

**GREEN BAY – DOWNTOWN, Founded 1917**

**KIWANIS KEY**

**Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown**

**KIWANIS MEETING OF January 9, 2017**

I walked into the room on the second floor of the Black & Tan restaurant at noon Monday and said to myself “this can’t be the Kiwanis meeting, there’s a crowd of people here!” But it was the Kiwanis meeting----thirteen members plus a guest of Vince, plus the speaker---a total of fifteen people!

The usually well prepared food staff of the Black & Tan must also have been surprised by the crowd, because the food bowls on the buffet table were empty before some of us had gone through the food line. But the B & T staff reacted swiftly and made sure that everyone had enough of the ham casserole, tossed salad and French bread.

VP Anne Van Ess was in charge of the meeting in the absence of President Pat. Anne did her usual fine job of starting the meeting, leading the singing and introducing announcements and club business. And the loud sound from her strong swing at the Kiwanis gong startled a few of us sitting at the front table. Emmet gave a nice invocation and Ben did his usual good job of refilling coffee cups. Nice job by everyone.

Great to see Doug back for his second week of “running the table” in attendance in 2017. And it was equally great to see Denis Lee at the meeting after his extended absence due to Boy Scout duties. Perhaps Doug and Denis can have a friendly competition in

attending meetings this year, while still maintaining their scouting activities.

We sang "On Kiwanis," (we work and build)----"He's Got The Whole World In His Arms," (yep, the whole world) which we sing infrequently but did a splendid job on the first verse, but struggled badly with the fourth verse. We closed with BOTH verses of the "Packer Fight Song."

In the Members In The News, it was mentioned that Steve Schneider will be speaking on entrepreneurship at a coming St. Norbert seminar. We'll look forward to Steve's happy dollar when he tells us about that experience.

Happy dollars were received from: Bob Rowan, as he told us about the successful back surgery that he had several days before Christmas. Bob said there is a 75% chance that follow-up surgery will not be necessary---Joe, who told us how he met Scott Walker---Emmet, who thought that the Packers victory over the Giants warranted a happy dollar---and in a somewhat unusual occurrence, Rick provided the dollar that he forgot to donate last week.

Special commendation is due to two dedicated and generous Kiwanis members, Joe Jacques and Dal Wood. Joe gave a nice Christmas bonus to our noon waitress at the Black & Tan, and Dal paid the annual fee for our web site. Thank you to both of these good Kiwanis members.

Our speaker was Matt Bero, who is a self-employed artist and graphic designer using the business name "Design Bero." Matt told us about art projects he has completed around the state with his traveling pop-up gallery, which can be any type of art that fills in vacant spaces in buildings or land. One of his displays is a large mural that was spray painted on the side of a building on Main

Street in Green Bay. Matt had a power point picture presentation that was very interesting.

Anne needs an immediate response from members who are responsible for coming programs: the Kuethers' on Jan. 16; Denis on Jan. 23; Tim on Jan. 30; and George on Feb. 6. PLEASE contact Anne by email or phone to either tell her that you will arrange for a program or that you will not be able to arrange a program (in which case Anne will obtain a program speaker).

By Bob Fahres