



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2016

PRESIDENT Stuart Nippes presiding

MASS GREETING & INVOCATION by *Skip Patton*

GUESTS: Speaker Frank Ciarlo



shown here with Program Chair fill in,
Kevin Sarsfield

WELCOME BACK President Stu welcomed everyone back, as last week's meeting was at the Joe.

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

- DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck Monday, August 15: **Ginther, Wagner, Behson, Daniels**
- BLOOD DRIVE Thursday, August 18: Setup 11:00-1:30: **Davis, (Need one more)**
First shift 1:00-3:30; Canteen **Pasquarelli**, Registration Ward
Second shift 3:30-6:00, Canteen **Need a volunteer**, Registration **Need a volunteer**
Cleanup 6:00-7:30: **Davis (Need 2 more)**
- MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, August 13
 - 12 – 7, Setup & Cook: **Booker, Wagner, Daniels, Metchick, Brownrigg**
 - 3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: **Hamlin, Ginther,**
 - 3:30 – 7, Cashier **Ward**:
 - 5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: **Hamlin, Lane, Metchick**
- DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING/INTERCLUB at Rensselaer Firehouse Wednesday, August 10, 4:30 PM, \$10 per person. For those who need a ride, Bob's Bus will leave Millerford's parking lot at 3:50. Those already signed up are: **Booker, Lane, Hamlin, Loveridge, Ward, Pasquarelli, Brownrigg, Nippes.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Eve Ward: We only have 16 signed up for the **Steak and Lobster Bake** on 8/19, the only date that we could get at Camp Rotary. After discussion, the Club decided to postpone the event to a date in September.

PRESENTATIONS: to **Jim Rogers**, the pin tab for 14 years' perfect attendance. Jim is away during the 4 months of winter, proving the value of the Leave of Absence.



BIRTHDAYS: "Oh, sugar, it's August," was **Pat Lane**'s reaction when called up to celebrate her August birthday. We sang passably.



ANNIVERSARIES: Of those celebrating anniversaries in August, those present for our wobbly serenade were **Bruce (Sally) Perry, John (Pat) Mulligan, and Kevin (Phyllis) Sarsfield**. Not present were **Jennie Glasser, Joe Grillo, Jamie Hanlon and Miller Young**.

PROGRAM: **Kevin Sarsfield** introduced Guest Speaker **Frank Ciarlo**,



a fellow golfer and educator who spoke about the First Tee program, a golf-based sports program for children originating from the Junior Golf Alliance of New York. Frank started introducing children to golf years ago with his own children in Tallahassee, Florida. He had support of



the community and the other parents in "hooking kids on golf." When he moved to New York he found less support for the program so that it was difficult to get kids to and from the golf course. He changed the program to after-school so the kids and their friends could play the game in their



own schoolyard or even in the gym with very simple equipment. He also brought in inspirational speakers to guide the children in sportsmanlike behavior and citizenship. He was able to raise money for the "First Tee" program, and there are now three programs in the Capital District: in Albany,

Troy and Schenectady. The game is played as a "scramble," where kids are in teams, and after each tee-off, the closest ball is played toward the



hole. Good core values are emphasized as part of the program, such as respect and responsibility. A gentle reminder is provided for those who haven't quite mastered those values.

There are three levels: First Tee National, advertised on TV, is a mentor program intended for summer vacation. The school program level provides a four-hour training and certification program for a teacher, who presents the program as part of the regular school sports program. The Drive Program level provides a manual that any adult can follow in order to become a trainer. Trainers might come from a Boys' and Girls' Club, a YMCA or other source, and the program runs after school. Frank is trying to get the Drive program more widely distributed in schools and clubs in our area. Stu Nippes suggested presenting to the APCSD school board and the superintendent, and Joe Behson suggested that Summerfest might be a good place to gain publicity and support. Skip Patton presented Frank with a Certificate of Appreciation for his informative program.



HAPPY DOLLARS:

- \$ **Bruce Perry** was happy for his second grandchild, Emma Marie, born last week.
- \$ **Jim Rogers** had a dollar each for his daughter Lisa and her son Erik, who have climbed 41 of the 46 Adirondack High Peaks. Only 5 to go! Jim also had a dollar for Dave Booker's photograph in the *Empire State Kiwanian* newsletter.
- \$ **Joe Behson** had a happy dollar for Margaret's daughter-in-law Kim, who qualified as a Norseman Extreme Triathlete by swimming in a fjord in Norway, followed by biking and running a total of 140 miles in one day!
- \$ **Kevin Sarsfield** had a happy dollar for Frank's presentation. He hopes Averill Park will get involved with the youth golf program.
- \$ **Pat Lane** had a happy dollar from her son Alan, who appreciates that his mom gets fed at Kiwanis so they don't have to make a birthday dinner for her. Pat was also happy for a great trip to Nova Scotia which involved a race with lobster pots. (Sounds very Canadian somehow ~Ed.) Pat is NOT happy that while she was gone her cat broke out through a screen and brought in fleas which have so far cost \$272 to eliminate. Pat threatens to eliminate the cat. Suggestion to all: if you go to Pat's for dinner any time soon, watch out for the "chicken"...
- \$ **Pete Stevens** is very happy for his daughter, who just received her white coat on her way to becoming a doctor. He also had a story about feeding babies jello with fruit, which of course resulted in the necessity of a bath in the kitchen sink. We surmise that only the babies, not Pete bathed in the sink.
- \$ **President Stu Nippes** had a happy dollar for Frank's interesting program. He intends to mention it to our school administration. He had another happy dollar for Olympic hammer throw athlete Rudy Winkler, a graduate of APHS, whose mom works at the new Mess Hall restaurant. **Kevin Sarsfield** wondered if throwing the hammer maketh you Thor.

DOOR PRIZE, provided by **Bob Loveridge**, was won by **Janet Malecki**. A second ticket was drawn for an extra dinner, which went to **Skip Patton**.

50/50 for \$17 was won by **Joe Behson**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$493.50 this week with \$17 added, eluded **Pete Stevens**, who could only come up with the 5 ♦



NEXT WEEK: PROGRAM CHAIR *Dick Johnson*
PROGRAM: **Rebuilding my home.**
GREETER/INVOCATOR *Barb Fioravanti*

IN TWO WEEKS: PROGRAM CHAIR *Bob Loveridge*
PROGRAM Young Children Priority #1 Committee Update
GREETER/INVOCATOR *Jim Hoffman*

IN THREE WEEKS: PROGRAM CHAIR to be arranged
PROGRAM to be announced
GREETER/INVOCATOR to be announced

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

We don't forgive people because they deserve it. We forgive them because they need it ... because we need it. We all need it. – Janis Joplin

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

ROLL CALL: Present: Pres Nippes, Pres Elect Hamlin, Vice President Malecki, Secretary Booker, Treasurer Pasquarelli; Directors Behson, Daniels, Mulligan, Ward, Lane. Absent: Brownrigg, Loveridge, Weiss, Whipple

SECRETARY'S MINUTES Were accepted as published on a motion made by Mulligan and seconded by Ward.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted on a motion made by Hamlin and seconded by Ward. We have paid off our loan to the Eliminate Project, so we have met our obligation as pledged. We need to decide whether to continue the bucket collection, and if so whether the money should go to Eliminate or something else.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMITTEE REPORTS were emailed to all by Secretary Dave.

OLD BUSINESS Previously Tabled:

- Food trailer design contest.** Trailer has not yet been painted. (tabled)
- SLK recruitment poster:** Bob Loveridge absent so unable to report (tabled)
- Purchase of a new PA system** (tabled)

NEW BUSINESS Previously Introduced

- **Purchase of school supplies for needy children:** Eve Ward and Bryce Ginther each year shop for school supplies assigned by teachers that needy children cannot afford. A motion for funding of the project at \$1,000 was made by Ward, seconded by Behson, and passed unanimously.
- **Dues collection report** from Secretary Booker: a few still have not paid but intend to. One member expressed financial reservations and was advised that incremental payments could be arranged. President Stu suggested that we create a fund to help members in financial difficulty pay their dues.

- **Donation to the Averill Park Youth Soccer Program:** The Averill Park Youth Soccer Program has requested a donation for the Kiwanis Food Trailer in lieu of a fee to allow the trailer at the September/October soccer games. They suggested \$600 but said they did not know what our profit was. A motion was made by Behson, seconded by Daniels and passed, to donate \$300 to the soccer program.
- **Community Garage Sale** Motion made by Behson, seconded by Malecki to reserve two 15' X 30' spaces at the community garage sale at a cost of \$80. There was much discussion about whether the club would donate goods so the cost could be recovered and the project made profitable. The motion passed with one nay vote.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- **Purchase of a flag at the Burden Lake golf tournament** was requested by Frank Lewandusky. The sign would have our name on it, and the cost would be \$100. The motion was made by Pasquarelli, seconded by Hamlin and passed.
- **Eliminate Project obligation met.** Should we continue collection for this or another project? Consensus was that this should be brought up for a decision by the whole club.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Funding assistance for addition of Names of SL veterans on the Veterans Memorial Park wall.
President Stu suggested this would be an appropriate project for the Community Services Committee.

DIVISION NEWS: The Troy Kiwanis Club will celebrate 100 years with a weekend extravaganza on October 28 and 29. Friday night will be a Tri-K family-friendly event. Saturday morning will be service projects in their local community, and Saturday night will conclude with a formal gala fundraiser.

DISTRICT NEWS: For this, her third run for Governor Elect, Candace Corsaro is the sole candidate that has announced for the office.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS: Kiwanis International Foundation has received the highest ranking from the nation's premier charity evaluator for sound fiscal management and a proven commitment to accountability and transparency. The ranking came from Charity Navigator, the gold standard in providing donors with essential information needed to give greater confidence in charitable choices.

BILLS PAID, MEETING ADJOURNED.