

# Kiwanis

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## KIWANIS KEY

Weekly Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Green Bay – Downtown

### KIWANIS MEETING OF June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

President Pat was back at our meeting this week, after a week off last week to “cut grass.” Instead of his usual spiffy attire, Pat was wearing what he described as his “cottage clothes.” If you weren’t at the meeting, I’ll leave it to your imagination to picture Pat in cottage clothes.

The usual eight members were at the meeting. Well, not the usual eight in the sense of the same eight people every week, but rather in the total attendance of eight people. Five members were the same this week as last week: Ben, Joe, Bill, Bob R. and Bob F. The three new members attending this week were Emmet, Dave and Pat. They replaced Ann, Anne and Vince who were at the meeting the previous week. Do we have any other members?

A member who has not been at our meeting for several months, but wishes he could be with us, is Dal Wood. I talked to Dal on the phone recently and he said that he and his wife Lorna are both still struggling with medical problems. Dal will return to our meetings as soon as their medical issues permit. We hope it won’t be much longer Dal.

The Black & Tan treated us to a picnic style lunch (well, actually they didn’t treat us, we paid for the meal) with hamburgers on buns, French fries and a tossed salad. Not gourmet, but quite tasty.

Pat led us in singing three songs that he said he had specifically and specially chosen for this meeting. The songs were: (1) "Show Your K" (if you love Kiwanis you'll be proud to show your K---sadly, I didn't see any K buttons today). (2) "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" (if bluebirds can fly, why oh why can't I?). (3) The "Packer Song." This song led to the mention of a new addition to the statues at the Packer's Heritage Trail display on the corner of Washington and Cherry streets. The new statue is of a drummer from the original Packer Lumber Jack band. And of course, this reminded us of our former member and good friend Boyd Henry who was a trumpet player in the original Packer Lumber Jack band. If you still read these newsletters Boyd, come and visit us on one of these nice summer Monday noon's.

There were three Happy Dollars today: (1) Emmet told us about a family outing to Wisconsin Dells. (2) Pat lost a tree in his back yard during a wind storm---his happy news was that there was minimal damage. (3) Joe had a humorous story about going to a new coffee shop that featured several flavored coffees. Joe went to the shop at 6:00 in the morning for five days in a row to test all of the coffee flavors. None of the flavors tasted very good and on the final day the shop owner told Joe that the coffee machine had not been working well all week!

Our program speaker was Leanne Baeten who works at the St. John homeless shelter and at the Micah Center. St. John is a not-for-profit winter season shelter for adult men and women. Meals and sleeping accommodations are provided to homeless adults. This past winter St. John served 496 individuals for a total of 15,685 nights of shelter. An impressive record! The Micah Center, located at 700 E. Walnut Street, is a not-for-profit daytime center for adult men and women. Last year the center served 830 individuals. Both of these shelters provide an important need in our community.

Coming programs are:

June 19---Jeff Mirkes, executive director of Downtown Green Bay, will be our speaker.

26---Mayor Jim Schmidt has been invited to speak at our meeting, but is not yet confirmed.

July 3-----No program, the day before the Fourth of July Holiday.

10----The second choice to have Mayor Schmidt speak to us.

17---Hanna Sprangur, the Governor of our Key Club District will tell us about training for Key Clubbers.

24---A program is not yet arranged.

31---Emily Umbreit will tell us about hospice care at Aseracare.

By Bob Fahres