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KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown
KIWANIS MEETING OF March 11th, 2019

Most of our club officers were out of town today: President Maria (and Joe) were in New York City to watch their daughter march with the Ashwaubenon band in the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York---Secretary Rick was vacationing in Florida, trying out his new semi-retirement----and Treasurer Pat was in Baltimore attending a Board meeting of the hotel industry. With all of those absentees, Anne Van Ess (vice-president for life) conducted the meeting in her usual competent manner.

Attendance was low with so many officers gone, plus other regular attendees not present. Members attending the meeting were: Ben, Dal, Vince and Nancy, Ann, Anne, Bob R. and Bob F. Two women who were part of the program, Brittany and Yolanda were also present, for total attendance of ten people.

Our buffet included egg salad sandwiches, tossed salad and French fries. An okay meal.

One happy dollar from Anne who was enjoying the nice sunny and warm (?) weather.

No other news except to note that Ben gave a nice spur-of-the-moment prayer, and he did his usual good job of pouring second cups of coffee.

The speaker was our friend and regular meeting attendee as an aide to Vince, Nancy Closs. Nancy has written a children's book---maybe more accurately, a book for children---and invited Brittany Koren, her book publisher to attend our meeting. Brittany has had her own book publishing company, WD Publishing

located at 1524 University Avenue, for several years after working for other publishers for many years. Brittany explained how she and Nancy got together on writing and publishing Nancy's book and how they intend to market the book. A primary goal will be to get elementary schools interested in buying the book for their students. Nancy plans to give complimentary copies to Nicolet School. For Nancy's presentation she read the manuscript of her book, with sound effects related to the story provided by Yolanda from a recorder at the back of the room. Nancy has a nice writing style using many descriptive adjectives (actually, that is the only kind of adjective) to help visualize the scene that she writes about. It was an interesting and unique program. We have heard about your book for quite some time Nancy, and it was interesting to learn more about how you wrote the book and to hear you read the story.

Coming programs:

March 18---a presentation about the new Green Bay Voyager soccer team.

25---Green Bay mayoral candidate Eric Genrich will be at our meeting. His opponent Pat Buckley was also invited but has a conflict that day. Pat did speak at our meeting several weeks ago.

THREE VERY SPECIAL EVENTS COMING SOON:

April 1st will be our annual Walter Awards meeting with recognition of area middle school students. The meeting will be at the Black & Tan starting with a social time at 5:45 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. There WILL NOT be a noon Kiwanis meeting that day.

Sunday April 28th will be the fifth annual Sconniewood film festival at the Meyer Theatre, featuring films produced by area school students. Joe Jacques and Matt Haney are the driving forces in organizing this outstanding event for local students.

On Monday April 29th our noon meeting speaker will be Rebecca Blank, the Chancellor at UW-Madison. We are honored to have a speaker from such a prominent position in the State of Wisconsin. We want to have a large turnout to hear Chancellor Blank---INVITE your family, friends and co-workers to attend our meeting that day.