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Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

KIWANIS MEETING OF August 21st, 2017

Lots of people wanted to be downtown today to see the solar eclipse. That included 14 dedicated Kiwanians who also stopped by for a sandwich and chips lunch at the Black & Tan Grille. Attendance was boosted a bit by those of us that came early for an important board meeting to discuss the future structure of the club and our 100th anniversary. The anniversary topic discussion will continue next Monday morning at 11 AM before our regular meeting. Come and participate!

Songs today were “McDonald’s Farm”, “Wait ‘Till the Sun Shines Nellie”, and “Eternal Father” which featured lead conductor Dal. He wanted us to recognize the servicemen recently lost at sea and “Eternal Father” is actually the Navy hymn. We tried it, and the Marine Corps version, multiple times with gradual improvements.

Today’s happy dollars came from Anne (\$2) for her North Carolina vacation and the eclipse glasses she got from Emmet, Dal (\$5) for our efforts with the Navy hymn and because he found \$3 on a lunch table last week, and finally Joe (\$1) because two kids started the new school year at Notre Dame Academy today. Thank you generous members!

Our speaker today was Alex Smith, program director for The Farmory, which is located at 815 Chicago Street. This is a very interesting campaign to bring local, sustainable, and indoor agriculture to Green Bay by converting an empty former armory building into a 20,000 square foot indoor farm powered by fish and grow lights!

The Farmory operates aquaponics systems that pump water from large tanks of yellow perch (the kind we enjoy on Friday nights) to plant beds, where the waste is a natural fertilizer. The fish provide nutrients to the produce, which is sold locally and much fresher than most available produce, and the plants help the fish by filtering the waste out of their water. Alex said the fundraising goal is \$3.4 million and there are many exciting plans for The Farmory including a yellow perch fingerling hatchery, an educational curriculum, solar panels on the building roof, and offering healthy food in the city's "food desert".

If members wish to donate to this project, go to the website www.farmory.org



Anne announced the next programs:

August 28 – Katherine DuBois on “I’m Ready for Reading”

September 5 (Tuesday) – Roundtable discussion

September 11 – Jim Prosser, retired foreign service officer

September 18 – Mayor Schmitt

September 25 – a program on dental care for school kids

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