



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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### MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2014

PRESIDENT Stuart J. Nippes presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Bill Whipple

WELCOME BACK *Bill Whipple, Barb Fioravanti* (she was there last week but *Stu* wasn't)

### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck Tuesday, August 12: *Patton, Daniels, Ellis, Whipple*

BLOOD DRIVE at Church of the Covenant August 21:

11AM-1:30PM	Set up	<i>Davis</i>
1 – 3:30 PM	Canteen	<i>Daniels</i>
	Registration	<i>Ward</i>
3:30 – 6 PM	Canteen	<i>Jensky</i>
	Registration	<i>Ellis, Linda</i>
6 – 7 PM	Break down	<i>Davis</i>

MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, August 9.

12 – 7, Setup & Cook: *L&L Ellis, Loveridge, Colabelli*

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: *Jensky, Brownrigg, Metchick,*

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: *Ward*

5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: *Behson, Metchick*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Eve Ward:* The Outgoing President's Steak or Lobster Feed will be on Friday, August 22 at Camp Rotary, cocktails at 6:00, dinner 7:00. Ed. note: Besides being an enjoyable get-together, this was

the SLK traditional occasion for the president to thank the directors, officers and committee chairs for their service during the year. Sometimes serious, sometimes silly, it was a great tradition that has fallen by the wayside. Dale Hall gave funny t-shirts (Barb's said "Women don't have hot flashes, they have power surges"). Barb gave out silly "gifts" chosen at Party Warehouse to suit each recipient. Others have given certificates, plaques, Kiwanis mugs or other inexpensive items.



**Eve** again: The Valley Cats ball game outing is Monday, August 25. Eve has nine tickets left, at \$9.50 each. See her soon if you want one.

**Eve** yet again: This year instead of the Camp Rotary night in June, we are helping Joel Uline close up the camp on Tuesday, August 26 from 3:00 until done. Food and beverages will be provided, but this will be a work night, not so much a party. Bring a cordless drill/driver if you have one and dress appropriately.

Busy lady **Eve** again: She and **Bryce Ginther** have already started shopping for school supplies with the money donated by SLK members. The cake box was passed around for additional donations. More money is still needed, so see Eve to make a donation of any amount you can manage.

Secretary **Dave Booker** announced that over a quarter of the club still has not paid dues, which were due July 1. Since the club has to pay dues to Kiwanis International for all registered members on October 1, anyone who has not paid dues will be dropped from the club at the next board meeting in September.

Secretary **Dave Booker** reminded us that it's time to choose our three delegates for convention. The incoming President and Secretary are designated as two of them, so **Linda Ellis** and **Dave** will be delegates. **John Brownrigg** was elected as Delegate 3. Since **Dave** is a delegate-at-large, his alternate will also vote; **Lyndon Ellis** was elected to that position, Alternate 2. **Joe Behson** was elected alternate for delegate #1 and **Janet Maleki** for delegate #3.

KI is asking every club to make a report to its members reviewing the club's donation to the Eliminate Project. **Bill Whipple** provided copies of the spreadsheet showing Project Eliminate donations and pledges of the clubs of the Van Rensselaer Division. Sand Lake Kiwanis donated \$33,842.63 of the VR total of \$41,900.05; that's 81%. That is \$615.32 per member, which got us both the bronze banner patch (\$250 level) and the silver (\$500 level). **Dave Booker** explained that in order to reach the



Model Club status all we would need to do would be to pledge to donate an additional \$7,407.37 over the next five years, which we would accomplish in our normal course of business with spaghetti suppers, etc. Since that is a multi-year commitment our bylaws require a vote by the club membership. The motion for that commitment, made by **Bob Pasquarelli** and seconded by **Pat Lane** and **Eve Ward**, passed.

## PRESENTATIONS:



President *Stu* presented a check to *Jerry Tysiak* for the mega 50/50 prize he won last week.

**BIRTHDAYS:** *Pat Lane* & *Jim Perez* have August birthdays. Jim wasn't there, so we sang to Pat.



**ANNIVERSARIES:** *Jennie & Albert Glasser, Joe & Patricia Grillo, John & Pat Mulligan, Bruce & Sally Perry, Kevin & Phyllis Sarsfield, and Miller & Stephanie Young* all have August anniversaries, but none were present, so they were spared another spate of our singing. Probably they were all out celebrating their anniversaries.

**PROGRAM** was an update by *Barb Fioravanti* on the Sponsored Youth Committee, aka Service Leadership Program Committee. Our club sponsors a Key Club at Averill Park High School with



*John Mulligan* as Kiwanis Advisor, a Builders Club at Algonquin Middle School with *Barb* as Kiwanis Advisor, and a K-Kids Club at West Sand Lake Elementary School with *Janet Malecki* as Kiwanis Advisor. This fall we will have a new K-Kids Club at Poestenkill Elementary with *Stu Nippes* as Kiwanis Advisor. Also in the works is a K-Kids at Miller Hill/Sand Lake Elementary with *Chris Bradway* as Kiwanis Advisor. Barb gave a brief history of our sponsored clubs for the new members,

including our brief sponsorship of the Columbia High School Key Club after the old East Greenbush Kiwanis Club dissolved. When the new East Greenbush Kiwanis was chartered, we gave them back their Key Club. WSL K-Kids was formed during that time also, and two years ago, after many years of failed attempts, we successfully started the Builders Club. All of our sponsored clubs are very successful and active. Barb noted that Builders Club benefits from the great ideas and organizational experience of the K-Kids who move up, and Key Club will begin to benefit from Builders Club. Key Club recently had an organizational meeting and picnic at *John Mulligan's* house, and he reported that President Kiley did a great job, portending a good year.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ *Bob Pasquarelli* is happy that the “two little girls” (of the canine species) are doing well, and he and Joan have decided to keep them. He also had a happy \$ for the replacement of “the bus” with a Toyota Camry hybrid. So how many interclub-bound SLK's will fit?
  
- \$ A choked-up *Pat Lane* had a happy \$ for the Albany Med NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) who presented the grieving family of a deceased preemie with a beautiful memory book with the baby's footprints, photographs, ID bracelet and other memorabilia.
  
- \$ *Sue Jensky* is happy that her niece's husband was admitted to Law Enforcement training.

- \$ **Craig Daniels** is happy that his house sold quickly (15 days to contract). Now he has to move! Anyone want a roommate with a dog?
- \$ **Bryce Ginther** was happy that while he and Eve were in the store checkout line with two carts of school supplies, a woman in line asked just how many grandchildren they had. When they explained the project, she donated \$10.
- \$ **Ron Wagner** is \$5 worth of happy that his son **Kent**, who was a recent (excellent) SLK guest speaker, is on his way home, now in Texas, after 9 months in Africa. He is retiring from the military after 37 years of service. Thanks, Kent!
- \$ **John Brownrigg** had a “despondent” \$. When “Blondie” (**Suzanne**) had her “nose job” (surgery for skin cancer), he had to do the dishes. Opened the dishwasher, found an unidentifiable growth, and decided the machine needed to be replaced. Went to Feiden, where previously desirable stainless steel finish was supplanted by GE graphite (that would be black, right?), and appliances must match. Then the floor needed to be replaced, and the cat-clawed carpet, and then your editor lost track completely. Ask John. Anyway, the moral for all you guys: DO NOT OPEN THE DISHWASHER. John also had a Happy \$ for 24 Mondays until retirement. So how many Tuesdays?
- \$ **Jean Hamlin** had a happy \$ because she’s going to Minnesoooota. There was in fact a surprise birthday party for her, and her brother came from Minnesoooota with his two daughters. Many other family members were present as well. Each of the children wrote Jean a letter saying what she meant to them. Now that is a special birthday gift!
- \$ **Stu Nippes** is happy that there are no more happy \$. Also that Monday is over.

DOOR PRIZE, provided by **Barb Fioravanti**, was won by **Lyndon Ellis**. Hope he likes pickles.

Two extra meals were awarded as door prizes to **Jim Rogers** and **Jerry Tysiak**.

50/50 for \$20 was won by **Linda Ellis**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$36.50 this week, eluded **Bryce Ginther**, who drew the wrong King (diamonds) from the full deck of 52 cards.



NEXT WEEK: Program Chairs **Linda and Lyndon Ellis** have invited Kelly Parslow, of Rensselaer County Emergency Management services and Tom Delaney, West Sand Lake Fire Department Fire Safety Officer to speak on Fire safety.

GREETER/INVOCATOR: **Jim Colabelli**

**SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

*“...Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”*

~Emma Lazarus, from the sonnet she wrote for the Statue of Liberty

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING August 4, 2014

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Pres Nippes, Pres-Elect Ellis, Sec Booker, Treas. Pasquarelli; Directors Behson, Daniels, Lane, Fioravanti, Malecki, Brownrigg, Ward and Whipple  
Absent: IPP Gates, Dir.Loveridge

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES** Accepted as submitted

**TREASURER'S REPORT** shows income from dues, which will go out by October 1. Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli pointed out that SummerFest income is almost entirely from donations and rides. The other activities are primarily for community benefit.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

**CLUB BULLETIN:** Five members volunteered 30 hours preparing the four July *Sandpipers*.

**CLUB MEETINGS:** 10 members volunteered 14 hours

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

**Doors of Hope:** Seven members unloaded 8,000 lbs. food pantry items, 11 hours.

**Community Lettered Signs:** One member spent two hours lettering the sign for the pasta dinner.

**INTERCLUB:** Five members and five guests attended the July 13<sup>th</sup> fifth annual Van Rensselaer Division Theater and Tailgate Outing at the Theater Barn in New Lebanon. Three members and four guests attended the VR Division EMNT fundraiser at the Valley Cats game on July 17. One member participated but could not attend.

**MEMBERSHIP & EDUCATION:** A prospective member attended his second meeting and was given membership information.

**PROGRAMS:** One for each of the four July meetings.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** One article in the *Advertiser* reporting the results of the SummerFest tennis tournament.

**SENIOR SERVICES:** Three members spent ten hours assisting residents of Brookside Senior Citizen Housing in packing, moving and unpacking their possessions while their apartments were renovated.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** One member coordinated the club's annual social outing to the Valley Cats game.

**SPIRITUAL AIMS:** No report submitted.

**SPONSORED YOUTH:** No activity for K-Kids or Builders Club, as school is not in session. The Key Club Advisor reports that he hosted a meeting/cookout with the Key Club President and eight members to discuss activities for the upcoming school year. They would like to be more involved in Kiwanis activities.

#### WAYS & MEANS:

**Pasta Dinner:** 11 members volunteered 42.5 hours working at the pasta dinner fundraiser for Eliminate, serving 41 meals and raising \$186.44.

**YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY #1:** No reported activity for July.

**YOUTH SERVICES:** No reported activity.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Food Trailer Design Contest:** Tabled until the fall.

**Donation to an Organization Working with Autism:** Pat Lane has contacted our schools to find out what programs they have, and how we could help them meet their needs. There is not a separate class for autistic children, but they are served through other special classes. Pat has received permission to visit the class, and the personnel would be glad to come and do a presentation at SLK. iPads were specifically mentioned to assist in communication.

**Directors and Officers Insurance:** Action tabled until determination by KI whether this will be required as proposed for North American Clubs.

**Donation in memory of Past President Dudley Dorr:** The committee has met twice and is in the process of structuring a donation to take into account the wishes and recommendations of Dudley's widow, Rose Dorr.

## NEW BUSINESS

**New Pasta Dinner Project:** The WSL Fire Department will be having a training session on the scheduled date of the next SLK Eliminate pasta dinner. A motion was made and passed to instead serve a pasta dinner to the firefighters as a community service, with funds of about \$100 to come from Community Service.

**Funding for School Supplies for Needy Students:** A motion was made and passed to donate \$1000 for this project, to be administered by Eve Ward.

**Purchase of a DYD Foundation Raffle Ticket:** A motion was made and passed to purchase a \$100 raffle ticket for an automobile. There was cursory discussion of what we would do with the prize if ours was the winning ticket of the 500 to be sold.

**Dues Collection Report:** Secretary Dave reported that he will send reminder letters to the 9 members who still have not paid their dues. One additional member has made arrangements for a payment plan.

**Appointment of an Honorary Member:** A motion was made and passed to designate **Ken James** an Honorary Member in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the Club, and his increasing difficulty in attending meetings. This would mean that he would be welcomed at meetings as always and able to participate in all Club activities, but he would not pay dues and his absence would not count against Club statistics.

### **Other New Business:**

**Go-to Guide** has provided a report based on 17 responses to a short questionnaire they provided.

**Tent Requests:** Two for the same dates, the weekend of September 6. Stu will get the older one, and Salem United Methodist Church will get the newer one for their fair.

**DIVISION NEWS:** There will be officer training this month, but dates have not been set.

**DISTRICT NEWS:** The office of Governor Elect was contested, but one of the two candidates has withdrawn.

**INTERNATIONAL:** For the first time, in 2015-2016 both the International President and President Elect will be females.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND ADJOURN:** Made and passed.