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## KIWANIS KEY

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

### KIWANIS MEETING OF 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

We had an unusual Tuesday club meeting today. We moved our George Kress Youth Awards dinner from its first Monday in May date to help the Riverside Ballroom and it worked out wonderfully for everyone. In fact, our attendance tonight was over 270 people. I think they all heard we were serving “kneecaps” for dessert!

This was our 38th annual salute to high school arts students from seven area high schools. Medals were given to students excelling in art, theatre, journalism, music, and forensics. Every school also saluted their teachers, administrators, and parents for their help in guiding all these successful young men and women. Our Kiwanis club was thanked many times as well, particularly member Anne who coordinated the evening.

Besides Anne, club members that assisted tonight were Pat, master of ceremonies, and Joe, who gave the invocation. Hometown celebrities hung medals around the necks of the honorees. They included Sheriff John Gossage, Green Bay Area Schools Associate Superintendent Kim Pahlow, and Matt Bero, local artist. In addition, Matt was our featured speaker. As we all know from his club speeches, Matt is the creative genius behind local murals including Morty the Moose on Main Street. He encouraged the students to take risks as they pursue their dreams, they might be surprised (as Matt was) by their success.

After our excellent fried chicken dinner, musical entertainment was provided by Ayslinn Gomez. She plays the guitar and ukulele and is a junior at Green Bay East High School. Even old timers recognized her songs, she played hits from the Beatles, Elton John, and the Eagles.

We also had a wonderful rendition of the National Anthem by Haley Gutkowski of Notre Dame Academy. She volunteered to sing when she arrived and we said “go for it”. Ole said Haley had “the voice of an angel” and no one present to hear her will argue! Oh and I almost forgot, Mayor Jim Schmitt couldn’t stay for dinner but dropped in to say how valuable he believes this program is to the community. Thanks, Jim!

We’re back to a Monday meeting next week. See you then!

May 8 – Bob Rowan’s speaker is Kevin Smith

May 15 – Scholarship Dinner at 5:45 PM (Black & Tan), no noon meeting

May 22 – Rick Satterlee has the meeting

May 30 (Tuesday) – NEW Zoo trip with the Nicolet School 3rd graders, arrive at 10:45 AM please to help serve the lunches

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