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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

KIWANIS MEETING OF February 6th, 2017

It was a birthday celebration meeting today and we were treated to triple chocolate cupcakes! How much of the meeting could be important enough to document after that? But writing these minutes is a serious club assignment, so I will move forward on your behalf.

Attendance was relatively light, just 12 including two speakers. President Pat did report that a few members are together in Florida right now and there is a likelihood of late night parties ... good for you! Anyway, besides the cake, we did enjoy chicken bacon ranch wraps with chips and a pickle. We had happy dollars from Joe because his daughter was pleased to see the Falcons lose the Super Bowl yesterday (revenge for them beating the Packers) and Dal because he just found out, as most of us did today too, that Emmet is an Eagle Scout. That's awesome!

Our name in the news today was Ann reporting on the Billy Joel concert planned for this spring at Lambeau Field. Our songs today were "Happy Birthday" of course (we remembered you Bill), "Show Your K" (Joe had one), and "Home on the Range" (saluting our speakers with one of the songbook's few animal songs).

Our speakers today were Mike Reed and Gail Garrity-Reed from the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. They came to speak about the building expansion project at the Oak Learning and Conservation Center. There is a terrific need for new space as they host over 400,000 visitors every year and more than 15,000 kids come through for some type of educational program. We also learned that the sanctuary staff takes care of over 5,000

sick and injured animals annually. Many are later adopted or sent to a zoo elsewhere in the country.

A focus of today's presentation was the sanctuary's unique preschool for four-year-olds that is nature based. It is so popular that some families are signing up their children before they are even born. One woman called to reserve space for her child ... and she wasn't even pregnant yet! Gail and Mike said their largest current meeting room only holds 25 people. The \$3 million expansion project targets improvements for the pre-school and adding meeting space. They certainly made a strong case for our support. Thank you Gail and Mike for the many wonderful things you do for community youth and families!

Upcoming programs/events:

Feb. 13 – Green Bay Bullfrogs

Feb. 20 – Green Bay school board member on the referendum

March 30 – HuHot Fundraiser

Walter Awards dinner – April 3

Sconniewood – April 23

Youth Awards dinner – May 2

Pancake & Porkie breakfast – May 7

Scholarship awards dinner – May 15

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