



Joint Service Club Meeting: Ben Peterson

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Pancake Day
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Social Events
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Spiritual Aims
Dale Halverson

Terrific Kids
Nancy Verhoven

House
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Attendance: 23 (last year – 26) Total attendance today, including all clubs and their guests: 125

Opening: President Dave Wimann presided over the all-Janesville Service Clubs annual luncheon. We were the hosts at the Elks Club

Invocation: Club member, Rev. Dale Halverson

Key Club: Dennis Wimann & Kayla Kurtz, both from Craig

Students of the Month: Laura Neuenschwander and Jarred Lassiter from Parker. Ginny Dorsheid and Jake Goike from Craig.

Club Reports: Each Club President in attendance was introduced by Prez. Dave and they offered information about their club, activities and news of interest.

Janesville Noon Rotary is one of the first service clubs founded in the U.S., not to mention Janesville, beginning in 1918. They have 139 registered members.

Janesville Noon Lions have been in existence for 48 years and are planning improvements to the open space along the Rock River between the Janesville Performing Arts Center and the Library.

Rev. Ed Ruhlander represented the three Janesville Optimist Clubs. There are 107 members in the three clubs with the largest being the noon club with 51 members. They've been around for 36 years.

Janesville Kiwanis Club President, Dave Wimann, stole the show. He introduced our "students of the month", reported on our many club activities, most notable our upcoming 51st annual pancake breakfast.

Yes, the Parker and Craig students of the month sat on opposite sides of the room.

Our Program:

Prez. Dave introduced the day's featured speaker, Ben Peterson, a native of 2,000 population, Cumberland, WI. Mr. Peterson was an all-American College wrestler at Iowa State who won an Olympic Gold Medal as a light-heavy weight in 1972 and a Silver in 1976.



His older brother, John, also won a Silver and Gold in light-weight wrestling in 1972 and 1976, respectively.

Ben Peterson retold some of his stories of his dramatic finish to the Olympic Competition in 1972, where he beat Russian wrestler, Gennady Strakhov, for the gold medal in their last respective matches, against other opponents. Peterson needed a pin and Strakhov needed to lose or win by no more than 10 points over his opponent for the Gold. Ben pinned his opponent; Strakhov won his match by 8 points. Peterson got the Gold!

Peterson then related his ideals on "Building Good Memories for Tomorrow." He is a professionally educated and trained architect. Yet, he chose to become a "builder of people." He left architecture and became a teacher and wrestling coach. It was not about his good memories of himself for tomorrow, but about others who he wanted to touch by his example.

He offered five key ideas on how to feel self assured and be "Working for an Excellent Spirit" in ourselves. They are: 1. Set the right goals, 2. Work hard, 3. Work all the time, 4. Dare to be different and 5. Do your best for somebody else.

Peterson's inspiration drew a standing ovation from the crowd.

Announcements: Next week (Dec. 14) Roundtable @ Noon, Holiday Social at the Armory, Dinner @ 6:30, Show @ 8:00.

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army on Friday, Dec. 15.

Holiday Tour of Lights on Monday Dec.18

Thanks to Ben Coopman for taking the notes. Members having information for future newsletters can email editor@janesvillekiwanis.org.
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