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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

KIWANIS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30, 2015

17 members were in ATTENDANCE as they left their Cyber Monday on-line shopping long enough to enjoy our Kiwanis gathering at noon. Thank you all! ... and we had one excused member, as Rick said he would be in Sault Ste Marie on “business” (wink, wink).

The BUFFET was another fine meal of BBQ pork sandwiches, tossed salad and chips. President Pat said that for as long as we have been meeting at the Black & Tan (for two years, more or less?) he can’t recall ever having the same meal twice. A great testimony to the chef, who does a great job of providing our meals.

The SONGS: Boyd chose were “Hey Look Us Over,” (good members all); and “Deck The Halls,” our first Christmas song this season (if we don’t count “Jingle Bells,” sung last July). We enjoyed the appropriate Christmas atmosphere of a Christmas tree and wreaths in The Terrace Room of the Black & Tan. Our meeting room is named for the famed long-time Terrace Room in the old Pranges’ downtown store (a bit of Green Bay history for you younger members), and, of course, we sang “The Packer Song”, with the words “win or lose, we’ll always sing your praises, Packers”. But (editorial comment), it is getting harder to sing those praises as the losses pile up.

HAPPY DOLLARS were from Joe, as he told us that he received 1,000 bags of candy from Kiwanis International because he and Pat attended the International Convention in Indianapolis this past summer. Joe will distribute the candy in an appropriate fashion, maybe even bring some to our meeting; from Anne, as she happily told us that all of the games have been purchased for distribution at our Nicolet kids Holiday Party on December 21st; and from Doug, who told us about plans for the Crew Ski Club that we are helping sponsor.

The RIDDLE of the week from Doug: “In what state do people like small soft drinks?”. Answer: “in Mini-Soda! Too bad Rick wasn’t here for that riddle.

Our APPLES FOR CHRISTMAS project is a great success. Dal said we have a new record with the sale of 270 bags of apples and 100% participation by our members. Included in the total are 95 bags that our members have purchased for donation to the Salvation Army. The apples will be available to be picked up this Monday, December 7th, in the Bellin Building after our meeting. Thank you to the "apple of our eye," Dal, for a great job organizing---and more importantly "doing"---everything necessary to make the apple sales an outstanding event.

Our CONDOLENCES to our member Rev. Ray Kotwicki on the death of his wife. Ray and his wife have both had long-term health problems and Ray is scheduled for leg surgery this month. We hope you have a good and fast recovery Ray, and that you can return to our Mondaynoon meetings early in 2016.

Can you donate a VAN? Wyatt and Carolyn need a van for The Production Farm, to replace the one that recently permanently stopped running. If any of our members have a used van that they could donate to The Production Farm, or if you know of someone who might be willing to donate a van, it would be a wonderful gift to the Farm. The van doesn't have to be anywhere near new, as long as it runs dependably. I haven't checked with Wyatt, but he just might be willing to name the van for the person who makes the donation. Naming rights, you know.

BELL RINGING is this Friday and Saturday at the inside entrance to the Shopko store in Bay Park Square. If you signed the ringing roster, be sure to BE THERE.

The monthly BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting is Monday December 7th at 11:00 am in our meeting room in the Bellin Building. The meeting is for officers and directors (required, unless excused) and any other interested members.

Our PROGRAM SPEAKER on Monday was Kent Crain, the manager of the Voyageur magazine. Kent told us that:--- the purpose of the magazine is to present articles about the history of the Northeastern area of Wisconsin---the articles are written by professional historians and history enthusiasts---the first issue was published in 1984, since then there have been 60 editions published----the magazine is published twice a year, in January and June, and distributed in 26 counties in Northeast Wisconsin---the magazine is published by the Brown County Historical Society, in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay---the funding for the magazine is entirely from advertising, subscriptions and donations---the magazine is on sale at various places, including Bosses', the Neville Museum gift store, and Barnes and Noble book store. Kent gave each of us a complimentary issue. A very interesting magazine! Thank you, Kent.

COMING PROGRAMS

Dec. 7th----Carolyn has arranged for a program about Fostering Youth.

Dec. 14th---Denis Lee is arranging our club Christmas Party. Our speaker will be Stephanie Lemerond, the owner of France Savant, who will tell us about "Travels with Mother". Guests are VERY welcome. All of our members are encouraged to bring their spouse, special friend, or any other acquaintance.

Dec. 21st---We will meet at 11:30 am at the Riverside Ballroom for our annual Holiday Party with the Nicolet School third graders. This is always a fun event, be sure to BE THERE.

Dec. 28th---Tim LeMere will arrange for a program.

by: Bob Fahres