



Sandpiper 8/5/2013



The meeting was called to order by President Mike Gates, with invocation by Secretary Dave Booker. No guests were present.



Signup Sheets:

Division Council meeting this Wednesday hosted by Castleton/Schodack. Booker, Pasquarelli, Loveridge, Lane and others will attend.

Monthly Pasta Dinner at WSL Firehouse this Saturday, Aug. 10. Ellis X 2, Loveridge, Lane, Hamlin and Ward have signed up. More are needed. Also nice to have a good showing of Kiwanians dining, so why cook? Bring the family for a sumptuous dinner to benefit the Eliminate Project.

Doors of Hope Tuesday, August 20: Daniels, Nippes and Wagner have signed up. Join them if you can.

Blood Drive Thursday, August 22: Malecki, Pasquarelli, Ward and Linda Ellis have signed up. More are needed for each shift, especially for clean-up, 6:00-7:00 PM.

Steak and Lobster Roast is Friday, August 23 at Camp Rotary. If you haven't signed up, let Eve know your choice of entrée, what menu item you can bring, and what time you can help out.

Eve is still looking for donations to purchase school supplies for needy kids. The list of supplies required by the school is extensive and expensive for parents, so this is a very worthy cause.

Announcements:

Peg Weiss would have gotten her pin tag for 14 years' perfect attendance, but she was absent.



Birthdays: Pat Lane and Jim Perez were both absent, so fortunately we didn't sing.

Anniversaries: Jennie & Albert Glasser, Joe & Patricia Grillo, John & Pat Mulligan, Bruce & Sally Perry, Bob & Deborah Reiter, Kevin & Phyllis Sarsfield Ray & Dexie Turner, and Miller and Stephanie Young

all had July anniversaries. Kevin was the only one present, so, unfortunately for all within earshot, we sang.



Program:

Stu Nippes, wearing his Summerfest Chair hat, promised to wild applause a 5 minute program, which he almost delivered. Net ticket sales were around \$10,700, Sponsor donations were \$16,000; both were less than last year. Joe Behson reported that tennis brought in \$832, the food trailer brought in about \$2000 due to the extraordinary efforts of the Ellises, beer brought in \$600, and John Brownrigg coaxed Janet Malecki into reporting that vendor booths brought in \$1800.



Stu assigned homework for each of us: please send him feedback by email or other means on what could be done to improve the SummerFest experience for Kiwanis volunteers. What could be done better to make SummerFest even more successful? Also, he's looking for feedback on next year's date, which is tentatively set for the June 15 weekend. This is the only date Art Gillette (the amusement ride company) can give us. Stu has sought out other ride companies and only finds rides for young children. Most of our ride customers are teenagers, and the income is significant (see above). Let's help Stu with some constructive suggestions.

Happy Dollars:

Joe Trupia is happy to be in the company of a billionaire. When Trustco was unable to provide Euros for the Trupias' upcoming trip, they went across the street to Key Bank where they were attended by none other than the esteemed Manager. Joe introduced him to Audrey as Bill Gates.

Kevin Sarsfield is happy to be off his medication for Lyme disease. This was a special hardship for him as he was forbidden to partake of alcohol due to drug interaction affecting the liver. He cautions us to be sure to see a doctor right away for any Lyme symptoms including headache, muscle or joint pain, fatigue or a red rash (not necessarily a bullseye-Barb). The disease can present any of these symptoms.

Bryce Ginther also joined the Lyme crowd, but he also had Ehrlichiosis, another bacterial tick-borne disease which resulted in a reduced white cell count. Especially dangerous for a hemophiliac.

Joe Behson is happy for 3 days in Vermont. While taking an early morning walk around a beaver pond he spotted two moose, a cow and a calf close enough to get a good look.

Rose Metchick is happy for a weekend spent at the Poconos NASCAR track. The weather was especially fine on Sunday.

Dudley Dorr is happy for an enjoyable family reunion enhanced by the Kiwanis tent which sheltered them from the showers. He thanked the club for letting him use the tent.

Gary is happy because he won (in absentia) the mega 50/50 last week for \$582 due to Jerry's skillful drawing which produced the King of Clubs. He is also happy because one of his sons is flying in to travel with him to the other son's place in Missouri for the Missouri son's wedding.

Jim Rogers is happy because his 11-year-old grandson Eric has climbed 21 of the Adirondack High Peaks, on his way to being a 46er.

Jean Hamlin, in her Minnesoooota accent, told a very funny joke which your ersatz editor will try to replicate (you have to imagine the accent): Lena and Oley are sitting at breakfast when Lena asks Oley if he would remarry if she died. He says he expects he would. Lena asks if his new wife would sit at her place at the table. "Ja," says Oley, "I expect she would." "And would she sleep on my side of the bed?" asks Lena. "Ja, most certainly" comes Oley's answer. "And would she use my golf clubs?" asks Lena. "Naw," says Oley, "she's left-handed."

Drawings:

Door Prize from Stu was won by Lyndon Ellis. Extra dinners were also given as door prizes.

50/50 for \$22 was won by Barb.

No mega 50/50 until a new deck of cards is acquired.

Next week:

Program Chair is Doug Baldrey, program to be announced.

Greeter/Invocator is Gary Meislin.

Sand Lake Kiwanis Board Meeting 8/5/2013

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Gates at 7:43 PM. Also present were PE Nippes, Treasurer Pasquarelli, Secretary Booker; and Directors Brownrigg, Fioravanti, Ginther, Malecki, Ward, and Whipple, for a quorum.

The Secretary's minutes and the Treasurer's reports were both approved.

The Secretary read the Committee reports, which will be included in the minutes published on the club's web site.

General Discussion of fundraising opportunities and plans for project commitments (two topics became rolled into one):

Jerry Tysiak suggested that we investigate new ways of fundraising while at the same time getting public recognition by joining with other community organizations.

Stu Nippes pointed out that our fundraising calendar is already pretty full and our volunteer hours spread pretty thin. We would need to evaluate whether we could meet additional commitments. One way to do that would be to recruit new members, which could be accomplished by being involved in more community projects that would increase visibility.

Bob Pasquarelli suggested that exposure could come from a Kiwanis info booth, not necessarily a fundraiser.

Barb Fioravanti pointed out that at our last meeting we discussed how to be less of a money-donating club and more of a hands-on service club.

Jerry reminded us that we also discussed having a Facebook page where community members could express opinions on where help is most needed.

John Brownrigg suggested that with our new rapport with the Town government we could see if there are projects that have been funded but need hands-on help. Fire departments and ambulance companies may need our help as well.

Eve Ward pointed out that while we have been talking about fundraising for particular projects in order for the public to see what we do with their money, we have done a poor job at our pasta dinners of showing what the Eliminate Project is.

Dave Booker informed us that there are downloadable videos about Eliminate that could be played on a screen at the dinners.

Community-coordinated fundraisers being considered include a White elephant tent for the White family at the town-wide yard sale in September and a booth or the food trailer at Uncle Mary's Oktoberfest to benefit a particular cause.

It was suggested that a committee be formed to evaluate projects and see how they would fit into our calendar. No formal action was taken

New Business:

John Brownrigg moved and Bob Pasquarelli seconded a motion to purchase 5 tickets at \$25 each for the annual NY District raffle. Passed.

Eve Ward moved that we place a \$50 ad in the program for the Church of the Covenant Bazaar. Stu Nippes seconded and suggested that the ad should include an invitation to check out Kiwanis and provide a phone number for the membership chair. John Brownrigg wondered if we would need to offer the same to other church programs. Barb Fioravanti and Janet Malecki expressed the opinion that we do not need to offer unless asked. The motion was passed with 1 abstention.

Bob Pasquarelli moved and there were multiple seconds to provide Eve Ward with \$500 to purchase school supplies for needy children in our district. Passed unanimously. It was pointed out that individual Kiwanians may still want to donate, as the need is great.

Jerry asked that we take up the issue of whether to continue sponsorship of the Boy Scout Troop so that we can give them notice if we intend to discontinue. President Mike pointed out that this will be an early order of business for next year's Board. The troop will learn that they will be re-evaluated each October by the incoming Board. No motion.

President Mike asked for a motion to place a \$200 ad in the Taste of Sand Lake program. Motion by Brownrigg, second by Stu, who again pointed out that the ad should include an invitation and contact phone # for membership. Passed.

Eve Ward brought up a request by Joe Behson for the use of a large tent on September 21. Joe and Jim Colabelli will be responsible Kiwanians. Passed without objection.

Next Board Meeting:

President Mike would like to bring up the purchase of a bench in the Veterans' Park in memory of our charter member Phil Pierce.

Division News: Division Council meeting this Wednesday at Castleton

District News: District Convention in Henrietta, NY.