



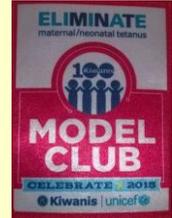
# THE SANDPIPER



## THE WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SAND LAKE, NY



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## MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2015

President Linda L. Ellis, presiding  
GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **George Raneri**

**GUESTS:** From the Averill Park/Sand Lake Fire Company:  
President Robert Blaauw & Chief Kent Shoemaker



**Kent Shoemaker, George Raneri & Robert Blaauw**

**WELCOME BACK,** George Raneri!

### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck  
Tues Apr 21<sup>st</sup>: **Daniels, Nippes, Parslow, Ginther**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, Fri April 24<sup>th</sup>, Church of the Covenant, UM

12 – 1 Set Up: \_\_\_\_\_ 6 – 7 Take Down: \_\_\_\_\_  
1 – 3:30 Registration: **Ward** 1 – 3:30 Canteen: **Linda Ellis**  
3:30 – 6 Registration: **Lane** 3:30 – 6 Canteen: **Jensky**

33<sup>rd</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>:

12 – 7, Setup & Cook: **L&L Ellis, Loveridge**  
3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**  
5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: **Lane, Hamlin**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Eve Ward:** The Town of Sand Lake has requested our help on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> for Clean Up Butler Park Day. This is good timing because it's the month before Summerfest. As many members as possible are asked to help with this project.
- **Bob Pasquarelli:** Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> is also the date of the VR Division K Family Picnic/Fun Day at Schodack Town Park from 1 to 5 PM. Most food will be provided, but Kiwanians are asked to bring a salad to share. Bring a chair, your favorite lawn game, or materials for a craft project, and lots of people!
- **Election of two delegates and two alternates** from our Club to the Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis: **David Booker** was elected delegate, only member attending.
- **Bob Loveridge:** Notices are on each table for the annual Skip-A-Meal project, and a sign-up sheet was circulated for pledges. Please pay these as soon as possible; due the end of April.
- **Bob Loveridge:** Club elections will be held at our annual meeting in May for 2015-2016 officers and directors. If you are willing to serve please let me know as soon as possible.
- **Bob Loveridge:** I have announcements for our Division's annual golf outing to be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> this year. Please take some of these to post anywhere you think they will be seen.
- **Lyndon Ellis:** The American Legion Post will hold its first of the season chicken barbecues this Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>. It's takeout only, very good, and we should support them because they donate their building for our holiday food and toy distributions.
- **John Brownrigg:** Summerfest update: Stu Nippes will coordinate electrical supply. We are still negotiating for the closing of Gettle Road. We will not publish any schedule until June 3<sup>rd</sup> to avoid misunderstandings. New website needs action photos for publicity. The planning committee will meet tonight following the regular meeting.
- **Joe Behson:** Please be sure to attend the *Dissipated Eight* free concert this Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 PM at the Algonquin Middle School auditorium!

Kiwanis



## PRESENTATIONS



President Linda gave **Peter Stevens** his tab for 4 years of perfect attendance, and gave **George Raneri** his Model Club pin denoting that he is a member of a club that has donated at least \$750 per person to the EliMiNaTe neonatal tetanus project. Congratulations to each of you!



## PROGRAM



Program Chair George Raneri introduced two members of the Averill Park/Sand Lake Fire Company, President Robert Blaauw and Chief Kent Shoemaker. Bob spoke first, noting that he was a life member having served 30 years so far. The Fire Company was founded in 1900 after a major town fire, and it has always been 100% volunteers, male and female, many of whom have given long years of service. The aging of members has always been a problem, the average age being about 48 years old, with many being as much as 10 years older. The directors run



the department business, handle taxes, but are still active firefighters. We also sponsor Explorer Post 911, and accept Junior Firefighters from 16 to 18 years of age. Many members come from a long line of family firefighters.



Kent was elected chief in 2014, having joined in 1995 and worked his way up. He also comes from a line of family firemen. AP/SL covers approximately 12 square miles and 6 lakes, fighting both structure and vehicle fires, carbon monoxide poisoning, haz-mat events, water rescues, and snowmobile accidents. Some firefighters have received training in EMS. 45 years ago the rescue squad was formed, responding to cardiac and respiratory emergencies. Sand Lake Ambulance is separate and much more highly trained in medical skills. Both groups need more help during the day, when most people work, some far out of the community. All local fire companies supplement each other. AP has 3 engines, the pumper holding 1000 gallons, with a 5" hose. We have established dry hydrants in many lakes and ponds to facilitate refilling the pumper. The

large rescue truck carries most of the bulky equipment. There is a tow vehicle to take our Yankee Air Boat to emergencies. It requires much training to run it, but it is invaluable in many situations. Prior to this machine, we had a hovercraft for 15 years, but this is more useful. There are 2 chief cars, carrying epi-pens, Scott packs for smoky fires, defibrillator, etc. Members' ages are from 17 to 86 (Art Ferguson), average age 47.5. There are 3 training sessions per month. In 2014 members served over 7000 hours, averaging 148.5 hours per fire fighter. The 911 dispatcher is located in the Rensselaer County Jail. Don't hesitate to call if needed, but it should be a real emergency!



Following many questions by club members, George Raneri thanked both Bob and Kent for such an informative program, and presented each with our Certificate of Appreciation.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ Pete Stevens:** These guys are two of the hardest working guys I know! Thanks to Kent and Bob!
- \$ Pat Lane:** My friends tease me about my accent, but I know they love me! The 911 dispatcher had trouble understanding me when I called for one of our own members who fell and needed the ambulance. But it came quickly! On this lovely spring day, I saw 3 strange birds at the Center for the Arts—Kiwans members working! Last Friday night some of us attended a concert in Petersburg by Tony Kenny, a wonderful singer who has performed in Carnegie Hall!
- \$ Bryce Ginther:** I've had a few occasions to eat out lately. Last Wednesday about 9 SLKs toured the Capital City Rescue Mission and had dinner afterward at the Albany Pump Station. Then Saturday I had dinner at the WSL Firehouse served by our own members!
- \$ Barb Fioravanti:** Friday night Gene and I met Peg at the Iron Chef competition sponsored by the RPI Circle K, sampling some very unique foods. I'm happy to report that there is no more ice on the lakes, and I'm anxiously awaiting the time I can take off and land on them with my plane!
- \$ Bob Loveridge:** Please put up our posters for the pasta dinners each 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, and for the golf outing at Burden Lake Country Club. Plan on playing—you don't have

to be a good golfer. It's a scramble format, best ball plays, and you're scored as a team. Even if you don't play, you can come to the dinner for only \$25!

**\$ George Raneri:** My happy dollar is for the two firefighters who came tonight!

**DOOR PRIZE**, an IOU from George Raneri, was won by **Pete Stevens!**

A drawing for the unused dinner was won by **Eve Ward!** This cost the club \$14, depleting the Admin Fund once again.

50/50 for \$21 was won by **Peg Weiss!**

**PROGRESSIVE 50/50**, worth **\$363.50** this week, defeated the best efforts of **Jim Colabelli**, who picked the **Queen of Hearts** from the remaining **32 cards!**



### **COMING WEEKS...**

APRIL 20                   PROGRAM CHAIR: *John Mulligan and the Sponsored Youth Committee*  
**Annual Installation of the Averill Park High School Key Club Officers**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Rose Metchick*

APRIL 27                   PROGRAM CHAIR: *AP Superintendent Jim Hoffman*  
**Presentation of the 2015-16 School District Budget**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Sue Jensky*

MAY 4                      PROGRAM CHAIR: *Bob Loveridge, Update on Young Child Priority #1*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Jim Rogers*

MAY 11                    PROGRAM CHAIR: *Linda Ellis*  
**Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Eve Ward*

### **SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

*"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."*

**Walt Disney**