

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of GREEN BAY - DOWNTOWN, Founded 1917

KIWANIS MEETING OF May 15th, 2017

Today's meeting was very special. It was our 28th annual Spenser Havlick scholarship awards dinner held at the Black & Tan Grille. A total of 31 people attended including club members, scholarship winners, parents, and school staff. We also had a special guest, the mother of one of our iPad recipients who told the group how much she and her son appreciated our donation. It was a heartwarming part of an evening full of uplifting moments.

Black & Tan staff, as usual, treated us like royalty. Dinner choices were steak or salmon with mashed potatoes, bread, and a dessert tray. The writer's dining partners were mostly steak eaters and there were no scraps left on the plates removed from our table!

This year's scholarship winners, each receiving \$1,500 and selected by our committee of Emmet, Bob R., and Rick, are:

Mark Diny, Wrightstown – UW Madison mechanical engineering
Gabrielle Every, Bay Port – UW Madison physics
Jackson Gille, Notre Dame – UW Madison biology
Victoria Harris, Preble – UW Madison biochemistry (Key Club member)
Greta Olson, West De Pere – Marquette biomedical sciences
Connor Simon, Ashwaubenon – UW Madison biology

All were in attendance except Gabrielle, who will come to a summer club meeting to receive her award. Prior to coming forward to receive accolades from the audience, the students listened intently to the advice offered by Brian Nelsen, Ashwaubenon High School principal and our featured speaker. Brian, like the rest of us, indicated he was very proud of their accomplishments to this point in their academic careers. But he encouraged them to work even harder when they get to college and to continue to find time to spend with disadvantaged youth, something all of them have done wonderfully throughout their high school careers.

Rick read passages from each winning application so the audience could learn more about these extraordinary youngsters. The group posed for photos at the end of the evening and then we all watched an amazing occurrence ... the five students stayed together for a half hour just getting to know each other! One of our winners sent the club an email the next day saying "I even got to make a group of new friends at the banquet which is also a fantastic reward". Like I said, it was a very special evening!

Come to a regular meeting next Monday noon at the Black & Tan. May 22 – Rick's speaker is from the ADRC of Brown County

Remember that our following meeting will be on the Tuesday after Memorial Day.

May 30 – NEW Zoo trip with the Nicolet School third grade class, please arrive to help serve lunch by 10:45 AM

June 5 – Steve has the program

June 12 – Ben has the program

By: Rick Satterlee