



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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## MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2017

President Jean F. Hamlin, presiding

INVOCATION by Joe Behson

**GUESTS:** Lynn Patanian and Margaret Krohler



**WELCOME BACK,** Jim Hoffman



Ron Wagner

Jerry Tysiak



and

### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

GOVERNOR'S VISIT noon Sat April 29, Normanside Country Club, Delmar \$20

*Booker, Lane, Weiss, Loveridge, Brownrigg, Hamlin*



DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck  
 Fri May 5<sup>th</sup>: **Behson, Patton**  
 Fri May 26<sup>th</sup>:



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

56<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>  
 12 – 7, Kitchen/Cook: **Booker, Lewandusky, Loveridge, Nippes, Wagner**  
 3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: **Lane, Weiss, Hamlin, Malecki**  
 3:30 – 7, Cashier:  
 5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: **Hamlin, Weiss**



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, Mon, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am at Westfall Village  
**Booker, Tysiak, Pasquarelli, Patton, Nippes, Colabelli, Behson**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Bob Loveridge announced the report of the nominating committee:  
 President: John Brownrigg,  
 President-Elect: Justin Glasser,  
 Vice President: Janet Malecki,  
 Treasurer: Bob Pasquarelli  
 Directors (four to be elected): Jim Colabelli,  
 Craig Daniels,  
 Joe Grillo,  
 Jen Koury,  
 Skip Patton,  
 Peg Weiss

Nominations from the floor will be accepted next week, and the following week, May 8<sup>th</sup>, will be the Annual Meeting and Election of 2017-2018 officers.



- Hannaford donated \$22 to SLK during the Fight Hunger Reusable Bag program for March and the club will be the recipient of May's donations.

- Jim Colabelli reminded us of the Chicken BBQ Sat April 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 at Church of the Covenant. All proceeds will go to benefit NOPIATES.

**PRESENTATION**



President Jean awarded **Joe Trupia** the tab indicating his achieving **35 years of Perfect Attendance!** Congratulations for your loyalty, Joe!

**Order Chicken - Fight Addiction!**

Church of the Covenant United Methodist Men – Saturday, April 29, 2017,  
 4:00 -6:30 PM, EAT IN/TAKE OUT - Chicken Bar-B-Que – ALL proceeds to benefit NOPIATES!

A local group dedicated to raising prevention awareness and prevention of opiate addiction, providing support to those fighting opiate addiction and remembering those who have been lost to the disease.

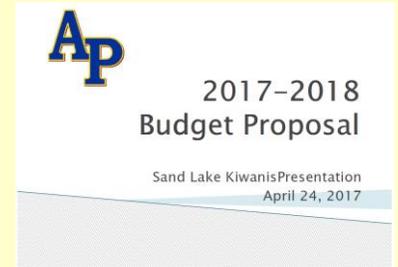
Order here:  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Dinner(s) @ \$10/dinner  
 Send w/payment to: Church of the Covenant,  
 3055 NY Rte 43, Averill Park, NY 12018 (518 429-7855)  
 Dinner: ½ chicken, potato, cole slaw, roll, pie (yes pie!) & bottled water. Donations accepted. Pre order by April 23



## PROGRAM



Averill Park's Superintendent of Schools Jim Hoffman presented the district's annual budget proposal, but before he did that, he thanked SLK for our donation to the backpack program. We have enough to feed 45 children for the weekends remaining this year. It costs \$148 per child per year, with Miller Hill showing the greatest need. The program needs more publicity in the community. There is a role-playing meeting next Monday to raise awareness of the true state of poverty in our area.



### Enhanced since 2012-2013

- Full-day Kindergarten
- Music Performances at the Elementary Level for Band, Orchestra, and Chorus
- All Sports Returned to Budget except boys' LAX
- Curriculum Support in Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies
- 1 Elementary Media Specialist
- Additional College in HS Courses
- CTE Program in Auto Tech and Construction Technology
- Instructional Tech Teacher
- Additional Psychologists
- Guidance Counselor at AMS
- HS Mathematics
- Clubs and activities
- Additional Academic Support at Elementary Level

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year with no cuts in the staff. AP has learned how to grow with minimal budget impact. All but one district program now in the budget, is not funded through fundraising. The following programs have been enhanced since 2012-13: full day kindergarten; music performances at the elementary level for band, orchestra, & chorus; all sports returned to budget funding except boys' lacrosse (new activity); curriculum support in math, science, language arts, & social studies; added 1 elementary media specialist; CTE program in auto

### Our Current Situation

- Third consecutive year with no cuts in staff
- District has learned how to grow with minimal budget impact
- All but one district program now in district budget, not funded through fundraising

tech & construction tech; instructional tech teacher; additional psychologists; guidance counselor at Algonquin; high school math; clubs & activities; and additional academic support at elementary level. Recommended changes for next year: restructure staffing to support additional needs at elementary level, 1 HS PE teacher, 1/2 time language other than English teacher, part time curriculum coach, 4 TA positions, and 1 aide; 8 additional elective courses at HS; continue a district-level administrator for evaluation of teachers; restored assistant coaches in 3 additional sports; increased support at elementary level; 2 mechanic assistant/bus drivers.

What this budget does NOT do: include reductions to any current programs or services for students, or require that the district challenge the tax levy limit and see 60% supermajority voter approval of the spending plan. Last year's budget was \$56,173,142. Proposed for next year is \$57,565,350, at an increase of \$1,392,208.

### Where are Changes?

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Salaries        | \$ 761,067   |
| Health Care     | \$ 580,569   |
| Pension         | \$ -413,236  |
| FICA            | \$ 58,221    |
| Total           | \$ 1,020,785 |
| Everything Else | \$ 70,895    |

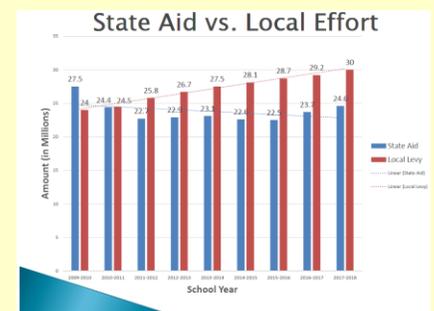
### Our Bottom Line

- 2.94% tax increase, which would have taxpayers eligible for property tax rebate
- For three years in a row, there will not be staffing reductions
- Final Aid Figures from SED will enable district to reduce use of Retirement Reserve funds
- Since 2009-2010, the TOTAL increase in district budget is 2.88%

Next year's outlook for revenue shows decrease of \$71,044, factoring in the tax levy cap, state aid, and a decrease in tuitions and other revenue. Operating expenses will also increase about 2.1%. Salaries, health care, and FICA taxes show a moderate increase, but pension costs are down. A nearly 3% tax increase would have taxpayers

eligible for a property tax rebate. For 3 years in a row, there will not be staffing reductions. The bottom line shows only a TOTAL increase in the district's budget of 2.88% since 2009.

Separate from the budget is the vehicle replacement proposition, which calls for the purchase of 8 buses (to replace ones purchased in 2005), and also for the purchase of a dump/plow truck. This keeps the district on a regular replacement schedule recommended by all consultants, public and private. The vehicles being replaced have traveled an average of 142,400 miles, transporting 3159 students nearly 1 million miles last year.



There will be a budget hearing for the community on May 8 at 6:30 PM at the high school, and on May 9 the budget newsletter will be mailed to taxpayers. The budget vote will be held on May 16 from 7 AM to 9 PM in the high school auxiliary gym.

Jim answered many questions from our members, and was roundly applauded for his usual comprehensive program.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Jerry Tysiak:** We enjoyed our winter in Florida, and while we were there our middle daughter had a baby girl they named Averill Carolina! I was very sad to hear of Jim Miner's recent passing. I spoke to Jude Clemente, and he said to say hello to everyone. I enjoyed another year with the East Naples, FL Kiwanis Club. No school districts in FL; counties each have their own school systems.
- \$ **Joe Behson:** I have the pleasure of bringing two guests tonight: my special friend Margaret, and also Lynn Patanian!
- \$ **Pete Stevens:** I went to school in Michigan, and our teacher was introducing us to public speaking by having us each stand up and tell the class what our favorite food was. Every kid told about a dessert except one, and he liked grilled pork chops. I agreed with him! Tonight's dinner reminded me of that.
- \$ **John Brownrigg:** I visited Eve Ward today, and she looks much better! She has gained a few pounds, and misses our Monday night meetings!
- \$ **David Booker:** Eve called me today, and was very happy to report receiving a long phone call from Barb Fioravanti!
- \$ **Jim Hoffman:** Our oldest daughter is getting married soon. All our kids live in the Midwest, so I'm sure we'll be doing a lot of traveling after I retire!
- \$ **Stu Nippes:** I have many stories about Jim Hoffman! I remember the interview when he first came. Then he was hired, and I got elected to the school board. Averill Park was a failing school district, but Jim has brought it up!
- \$ **Jean Hamlin:** I'm happy for all you guys who help me out when I need you!

**DRAWINGS:** Only one unpaid-for meal tonight and it was bought by Ron—thanks!

**DOOR PRIZE,** provided by Jim Hoffman, was won by **Skip Patton!**

**50/50 for \$21** was won by **Pete Stevens!**

**PROGRESSIVE 50/50,** worth **\$256.50** this week, foiled the best efforts of **Bill Whipple,** who tried his best, but could only produce the **6 of Diamonds** from the 31 cards left in the deck!



## COMING WEEKS.....

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

MAY 8                   PROGRAM CHAIR: *President Jean Hamlin*  
PROGRAM: **Annual Meeting and 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*

MAY 22                   PROGRAM CHAIR: *Nancy Davis*  
PROGRAM: *TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE PRESENTER: *Dick Johnsen*

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

***“Don’t be sad that it’s over. Smile because it happened.”***

**Vin Scully, legendary Dodgers (Brooklyn & LA) radio announcer for 67 years**