



## KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

### CLUB MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2016

Vice President Anne Van Ess presided over the meeting today in the absence of President Pat. Anne, with her many years of Kiwanis experience, does a fine job of running the meeting. When someone asked where Pat was, Anne explained “I don’t remember where he said he was going.”

ATTENDANCE---A rather small turnout today with only 15 members, plus Emmet’s wife Ruth. We were all pleased to see Bill Buerschinger at our meeting after a five-month absence vacationing in Naples, Florida. While in Florida, Bill had root canal surgery, cataract surgery, and therapy for an ailing back. Except for that, Bill enjoyed Florida.

BUFFET---There were no cue cards on the buffet table today so I have to guess at what was served. The main entrée appeared to be a Chinese dish with a base of white rice. Topping the rice were small pieces of sirloin steak (I’m quite sure) and stir-fry vegetables. There was also an exotic salad that would surely have had an exotic description if there had been cue cards.

SONGS---(1) An old standard, “Hey Look Us Over,” (good members all, answering the call)-- (2) A well-known song that we don’t sing very often “You Tell Me Your Dream and I’ll Tell You Mine” (we would have to sing it more frequently to have it sound good)---and (3) The Packer Fight Song (sung with confidence that Ted will select “the best player available” in this week’s draft).

IN THE NEWS---Joe read an item from the Press Gazette that said the Kress Inn had received a prestigious hospitality industry award. President Pat undoubtedly had a role in earning that award.

HAPPY DOLLARS---from Anne who celebrated the first anniversary of her marriage by going to a Door County resort with her husband (seems like only yesterday that Anne was still Charneski.) -- ---from Dal who was happy that no one was hurt when his wife Lorna had an accident with their Buick during last Monday’s Kiwanis meeting. Lorna was supposed to pick Dal up after the meeting, but without the use of her car, she had to hitch a ride to the Bellin Building in a police

squad car. Dal didn't say whether it was the first time she had ridden in a police squad car-----from Joe who had a memorable (and enjoyable) eleven-hour day of attending events and activities with his daughter-----from Wyatt who was happy for the continuing construction and program development at The Production Farm-----Doug wasn't at the meeting today to offer a dollar and the Boy Scout riddle of the week, so I'll substitute with this riddle: we've had a lot of rainy days recently, and as we all know "April Showers Bring May Flowers." But who knows what May flowers bring? (The answer is at the end of this newsletter).

PROGRAM---Bill celebrated his return from Florida by presenting a video show for our program. Bill's video started with scenes from the National Railroad Museum, then aerial views of Green Bay taken from a camera in Bill's drone (who except Bill would have their personal drone?) and the video concluded with scenes of the winter homes of Henry Ford and Thomas Edison in Ft Myers, FL. Bill's video programs at our meetings have become classics.

THERE WILL BE ONLY TWO MONDAY NOON MEETINGS IN MAY. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Brent will introduce Jeff Merkes, the executive director of Downtown Green Bay. Jeff will tell us about current developments in downtown Green Bay. On May 23, Bob F. will introduce Mary Beth Leopold, the executive director of a new downtown business called The Automobile Gallery.

THREE SPECIAL MEETINGS IN MAY WILL BE: (1) Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> is our annual youth awards banquet at the Riverside Ballroom, with a reception at 6:00 in the evening and dinner at 6:30. (2) Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have our high school scholarship awards banquet at The Black & Tan, with a reception at 5:45 pm and dinner at 6:00. (3) We will not have a meeting on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day. Instead, the next day, on Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have our annual outing with the Nicolet School third- graders at the NEW ZOO. We will have lunch at the zoo at 11:00 am, followed by a tour of the zoo with the students and their teachers.

AND---the answer to what Mayflowers bring: *Pilgrims!* (Okay, we really need Doug at our meeting with his riddles.)

by Bob Fahres