday" to Emmet and Ray for their April birthdays. Emmet's birthday was his 90th---Congratulations, Emmet!

President Pat thanked our members who made the John M. Walter Awards program a success: Anne and Tim who organized the program---Dal who brought John Walter's son and great-granddaughter to the meeting---Steve who gave the invocation---and Wyatt and Carolyn who were the dual Masters of Ceremony.

Pat reminded us that our Pancake and Porkie Breakfast fund-raiser will be on Sunday, April 17th. Our sponsored Key Clubbers will help us with the serving and clean-up. We all have tickets, so be sure to enjoy a good meal at St. Brendan's Inn.

Happy Dollars were from: (1) Dave Weber, who said that his dad, Emmet, celebrated his 90th birthday with a gathering of approximately 100 guests---30 family members and 70 friends! (2) Wyatt and Carolyn, who were happy that Mayor Schmitt mentioned the Production Farm in his annual State of the City address. (3) Ray, who was happy to be back at our Kiwanis meeting and thanked the club for their concerns and friendship during the past year. (4) Dal, who was happy to enjoy his last (and still very tasty) Honeycrisp apple from our apple sales last fall. (5) Doug, whose daughter is going on a scout Adventure Crew mountain climbing trip.

Joe and Dal are organizing a member's/guests social evening on Thursday, April 28th, to attend a "Let Me Be Frank" show at the Meyer Theater. A dinner at the Black & Tan before the show is a possibility. More details next week.

Doug's Boy Scout riddle-of-the-week was: "How much does it cost for a pirate to have his ears pierced?" Since Ann Patteson was not at the meeting to give her usual immediate answer, Doug had to tell us that it costs "a-buck-an-ear."

Dave Weber introduced our speaker, Fred Johnson, the CEO and founder (in 1999) of "Initiative One". Initiative One offers strategic counseling and leadership development, with a concentration on decision-making and problem-solving, to companies throughout the United States and in other countries. Several NFL teams are also clients of Initiative One. Fred moved Initiative One from Scottsdale, Arizona to Green Bay recently because he believes in the future growth of Green Bay. Initiative One is located in an attractively remodeled building on the south side of East Mason Street, between Washington and Adams Streets.

Coming programs are: April 11, Gloria will introduce the new Green Bay police chief, Andrew Smith---April 18, Vince will have the program---April 25, Bill Buerschinger has a program (yes, Bill will be back!)---May 2 will be our annual Youth Awards dinner at the Riverside Ballroom at 5:30 pm---May 9, Brent will have a program---May 16 will be our annual Scholarship Awards Dinner for high school seniors, at the Black & Tan---May 23, Bob F. will have a program.

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