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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

CLUB MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2016

A distinguished group of 10, including our speaker, attended our meeting this week. All enjoyed a lunch of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, and peppermint chocolate cupcakes. President Pat led the meeting, the prayer, and the singing. We sang three songs, including the *Packer Fight Song* (both verses) and *Happy Birthday*. Best birthday wishes went out to both Ann and Joe.

Happy Dollars were collected from Joe and Bob R., who are always happy. Next Monday is our Holiday Party for the 3rd graders of the Nicolet Elementary School, to be held at the Riverside Ballroom. Dal has arranged for some of the Key Club members from Southwest and Bay Port high schools to join us at the party. Besides dinner, the children will play bingo and receive gifts. In the past, they have also sung a couple of special holiday songs for us. If the Packers win this week, (which they should, since we sang the *Packer Fight Song* on Monday), Rick will lead the children in the *Packer Fight Song* to keep the winning streak going. The children will arrive at 11:30 and leave at 1:15. Anne has asked that anyone who could arrive early to do so. We will begin putting the gift packs together at 10:30.

Our speaker this week was Dr. Chris Wagner, a seven-year member of the Green Bay Board of Education. Chris is originally from South Bend, Indiana, and went to the University of Indiana, where he earned his Bachelor and PHD degrees. He returned to South Bend, working in Special Education. Later, Chris moved to Green Bay, where he spent 13 years in Special Education and school administration. He went on to become the principal of Preble High School. Chris said that he fondly remembers attending many of our Kiwanis Youth Awards Banquets. Chris enjoys the time he has spent on the school board and is glad that all seven members get along, and that there are no “axe-grinders” on the board. The school district has a \$250 million budget but they wish the funding was higher. Enrollment in the Green Bay Area School District has been increasing, primarily due to the growing Hispanic population. which now makes up 27% of the children in the district. White children now make up 48% of the students in the district. Thanks, Chris, for a great program!

Our annual Club Christmas Party will be held at lunch on Monday, December 19th. Spouses, significant others, relatives, and friends are invited. Mary Jane Herber will give us a short program on the history of service clubs in the Green Bay area. On **Tuesday**, December 27th, we will have a “Year in Review” meeting.

by Bob Rowan

