



KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

KIWANIS MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2016

Last week, on a very cold Monday, we had only 12 members attending our meeting. This Monday, with a much warmer temperature, the attendance was 50% higher than last week. So, the attendance this week was ??? ---- you can figure this out, remember your high school algebra where X equals the number of members and Y equals the temperature. And we also had a guest, as Vince brought Donald Salmon to the meeting.

The Black & Tan chef seemed to be celebrating the warmer temperature as he served us a summer picnic lunch of hamburgers (or cheeseburgers if you chose to add cheese from three types of cheese on a tray), chips, and an elegant salad. As always, an innovative and very good lunch.

Boyd (from the original Lumberjack band, you know) told us that this week he selected “real good songs.” His selections were: “Boost Kiwanis” (boost it every day)----“Jingle Bells,” Boyd had a reason for singing this song but I’ve forgotten what it was-----and “In The Good Old Summertime.” Now I remember, one song was for the bitter cold last week, and the other song was for today’s much milder temperature. Nice job, Boyd!

Club news: (1) Rick said that he has mailed application forms to all of the area high schools for students to apply for one of our Havlick scholarships. Last year we received 51 applications from students and awarded 7 scholarships of \$1,500 each. (2) Rick also told us that he sent the Press Gazette information about our Holiday lunch with the Nicolet School kids. We’ll be watching for this big newspaper news, coming soon. (3) Joe told us about his ongoing research into our club history, in preparation for our 100th anniversary extravaganza celebration in 2017. Our club was chartered in 1917, just two years after the first Kiwanis Club was organized in Detroit. (4) Joe also told us about visiting George O’Hearn and his wife Ann in their new apartment in a retirement

facility. After using my snow blower on the heavy snow that the snow plow pushed into my driveway this morning, I'm thinking that George is a pretty smart fellow. (5) Doug told us about the first ski trip this year of the Venture Crew scouting group (which we are helping sponsor) with their trip to Ski Brule. Six kids and three leaders went on the trip, and aside from one boy falling off the ski lift and breaking his arm, it was a nice outing. Doug also mentioned that he has a new scouting position as Field Director of the Bay Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts. Congratulations Doug, I hope you will still be able to liven our meetings with your "scout joke of the week."

Doug introduced our speaker of the day, Craig Robbins, the Director of Paul's Pantry. Craig started his presentation by telling us about Leo Frigo, the founder of the food pantry in 1984. Leo retired as the President of Frigo Cheese Company at the age of 53 because he had a mission to help feed low income families. Leo contacted grocery stores, restaurants and other food providers who threw away quantities of food every day. Leo convinced these companies that they should give the food to him for his food pantry. Leo's vision 32 years ago has resulted in Paul's Pantry becoming the largest food pantry in Wisconsin. After Leo died prematurely in an auto accident, the former Tower Drive bridge on Green Bay's far north side was renamed the "Leo Frigo" bridge in his honor. Craig Robbins' enthusiasm and dedication to Paul's Pantry was evident in the statistics that he quoted for us: the Pantry receives no governmental financial support, it relies entirely on community support through donations and volunteer workers----volunteers worked 75,230 hours last year----families with income below the poverty level may apply for food. Depending on their family size they may use the pantry up to three times per week---last year 4,154 families visited the Pantry 45,918 times and 4.2 million pounds of food was distributed----people can choose their food from a grocery store type distribution center----any inedible food is given to farmers for their livestock. There is no wasted food at the Pantry. It was an interesting program about a very significant community operation.

Coming Programs:

Feb. 1st, Bob Rowan will introduce Toni Bennett, the Director of the Green Bay Children's Museum.

Feb. 8th, Rick Satterlee will introduce Lee Meyerhoffer from American Transmission Company to tell us about Power Forward.

Feb. 15th, Steve Schneider has the program responsibility.

Feb. 22nd, Lindsay Tafelski will obtain a speaker.

Steve and Lindsay, ... please tell Anne Van Ess as soon as you have arranged for a program speaker.

by Bob Fahres

