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KIWANIS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 2015

Today was our Salute to Quarterback Peyton Manning meeting. We've all seen him sing "Chicken Parm, you taste so good" in the Nationwide Insurance commercial. And indeed, it does taste good as proven by our Black & Tan cooking staff. Our noon meal was chicken parmesan, noodles in tomato sauce, salad, and garlic bread. Next week maybe we'll salute Brett Favre. I guess that would be jambalaya and crayfish?

Attendance today was 16, smaller crowd than the last few weeks (but it is a holiday week). Emmet said today's prayer and asked for blessings on our youth and country. Boyd's song selections were "Smile - Sing a Song", "Now Thank We All Our God" (his regular Thanksgiving week selection), and the "Packer Fight Song" in honor of the win in Minnesota and the end of the three game losing streak.

Lots of happy dollars, here we go - Joe for Dal's hard work in getting us to 250 bags of apples sold, Rick for his Vikings still being in first place despite being thoroughly outplayed by the Pack last Sunday, Pat gave \$3.00 for the St. Norbert football season (it came to an end) and the two weekend wins by the UWGB men's and women's basketball teams, Emmet for his sister-in-laws getting the Bellin building tour from Steve, and Vince another dollar for the successful apple sales program. By the way, don't forget that we will be receiving our apple bags during the December 7th club meeting.

Sign-up sheets were distributed for two club events next month -- cleaning tables at Hu Hot on the night of December 2nd for 10% of their evening sales, and ringing bells for the Salvation Army on December 4 and 5 at Shopko, Bay Park Square Mall.

Mary Ellen Gillespie, UWGB Athletic Director, started her presentation to the club by giving away t-shirts to members who could answer trivia questions ('way-to-go Dave, Joe, and Bob R.). Pres. Ole even scored four tickets to the Tuesday night men's basketball game against Akron. Thank you, Mary Ellen, for your generosity!

Mary Ellen has been the Athletic Director for two years. She took a non-traditional route to the job. Mary Ellen was never an athlete herself, but proved herself as an academic and sports programs fund raiser. Clearly, that's an important part of her job given that there are 16 Division One sports and 247 student athletes to support at UWGB.

There are many reasons to be proud of UWGB sports, but the best is their attention to academics. For 31 consecutive semesters, our athletes have had a cumulative GPA over 3.00 (including the highest ever 3.3 GPA last semester).

Club questions concerned lack of a football team and the poor NCAA tournament seeding our women's basketball team always receives. Mary Ellen said starting a football program would cost \$85 million, and it's a legend that Vince Lombardi told school officials when UWGB opened, not to try to compete against the Packers (he said the school should focus on soccer). As far as the NCAA goes, Mary Ellen sees improvements on the horizon because she is now a member of the ten-person tournament selection committee!

Next programs : Joe's guest is from Voyageur magazine on November 30th, Carolyn has a speaker lined-up with the topic "Fostering Youth Independence" on December 7th; Denis Lee has the December 14th program, and we will be bringing guests and singing Christmas carols; Holiday Party with Nicolet School is on December 21st at the Riverside Ballroom; and the year's programs end on December 28th, with Tim LeMere in charge of the program.

by Rick Satterlee