



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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### MEETING OF PRESIDENT ELECT Linda Ellis presiding



GREETINGS & ELOQUENT INVOCATION by *Jim Colabelli*

GUESTS: Prospective member *Frank Lewandusky*,



with *Bruce Perry*

and speakers



*Tom Delaney and Kelly Paslow*

WELCOME BACK: *Bruce Perry*

### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS:

BLOOD DRIVE Church of the Covenant Thursday, August 21

- Setup 11:00-1:30: *Davis*
- Canteen first shift 1:00-3:30 *Daniels*. Second shift 3:30-6:00 *Jensky*
- Registration first shift 1:00-3:30 *Ward*. Second shift 3:30-6:00 *Linda Ellis*
- Cleanup 6:00-7:00 *Davis*

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

MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, September 13

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

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: **Need help!**

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**

5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: **Need Help!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Eve** reminds us of three upcoming events needing signups:

STEAK/LOBSTER COOKOUT is August 22 at Camp Rotary. 6:00-6:30 for hors d'oeuvres, 7:00 dinner. Cost per person to be determined by price of food and supplies. Bring your chosen weapons: steak knife or nutcracker and picks. Much help is needed, so come early if you can, and let Eve know she can depend on you. **PLEASE SIGN UP WITH EVE ASAP!**

VALLEYCATS GAME is August 25. Eve will have tickets at next Monday's meeting, **or you can call her to arrange to pick them up.** There are 3 tickets left at \$9.50 each.

CAMP ROTARY WORK NIGHT is Tuesday, August 26 starting at 3:00. Beverages and subs will be provided. Bring cordless drills/drivers. We will be helping Director Joel close up the camp. **Please sign up with EVE so that there will be enough food.**

We received a thank-you note and donation for tent upkeep from **Rose Dorr** thanking us for the use of the tent.

We also received a thank-you note from St. Henry's church for the use of the tent for Vacation Bible School.

**Secretary Dave** passed around a spreadsheet showing current Directory info. He asks that each of us check our info and correct as needed.

A frustrated **Bill Whipple** pointed out that he is still owed TWO door prizes, one from **John Brownrigg** and one from **Jim Parslow**.

PRESENTATIONS: **Eve Ward** received her pin tag for 13 years of perfect attendance. **Mike Gates** and **Peg Weiss** would also have received their perfect attendance awards, but they were absent.



PROGRAM: President Elect **Linda Ellis** introduced Guest Speakers **Kelly**



**Paslow**, Manager of Rensselaer County Emergency Services and **Tom Delaney**, West Sand Lake Fire Department Fire Safety Officer to speak on Fire safety. **Tom Delaney** spoke first, explaining that there are 41 volunteer fire companies in Rensselaer County, and two paid city departments: Rensselaer and Troy. Residents of each fire district elect a Board of Fire Commissioners, who set fire protection taxes to be levied by the towns. Commissioners must live in the district they represent. All fire districts sign an agreement for mutual aid. Under

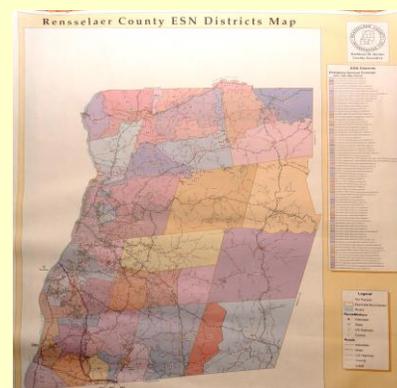
the district is the fire company, which provides the manpower. They elect their chief and sometimes other officers; in some districts the chief appoints them. Any time a fire emergency arises, the chief officially must get approval from the district, but time being of the essence, approval is assumed. Tom suggested that residents attend fire district meetings to see how decisions are made for policy and expenditures, and how taxes are set. The 911 dispatcher know the correct fire and ambulance district based on the origin of the call. Residents should know this also, so they send their donations to the right companies!



Tom told us that most fires are preventable. Still, they do happen and he reminded us that we should all develop a household exit plan (EDITH). Consider several means of exit in case the obvious one is blocked, and also consider that fire in a basement would come up the stairs and probably block a stairway above, common in 2-story house layouts. Be sure to choose a meeting place outside, a safe distance from the house, and make sure everyone in the house knows where it is and understands the importance of going there after escaping the house. Firefighters will ask if there's anyone in the house, and they will risk their lives going in to rescue anyone who is missing. Smoke and CO detectors are very important, and must be maintained with fresh batteries. Tom recommends replacing detectors after four years as technology advances. If the alarm sounds, we should not stand up where



heat is more intense, we should stay low and crawl to the door and see if it is hot, indicating fire is outside it. In that case go to a window or other exit. Visibility may be poor, so residents should practice finding their way with eyes closed. Chimney fires are common in this wood-burning area, but are dangerous, as the intense heat cracks the ceramic flue liner, allowing flames to escape into the structure. Have the chimney cleaned regularly to reduce buildup of flammable creosote, interval depending on frequency of use. In case of a chimney fire, close the damper to cut off air. Chimpex, which looks like a flare and is lit and thrown into the firebox to extinguish a chimney fire, is effective in suffocating the fire by using up oxygen. If you have a chimney fire the firefighters will report it to the building inspector, as the chimney is now probably unsafe. Carbon monoxide (CO) is invisible, odorless and deadly. It attaches to the hemoglobin in the blood, making it unable to absorb oxygen. The victim must be put into a hyperbaric chamber to increase the vapor pressure of oxygen so it is more easily absorbed by the remaining healthy red blood cells. The damaged red cells must be replaced by the body over time.



Firefighters are non-judgmental, so do not hesitate to call them. They are called in for many types of emergencies including pumping out flooded basements and rescuing pets. If your concern is not an emergency, call 270-5252 for help. **Pat Lane** says that number should also be used to report that you will be burning brush, and you should call back when the fire is out. All fire departments are looking for volunteers for many types of jobs, so you don't need to be a robust 30-year-old. You can go to a practice on October 19 to learn more, including fire extinguisher techniques.

**Kelly Paslow** works in the 911 dispatch office. He explained that when a call comes in from a land line phone, the associated address comes up on a computer screen, making it easier for emergency personnel to locate. Cell phone calls do not show an address. If you call 911 the dispatcher will ask some necessary questions. Even though anxious, the caller should answer the questions to make sure

the right service is sent to the correct address. As soon as the location is identified, even though the dispatcher is still on the phone, personnel are mobilizing their response to the emergency. If the location is closer to a different fire district, mutual aid allows a quicker response. Tom told us that trucks should be rolling within four minutes of the call, and four minutes after that they should be at the scene.



Kelly said the emergency services get weather forecasts geared to disaster preparedness. They might include expected heavy rain which could bring flooding, or high winds that take down wires. If a government agency (county, state or federal) declares an emergency, that frees up funds that can be used for mitigation. Public assistance would be for roads, schools, etc.; while individual assistance would be for restoring a dwelling where homeowner's insurance did not cover. Rensselaer County has a \$500,000 threshold for community assistance. Health Departments offer presentations on disaster preparedness. If there is an Alert for a hazard in a particular area such as a chemical spill, calls are automatically made to all phones within an area designated by a dispatcher on a computerized map. Cell phones are not included unless specifically registered.



**Jim Colabelli** thanked Kelly and Tom for an important and interesting presentation, and presented them with certificates of appreciation.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Prez Stu Nippes** arrived late but bought the extra dinner for \$10. And a good dinner it was! He also had 6 Happy \$. \$1 for being late, \$1 for **Linda** answering her phone, another \$1 for her being able to preside tonight, and another for the great program, which he heard in part. *Wait, that's 4. Maybe your Ed. missed some.*
- \$ **Jim Rogers** was also happy about the great program.
- \$ **Pat Lane** on behalf of **Peg Weiss** is happy that **Barb Fioravanti** is writing the *Sandpiper*. She is also happy about WAMC 900 AM for great music for old folks. Do we know any old folks?
- \$ **Jim Colabelli** had \$1 each for Tom's and Kelly's presentations tonight. He and Tom go way back, to when their sons were in Boy Scouts together, and Tom was assistant troop leader. He was also happy about a great Moody Blues performance. Another happy \$ was for wife **Jan's** acquisition of 6 tickets to the Philadelphia Philharmonic's performance with Cirque de la Symphonie, which he said was amazing.
- \$ **Eve Ward** was happy about a graduation party at her daughter's house for 4 graduates from high school, Oneonta, and others I didn't catch.
- \$ **Joe Behson** is happy for **Frank Lewandusky's** third visit as a prospective member. There will be a prospective member meeting this evening. *Your Ed attended that meeting, and Frank will be a fine addition to the club pending his approval by the Board in September.*

\$ **John Mulligan** is happy that he was unhurt other than a few bruises from a T-bone collision between his minivan and a Honda Accord. The minivan didn't fare so well, though, and has been replaced by a brand new Toyota RAV4.

\$ **John Brownrigg** is happy for Suzanne's good mammogram, and tastefully mentioned that he had given her a pre-exam checkup. He is also happy for 9 lbs. of honey collected by men in Tyvek suits (?). He had a proud \$ for Suzanne's tubing experience where she was bounced 4' in the air. She won a \$10 bet with a co-tuber that he would let go first. Go Suzanne!

\$ **Jerry Tysiak** had a happy \$ to tell us the "rest of the story" about **John Mulligan**. He missed last week's meeting because he fell and hurt his back. Then he pulled a muscle in his side and couldn't get out of his chair. *Then* he was in the car accident. Jerry is glad that Calamity John is OK and with us tonight. Like Gary, still smiling.



DOOR PRIZE, provided by **Linda Ellis**, was won by **Joe Behson**

50/50 of \$18 was won by **Bob Pasquarelli**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$52 this week with 51 cards, remains to be won, as **Barb Fioravanti** could only come up with the 8♠.

NEXT WEEK:

PROGRAM to be announced

GREETER/INVOCATOR **Barb Fioravanti**

**SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

*"The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God".*

~Leviticus 19:34