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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown
KIWANIS MEETING of August 5th, 2024

We had a meeting chock full of food and information, so pay attention please! Enjoying the baked chicken and mashed potatoes buffet today were Bob, Ben W., Ann, Shane, Maria, Ben G., Anne, and Rick. Guests were Jack Conroy from the YMCA (soon to be a member of the Ashwaubenon Kiwanis Club) and Chad Janowski, our speaker.

Maria started us off with the Pledge of Allegiance, Ben W. did a wonderful job with our prayer, and we sang “Stodola Pumpa” along with the “Packer Fight Song”. The first song thoroughly bamboozled our guests, but they were quick to join our musical support of the Packers!

Happy dollars came from Ann, Ben G., Anne, Rick, and even Jack, who shows real Kiwanis promise! We passed around a thank you card from a scholarship winner and a PRESS TIMES Packers history article that mentioned “during an October 1925 Green Bay Kiwanis meeting, Curly Lambeau was given a special tribute by Packers President Andrew Turnbull”. Yes, that was us a mere 99 years ago!

We proudly announce a new member! Eliza Carman’s application was approved. She, of course, was the heart and soul of the UWGB Circle K Club and is now in the social work field after earning both a bachelor’s and master’s degree. We’ll see Eliza starting in October when her schedule will allow her to start attending meetings.

And we have a member starting a new career! Shane has moved on from GBASO, where we know he was a huge part of their success, to the Vice President of Experiences position at Discover Green Bay. His office is in the new Visitor's Center near Lambeau Field and so far we know he'll play a big role in planning and hosting the NFL draft next year.

Our last announcement was that Ben G. will represent our club at the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Convention in Eau Claire August 16-18. He'll be watching every activity closely and taking notes because we (as in all of you reading these minutes) are hosting the 2025 district convention. Ben has stepped up and accepted the convention chair position. We're sending him to Eau Claire with a basket of Green Bay tourism (thanks Shane) and NFL Draft goodies for their raffle.

Congratulations to Ben G. and Shane and Eliza! We are very proud to have you as members and look forward to what your energy and enthusiasm will do for the community and our club in the coming years!

We were finally able to squeeze in a few minutes for our speaker, Chad, who is the Executive Director of the Einstein Project. We're aware his group is known for elevating science, technology, engineering, and math education in NE Wisconsin, but Chad was with us today to talk about the Wisconsin Institute for Next Generation Science (WINGS), a summer leadership development program for science teachers.

Chad told us that finding and retaining talented science teachers has been difficult since COVID. WINGS is held at a beautiful lodge in northern Wisconsin and the goal of the five day retreat is to "fuel the passion for delivering high quality science instruction". Three Green Bay teachers were accepted to WINGS this summer and they have all spoken highly of the program.

Thank you, Chad, for visiting our club today and spelling out the challenges facing today's science educators and their students. We are aware that the program is self-funding and a decision was made following the meeting to make a donation that can be used for next summer's retreat.

Upcoming meetings/events:

Tuesday, August 20th – Green Bay Police Department; Maria will present an iPad to the Green Bay Police Department for use in interacting with children with autism. The iPad will be equipped with special programs and apps tailored for autism.

If you're available, please plan to attend the presentation on Tuesday, August 20th, at 11:00 AM at the downtown Green Bay Police Department. Maria and Anne will be there, and everyone else is welcome to join as well.

Thursday, August 29 - social at Zambaldi's starting at 6PM. We hear there will even be bingo at 6:30. Hope you can make it! Zambaldi's is at 1649 S. Webster.

Monday, September 16 - regular noon meeting at the Hyatt Regency

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