



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2017

President Jean F. Hamlin, presiding

INVOCATION by Kevin Sarsfield

GUESTS: Pastor Chuck & Mary Schwartz, their son John (speakers); Clara Peters; Betty Jean Whipple



Program Chair Rose Metchick, Pastor Chuck, John, Carla Peters, Pat Lane, Mary Schwartz, Bill and Betty Jean Whipple

John sang The Star-Spangled Banner to open our meeting!

WELCOME BACK, Dale Hall



PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri May 5th & Fri May 26th:

BLOOD DRIVE Thurs April 20, Church of the Covenant

12 – 1 Set Up: **Davis, Brownrigg**

1 – 3:30 Registration: **Lane**

3:30 – 6 Registration: **Booker**

6 – 7 Clean Up: **Davis**

1 -3:30 Canteen: **Pasquarelli, Weiss**

3:30 – 6 Canteen: **Daniels**



GOVERNOR'S VISIT Sat noon Apr 29, Normanside CC,
150 Salisbury Rd, Delmar, \$25 **Booker, Lane, Weiss, Loveridge**

HOOSICK FALLS INTERCLUB/DIVISION COUNCIL, 6:30 Tues May 9th,
Giuseppe's, \$28 **Booker, Pasquarelli, Lane, Mulligan, Weiss, Malecki**

56th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, May 13th 2017

12 – 7, Kitchen/Cook: **Booker, Lewandusky, Loveridge, Nippes**

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: **Lane, Weiss, Hamlin, Malecki**

3:30 – 7, Cashier:

5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: **Hamlin, Weiss**

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Bob Pasquarelli introduced new member **Tim Murdock**, formerly from Albany who now lives in West Sand Lake. He explained to Tim that he was joining an organization of 100 nations, half a million adult members, plus college age Circle Ks, high school Key Clubs, middle school age Builders Clubs, and elementary school age K-Kids, but that the best of all is our Sand Lake Club! Bob presented Tim with our roster of members and their contact information, his name badge, his membership pin which should be worn as much as possible, especially in public, and unique to this club, the doo-hickey, to be displayed on a desk, in a window, or other suitable place to show his pride in being a Kiwanian! Tim was welcomed with applause.



PROGRAM



Rose Metchick introduced our speaker for the evening, Pastor Chuck Schwartz, his son John, and his wife Mary. He explained that he and Mary first were foster parents to John and his difficulties, and that they had to go through many interviews before they were allowed to adopt him at the age of one year. He had mental and physical shortcomings, and the Schwartzes were told he would never be able to speak or walk. Today at age 30 he has perfect pitch, and can sing all the words to many songs. He

accompanies himself on several instruments including keyboard, harmonica, banjo, guitar, and drums. He has a full set of drums at home but the one he played here is called a Cajon drum, a box like structure he sits on, playing with his hands, similar to bongo drums. All these instruments were self-taught, and words and music are memorized. The family was also told that John would always be confined to a wheelchair, but at the age of 4, he learned to walk upright, after getting



around by sitting and scooting. He survived two separate brain surgeries just days before Christmas, and a week later he performed for the public! Pastor Chuck explained that when he retired from active ministry, he became John's manager for his many appearances! The first song he sang for us was his favorite, Billy Joel's *Piano Man*, accompanying himself on the keyboard and the harmonica, and the arrangement was exactly like the one Billy Joel sings! He also sang *Amazing Grace* as he does during church services, and *Just the Way You Are*, his mother's favorite that he sings to her on her birthday and Mother's Day. The Make a Wish Foundation sent him where he wanted most to go—to New York City to meet Billy Joel! The family group stayed in a big hotel right on Times Square. John has a twin brother Tyrone, with different challenges,



who lives in Kansas. The family recently traveled there so the two boys could get to know each other. In addition to starting our meeting with the National Anthem, John ended by singing *In the Middle of the Night*, accompanying himself on the banjo.

This was one of the most amazing programs we have had, and the joy just radiated from this young man! And no one talked while he was performing! Kevin Sarsfield thanked the Schwartz family for coming to us, presenting both father and son with our Certificates of Appreciation, and commenting that no one should ever say they CAN'T do something! Just look at John!



HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Dale Hall:** Gave \$20 for the program, and told a story of an escapade when he and Pastor Chuck, boyhood friends, were throwing mudballs at a school bus. Dale stayed hidden in the bushes, but convinced Pastor Chuck to run closer to the bus. Consequently, Chuck ended up in the principal's office, and had to wash the whole bus!
- \$ **Bob Loveridge:** First for a wonderful program, and also for my buddy Tim's taking the plunge, and joining Kiwanis!
- \$ **Tim Murdock:** I had joined Kiwanis many years ago, but 911 happened, and my life changed, in many ways, but now I'm here again at last!
- \$ **Pat Lane:** I just loved this program! Thank you! Earlier today, I felt like I was 17 again, riding in Dave's car with the top down!
- \$ **Bob Pasquarelli:** So glad Tim's now a member! Recently we all attended Father Tom's 20th anniversary celebration, and Tim's young son had that look on his face. I asked him if he was bored, he said yes, and I said, me too!
- \$ **Jim Colabelli:** \$3 – for Tim becoming a member, for John's wonderful program, and for Pastor Schwartz's service of mind and celebration worship service, dressed as clowns, that I had the pleasure of attending!
- \$ **John Mulligan:** For the great program, and for my granddaughter, who's in ROTC at Buffalo University, and completed an 11-hour hike with a 50 lb. pack on her back!
- \$ **Stu Nippes:** John, you have one awesome father! I knew the family as a child. Their house was always open. Chuck was the Youth Group advisor at Poestenkill Lutheran Church, and at my age 16, he got me into the Big Brothers program! Many thanks!
- \$ **Jean Hamlin:** For a great program! I have a story for you: Yohnny Yohnsen was asked by a pastor how to get to the post office. He told him to go 2 blocks down, and turn right at the end of the street. The pastor then invited Yohnny to come to his church and he'd teach him how to get to heaven. Yohnny declined, saying, "you don't even know how to get to the post office!"

\$ **Pastor Chuck:** I've got a story too. Sven and Ole were using the outhouse together (it was a two-seater). When Sven finished his business, he got up and threw his wallet down the hole. Ole was amazed and asked, "Why did you do that?" Sven said, "I dropped a quarter, and I'm not going down there for two bits!"

DRAWINGS: Good attendance tonight! No unpaid dinners!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Rose Metchick, was won by **Tim Murdock!**

50/50 for \$24 was won by **Bob Loveridge!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth **\$240** this week, foiled the best attempts of **Bryce Ginther,** who wasn't able to come up with that elusive King of Clubs. He picked the **Ace of Hearts** from the 32 cards remaining in the deck! Maybe next week?



COMING WEEKS.....

APRIL 24 PROGRAM CHAIR: *Jim Hoffman*
PROGRAM: **Annual APCSD Proposed School Budget presentation**
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Joe Behson*

MAY 1 PROGRAM CHAIR: *David Booker*
PROGRAM: **Club Web Site Committee**
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Ron Wagner*
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MAY 8 PROGRAM CHAIR: *President Jean Hamlin*
PROGRAM: **Annual Meeting & Election of 2017-2018 Officers**
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *John Mulligan*

MAY 15 PROGRAM CHAIR: *Justin Glasser*
PROGRAM: **Luke Wilson: STRIDE Sled Hockey Player**
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE PRESENTER: *Jim Rogers*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

***"Failure is part of the process. It's an opportunity to start over again more wisely."
Daymond John, Shark Tank cohost, from his book The Power of Broke***

