

# Kiwanis

GREEN BAY – DOWNTOWN, Founded 1917



## KIWANIS KEY Downtown

### CLUB MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2016

A total of ten members, five spouses, and three guests attended our Christmas Party meeting. The 18 of us enjoyed a lunch of ham, peas, cheesy scalloped potatoes, a house salad, and ginger cupcakes for dessert. One of our guests, Jordan Christianson, played Christmas music on the piano before and during lunch. President Pat led the meeting, the pledge, and the prayer.

Pat, accompanied by Jordan, led us in singing two verses of four Christmas songs: *The First Noel*, *Silent Night*, *O Come all Ye Faithful*, and *Jingle Bells*, plus the *Packer Fight Song*. Unlike Boyd, Jordan did not know the music to our club's favorite Christmas song, "*Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer*."

Members attending alone included Dave, Bob F., Ben, Joe, and Pat. Those with spouses were: Ann and Dennis, Anne and Matt, Gloria and Alex, Dal and Lorna, Bob R. and Sue. Our other two guests were our speaker Mary Jane Herber, and John, a member of the Sunrise Optimist Club., who told us about a fund-raising opportunity delivering flowers on Valentine's Day. Happy Dollars were given by Joe, Dal, and Ann (who, with Dennis, has just returned from a ten-day trip to India).

Our speaker was Mary Jane Herber, who talked about the history of service clubs in Green Bay. She researched and looked through old City Directories, from 1880- 1921. There were many service clubs during that period. Most were either church or fraternal. The most famous club of the period was the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic), which was made up of Civil War Veterans. (Note. The last area veteran of the Civil War passed away in 1936.) By 1921, the number of service clubs in the area started to decline. The oldest service club that is still active is the Odd Fellows. Both the Moose and Elks started in this area in 1911. The Rotary Club of Green Bay started in March, 1917, and our Kiwanis club was chartered on

September 26, 1917. By the end of October, 1917, our club already had over 100 members.  
Oh, the Good Old Days!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

by Bob Rowan