



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2013

PRESIDENT Michael Gates presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Joe D

GUESTS: Speaker Martin Reid, Chairman of
Rensselaer County Legislature

VRD Lt Gov Harleen and Art Hill

WELCOME BACK, George Raneri, Joe Distefano,
Jerry Tysiak, Jim Parslow, and Chris Bradley!



PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri, May 3rd: *Nippes, Daniels, Ginther, James, Wagner*

Tues May 21st: *Nippes, Daniels, Loveridge, 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, _____*

DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING, hosted by Rensselaer Kiwanis at the Senior Center, 6:30 Thurs May 16th, catered buffet dinner for \$18

Booker, Weiss, Lane, Behson, Rogers

VR DIVISION KIWANIS FAMILY PICNIC, Sat May 4th, 12-5 pm, Schodack Town Park:

Pasquarelli, Booker, Wagner, Weiss, Metchick, Loveridge, Malecki, Nippes, Mulligan, Fioravanti, Behson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Blood Drive report: 28 appointments, 50 units collected! Red Cross very pleased!
- ✚ Tent request approved for Janet Malecki for Sat May 11th.
- ✚ Official announcement of nominations: President Stuart Nippes, no vice president or president-elect yet, Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli. Three openings for Board of Directors. Election to be held May 13, 2013. Nominations accepted from membership.
- ✚ Kiwanis Club of Troy holding a takeout Giffy's BBQ at St Michael's Church, 175 Williams Rd, across from LaSalle Institute and HVCC, Fri May 10th 4-6 PM, \$10 complete meal. Order ahead from Dean @ 322-0826.



PROGRAM

George Raneri introduced Martin Reid, Chairman of the Rensselaer County Legislature. A Town of Sand Lake native and an alumnus of Averill Park High School, Martin has been with the Legislature since 1995. He commented on how the door to door campaigning has changed over the years, and about some of the weird Halloween



decorations he has encountered. Rensselaer County has grown in the last two decades. The Sewer Department was innovated by Fred Wurtemberger, and has improved and enlarged, but still is mainly a service to the southern part of the county. Its goal is to produce an end product "drinking water safe" discharged back into the Hudson River. We now have a new UV lighting system which is much more efficient and environmentally friendly. With a public/private partnership with the Siemens Company, we are planning development of the river front property. Negotiations have convinced the Regeneron Pharmaceutical Company not to move from here to Minnesota. The Taconic Company is successfully producing mice for the local laboratories' research. Martin answered many questions: The abandoned mall on the northeast corner of Rtes 4 & 43 will not be developed until the owners decide the recession is over and they have two major retailers to anchor the site. A hotel and marina is in the planning stages for the river front property presently empty. Natural gas service is not feasible at the present time. Joe Distell thanked Martin for a very interesting program, and presented him with our Certificate of Appreciation, and hoped that he would return again.



HAPPY DOLLARS

- § **Stu Nippes:** I'm happy John Brownrigg's not talking! And also that this business day is over! I'm pleased to announce that I am uncontested in my bid for the Averill Park Board of Education seat!
- § **John Brownrigg:** This will negate Stu's Happy Dollar—I *am* talking! I've been looking for a new car since last February, and have visited many dealers with the expected explanations of unavailability. I finally went online, and found exactly what I wanted with the features I wanted.....now..... in Brattleboro, VT! My new Buick Encore will be delivered to my home within the week!
- § **Pat Lane:** I went to lunch yesterday with the Whipples, and enjoyed the Boy Scouts lasagna dinner—best vegetable lasagna I've ever had!

- \$ **Jim Rogers:** I'm glad to see George and Martin again, though I haven't been here all winter! {"Neither have they been here all winter!"} I finally bought a new camera from Amazon, and it should arrive within a week!
- \$ **Bill Whipple:** That was really a great lasagna dinner that Troop 526 put on! Glad to see Martin again—he and I go way back!
- \$ **John Mulligan:** My granddaughter scored in the upper 1% nationally on the ACT!
- \$ **Jim Colabelli:** Great program by Martin! And happy to see the Hiltons here. They ran the music store where I took trumpet lessons as a kid, and played on WOKO Radio! Art said he was the oldest of 8 children and the store's still running!
- \$ **Barb Fioravanti:** I am happy to have my sister and her husband back from Brazil and visiting us for a long weekend!
- \$ **Bob Loveridge:** For Martin and the great job he's doing in our Legislature! For Lt Gov Harleen's visit with us—I learned how to play the guitar at the Hilton Music Store! And for our 2nd Annual Golf Outing on June 1st—everybody should come and have fun!
- \$ **Pete Stevens:** My daughter Betsy ran the Red Cross Fund Raiser at Siena College which was very successful. I directed cars in the parking lot, and nobody got hurt!
- \$ **George Raneri:** For the warm reception this club gave Martin!
- \$ **Jean Hamlin:** I'm going back to Minnesota soon, even if Regeneron isn't! They are honest, hard working, trustworthy people!
- \$ **Jerry Tysiak:** It's great to be back home from Florida!

DOOR PRIZE, an IOU provided by George Raneri, was won by **John Brownrigg!**

50/50 for \$26.50 was won by **Joe Behson!**

MEGA 50/50 has grown to \$403.50 and will continue, because **John Mulligan** picked the 2 of Hearts from the remaining 32 cards!



COMING WEEKS...

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| MAY 6 | PROGRAM: <i>Dave Booker – Web Site Update</i>
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GREETER/INVOCATOR: <i>Peg Weiss</i> |
| MAY 13 | PROGRAM: <i>President Mike Gates</i>
ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: <i>Eve Ward</i> |
| MAY 20 | PROGRAM: <i>Jean Hamlin -- TBA</i>
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: <i>Jim Rogers</i> |
| MAY 27 | NO MEETING -- MEMORIAL DAY PARADE |
| JUNE 3 | PROGRAM: <i>Peg Weiss, Update on Sandpiper</i>
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GREETER/INVOCATOR: <i>Randy Wheeler</i> |
| TUES JUNE 11 | WORK NIGHT/STEAK ROAST AT CAMP ROTARY
Workers needed, Reservations required! |

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“I don’t want to get to the end of my life and find that I have just lived the length of it. I want to have lived the width of it as well.”

Author, poet, naturalist Diane Ackerman