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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

KIWANIS MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2015

Today's meeting highlight was the return, after a long absence, of the "Packer Fight Song". Our missing friend, Webmaster Dal, would have been proud ... we did both verses!

Our friendly group of 19 also celebrated Boyd's return to the piano by harmonizing a couple of his favorites – "Smile Sing a Song" and "In the Good Old Summertime". Ann was so happy not to be called on to play the piano that she brought a guest – Matthew Bookter from First Merit Bank. A second guest was Gilbert Sandgren, invited by Steve. Gilbert is a lawyer and our current Bellin Building dining area used to be his office! Thanks for visiting Matthew and Gilbert, ... come again, and please consider joining us on a regular basis.

Lunch today was oven-roasted chicken, rice pilaf, and tomato salad with red wine vinaigrette. Here's something perhaps you didn't know. A vinaigrette consists of three parts oil and one part vinegar mixed into a stable emulsion. It's most commonly used as a salad dressing, occasionally as a marinade. However it was prepared today by the Black & Tan kitchen crew, it tasted wonderful!

Another "Happy Dollars" avalanche today – Ann for the two new golden doodle puppies that joined her family yesterday, Denis for a great Scouting summer, Doug for the opportunity to give us the first Chicago Bears joke of the season, and a \$5.00 bill from Joe for his upcoming haircut. He was starting to worry that people were mistaking him for Donald Trump.

Joe's announcements included a "thank you" note from the Green Bay Bullfrogs for organizing a night at the ballpark for the local Kiwanis clubs, and a salute to the five members that have stepped forward as Sconniewood sponsors. These outstanding members are Ann, Dave, Bill, Steve, and Joe. We also all received a Sconniewood "sponsorship opportunity" flyer to distribute within the community.

Today's speaker was Jay Van Zeeland, founder of the Boy Scout's Venture Crew 9923. (Translation – the scout's ski club known as "The Crew".) Jay started by thanking us for being a sponsor and organizer. He has 75 kids (8th grade and older) currently in the club, and hopes to grow to 500! Jay has a love for skiing (he went 42 times last winter!) and with the help of scouting, he's "passing he passion" on to the youth of Green Bay.

Last year's ski trips (they travel by bus) went to Marquette Mountain, Ski Brule, Pine Mountain, and Indianhead. Jay told us about a planned trip to Michigan Tech University that will combine skiing (Tech owns a ski hill) with the opportunity to visit a college. He encouraged us to promote the program to our Key Club members. Because "The Crew" brings a large group to the ski hills, they get a very affordable rate.

Thanks to members Emmet, Doug, and Denis for bringing Jay to today's meeting. Please invite him back after this winter's trips so we can hear about his program's continuing growth and success!

Next week, Dave Weber will host the program. In two weeks, Ben Wagner's speaker will be Ron Niesing from the Aging and Disability Resource Center. He'll be talking about Medicare coverage changes in 2016.

by Rick Satterlee