



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2013

PRESIDENT Michael Gates presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Ron Wagner

GUESTS: Peter Schaefer & Sharon Lawrence, AP School Board members



WELCOME BACK, Jim Hoffman, Jennie Glasser, Doug Baldrey, Bruce Perry!



PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tues April 16th: *Daniels, Loveridge, Parslow, Nippes, Whipple, Lane*

10th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, May 11th:

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

BLOOD DRIVE @ CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, Thurs April 25th:

Setup 12 – 1:30: **Hacker,** _____
 Registration 1 – 3:30: **Ward** Registration 3:30 – 6: **Lane, Linda Ellis**
 Canteen 1 – 3:30: **Weiss** Canteen 3:30 – 6: **Meislin,** _____
 Cleanup 6 – 7: **Patton,** _____

KIWANIS FAMILY PICNIC, Sat May 4th, 12 – 5 PM, Schodack Town Park, Rt 150:

Pasquarelli, Wagner, Ward, Weiss, Metchick, Loveridge, Malecki, Nippes, Mulligan, Fioravanti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **Pres Mike:** Our Boy Scout Troop 526 is sponsoring a Lasagna Dinner fund raiser on Sunday, April 28th from 3:30-6:30 PM at the AVERILL PARK Fire House. Please support our youth!
- ✚ **Pres Mike:** Did you find all the April Fools’ errors in the April 1st *Sandpiper*?
- ✚ **Bob Loveridge:** Our pasta dinner this past Saturday had fewer attendees than usual due to the powerful competition from Salem’s roast beef dinner, but we still made some money. We served 40 meals with personal service to each customer! Thanks to those who worked.
- ✚ **Pres Mike:** Our Division Council last week celebrated 25 years of Women in Kiwanis, and each club is challenged to induct at least TWO new female members this year!
- ✚ **Pres Mike:** Elections for next year’s officers and directors will be held at our annual meeting Mon May 13th. We have openings for President-Elect and Vice President, and there will be 3 available seats on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Mike Gates, Stu Nippes, Barb Fioravanti, Jim Colabelli, and Jim Rogers. *{Yes, he’s back up north!}*
- ✚ **Pres Mike:** We need a vote from the Club to endorse Key Club Past Lt Gov Emily Gicewicz for a NY District \$1000 Scholarship. Voice vote of approval.
- ✚ **Mark your calendars!** Van Rensselaer Division’s 5th Annual Tailgate Party & Theater Outing will be Sat July 20th at the Theater Barn, 54 Route 20, New Lebanon. Tailgating starts at 2 PM with the theater at 4 PM. Bring a dish to share, a chair to sit on, and BYOB. Tickets are \$24 for Agatha Christie’s *The Unexpected Guest*, a classic thriller. For tickets call Jean Andrick 686-4188 or email andrickje@yahoo.com by July 1st.



PROGRAM

SLK member and AP Superintendent of Schools Jim Hoffman introduced the Board of Education members who accompanied him: his assistant Sharon Lawrence, Peter Schaefer, and Jennie Glasser. Before he began his presentation, Jim asked for a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing. We also are

concerned about our club member Skip Patton and his family who spent the weekend at the event.

Averill Park’s amount of state aid is now down to the level it was 10 years ago. Property taxes have risen and the state mandates continue to grow, but our budget is actually less than last year. The only way to manage that is staff and program cuts. We have lost 70 teachers in 4 years. Anything not mandated is a possible cut. This year we have 13.3



staff cuts. We are trying to cut “with a scalpel rather than a machete” – that is, make small reductions in many areas rather than eliminate whole programs. The \$3 million “building program” is actually a continuing series of repair jobs necessary for upgrades and maintenance in all areas—things that have been put on hold for several years. Jim’s talk was illustrated by many charts and detailed lists, showing the complexities of trying to balance a budget and still maintain our high standards. We are dangerously close to what the new term calls “educational insolvency”—schools are not allowed to go bankrupt! We thanked Jim for an enlightening and very sobering presentation.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Bob Loveridge:** I want to thank Pat Lane, Eve Ward, and Jim Colabelli for attending the special session of the Legislature honoring my father Ray Loveridge!
- \$ **Pat Lane:** I’m happy to report that I called my friends from Somerville, MA (suburb of Boston) and they are all okay!
- \$ **Barb Fioravanti:** I was thrilled to be serenaded by the *Dissipated Eight* this weekend! I need help finding a young kids’ activity at Summerfest from 3 to 5 PM.
- \$ **Jim Hoffman:** My daughter in Wisconsin is to be ordained, and has a church assignment! She’s been visiting on Long Island, and went to Boston this weekend—she’s okay!
- \$ **Eve Ward:** I was serenaded by the boys of the *D-8* too, and I didn’t even sit in the front row!
- \$ **Dudley Dorr:** Rose and I just spent a wonderful two weeks in sunny Georgia, visiting Savannah, and our grandchildren!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Jim Hoffman, was won by **Pat Lane!**

50/50 for \$23.50 was won by **Mike Gates!**

MEGA 50/50: **Jennie Glasser** had the lucky ticket, but it didn’t help her win the \$382.50! Her stand in Stuart picked the Jack of Hearts from the 33 remaining cards!



COMING WEEKS...

- APRIL 22 PROGRAM: *John Mulligan, Barb Fioravanti, Janet Malecki*
Key Club Installation of Officers
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Jerry Tysiak*

- APRIL 29 PROGRAM: *George Raneri -- TBA*
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Joe Distell*

- MAY 6 PROGRAM: *Dave Booker: Web Site Update*
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Peg Weiss*

- MAY 13 PROGRAM: *President Mike Gates*
Annual Meeting and Club Elections
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Eve Ward*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“There are two ways to enslave a nation. One is by sword. The other is by debt.”
John Adams, 1826