



## KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

### KIWANIS MEETING OF AUGUST 31, 2015

Today was the “\$10 Happy Dollar” meeting! President Joe had so much to be happy about that he busted out the big bills. I’ll get to all of his joy shortly, but he and everyone else were most pleased to see Anne back at a club meeting. She looked great and was happy to have her surgery and hospital stay behind her (she even tossed in a happy dollar herself). Anne plans to be working part-time at the Volunteer Center later this week. The community is glad to have you back in circulation, Anne, you are very important to many, many people (including us)!

Before we got to anything else, it was time for lunch for our group of 18. Today we were served teriyaki chicken with sticky rice and a side salad. The salad dressing was a balsamic vinaigrette. I have determined that “vinaigrette” is one of the toughest words for newsletter editors to spell. It’s a French word, so I suppose Joe can spell it forwards and backwards.

Boyd’s song choices were “We of Kiwanis”, “Shine on Harvest Moon”, and the “Packer Fight Song”. At the close of the last song, I heard the deep baritone of Bill say “they’re going to have a bad year”. I think we can all agree that they definitely had a bad Saturday against the Eagles. Fortunately, it did not count and the Packers are still 15/2 odds in Vegas to win the Super Bowl (only the Seahawks have better odds at 7/1). In case you want to chat with the Minnesota native newsletter editor about the Vikings chance to win this year, they are 33/1.

Back to our Happy Dollars, ... Ann contributed because school is starting this week for her three kids. Then Joe continued with his happiness which included saluting Matt for the Sconniewood t-shirts (prominently displayed at the meeting), the new Sconniewood posters which are going up in all the area high schools (and our

businesses), and for his daughter's success at Art Street this weekend. She was given a free booth and sold over \$300 of her art work ... outstanding!

Joe announced that Preble Key Club President Jennifer Englebert is going to attend a leadership conference and the board will be considering financial support for her travels.

Rick introduced Kristan Sanchez, community development planner for the Village of Ashwaubenon, as today's speaker. She was pinch-hitting for Mike Aubinger, village president, who had a last minute conflict and was unable to join us. We were all very impressed with Kristan. In the couple of hours she had to prepare for us, she went out into the community to take photos and then put together a Powerpoint presentation. Wow!

If you didn't know anything about Ashwaubenon before today, you're an expert now. Kristan filled us in on a flood of community activities. For example, Ashwaubenon will soon have a new community center, auditorium, and aquatic center. Housing needs for seniors and empty nesters are being filled by the Woods Edge development (66 single family homes) and a "village center" that is just now starting to take shape in the old industrial area south and east of Lambeau Field. The airport is in Ashwaubenon and it has a \$111 million positive impact on the local economy. And the Bay Park Square Mall is financially one of the top performing malls in the country.

But the big news for the community of 17,000 with an assessed value of \$2.2 billion is, of course, the Titledown District just announced by the Green Bay Packers. Even though Lambeau Field is in the City of Green Bay, the new entertainment (and medical) district is in the village. Kristan said the Packers haven't shared much more about their plans than what we've all read in the newspaper, but there's no question that village officials and residents are all extremely excited and anxious for the work to begin.

A hearty Kiwanis "thank you" to Kristan for changing her schedule today in order to visit with our club. She did a wonderful job.

Don't forget that next Monday is Labor Day and we won't be meeting at the Black & Tan Grille. See you again on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>!

by Rick Satterlee

