



THE SANDPIPER



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

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\$ MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2013

\$ PRESIDENT Michael Gates presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **Bob Pasquarelli**

GUESTS: Eileen White

WELCOME BACK, Peg Weiss

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tues Aug 20th: **Daniels, Nippes, Patton, Whipple, Gates**



14th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, September 14th:

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

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: **Weiss, Lane, Metchick**

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**, _____

5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: **Weiss, Lane**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, Thursday, August 22nd, Church of the Covenant:

Set Up 11 – 1:30: _____, _____

1st Shift 1-3:30 Canteen: **Pasquarelli, Weiss**

1st Shift Registration: **Ward**

2nd Shift 3:30-6 Canteen: **Linda Ellis**

2nd Shift Registration: **Daniels**

Clean Up 6-7: _____, _____

STEAK & LOBSTER ROAST, Friday, Aug 23rd, BSA Camp Rotary, 6 PM:

Make reservation and choice of entrée with Eve Ward. Finger desserts needed.

Helpers are needed at 5 PM to prep tables, corn, and potatoes!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bob Loveridge:** Thanks to all who worked on this week's Pasta Dinner. Customers were few, but the meal was spectacular, thanks to Chef Ellis!
- **Bob Loveridge:** The First Lady's District Project is distributing clothing for the needy. For the next two weeks we will be collecting gently used articles for men and women to be taken down to Doors of Hope.
- **Linda Ellis:** The WSL Fire Company is having a corned beef and cabbage dinner at their hall, as a fund raiser for Ken Dorr, the victim of a severe motorcycle accident, on Saturday August 24th, from 2 to 7 PM, for just \$12. Please support this worthy cause!
- **Peg Weiss:** Many thanks to Barb Fioravanti for filling in for me and writing the *Sandpiper* for two weeks!



PERFECT ATTENDANCE

President Mike presented Peg Weiss with her pin tab for 14 years of perfect attendance, even though she's been away for three weeks! In return Peg presented Mike with his pin tab for 3 years perfect attendance, although he's missed a few, too! For the explanation of these seeming oxymorons see Secretary Dave Booker!



PRESENTATION

Pat Lane introduced Eileen White who presented her request for financial assistance to purchase a platform lift for her handicapped son Keith who has hydro anencephaly, a congenital brain disorder, along with epilepsy and several other disorders. At birth Keith was given only a year to live, but he is about to have his 21st birthday, due in large part to the loving and constant care of his devoted family and friends. The lift is a special one to accommodate a wheelchair to enable his caregivers to move him up and down the stairs to his home, and to get him into the shower. Eileen had brochures for two different models, costing \$10,000 and \$13,000. She has requested aid from several other groups, and has received some help from friends who have held fundraisers, but has so far been able to raise only a few thousand dollars. President Mike presented Eileen with a check for \$500 from SLK.



PROGRAM

Doug Baldrey, one of our earlier members, presented a talk about the changes in the manufacturing industry in the area. The 19th century was the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, which continued well into the 20th century, and the Capital District was known nationally as a leading area. Many workers skilled in various types of machinery staffed the factories, and although the work was hard, were able to earn quite a good living. Unfortunately the several wars the US was involved in, including the Civil War, and both World Wars, were great stimuli for manufactured products. Great companies such as the Burden Iron Works, Albany Iron & Steel, Cluett Peabody, Republic Steel, Allegheny Ludlum, Adirondack Steel, Alco Locomotives, and the Watervliet Arsenal employed thousands, but are all gone now. Our location at the confluence of the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers and the Erie Canal was ideal for shipping. Over 10,000 women were employed in the collar and shirt industry, tops in the nation, and received good pay for their specialized work. The use of many horses resulted in the invention of a horseshoe machine. There were at one time 32 licensed breweries in the city of Troy. Today almost none of these large companies exist. Some light manufacturing has returned, but most of the jobs are not the kinds that earn good money. Manual labor is being replaced by automation, and our colleges are not preparing students for the actual work that is needed.



AWARD

Joe Behson thanked Doug for his thought provoking talk, and presented him with a plaque commemorating him as a Legacy Member of Distinction! Joe Trupia remembered Doug as the President in office when he joined the Club, and he commented upon Doug's amazing resemblance to a very popular TV comedian. Of course that was when Doug's hair was black instead of white! During his installation, many members donned masks of dark rimmed glasses, large noses and black moustaches, (which Joe demonstrated), and all could see our own "Groucho Marx"! Doug was also a pretty good comedian in his own right, and enlivened many parties!



HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ Bob Loveridge:** I found a Bosox cap left behind by a certain member, and since I knew how much he treasured it, I brought it for him tonight! (Skip came up to claim it, and when he turned around, he was wearing a Yankees cap!)
- \$ Skip Patton:** That was not nice! (But he got his Red Sox cap back. Bob put on the Yankees cap!) As long as I'm up here, I'm happy to have had a great vacation in Maine with my son!
- \$ John Mulligan:** And I had a wonderful week's vacation in Canada! (Didn't say where.)
- \$ Jim Rogers:** This is a sad dollar, since Joanne found the obituary for my college roommate from Albany State. He was a great guy, had 3 kids, and we'd just gotten together recently for the first time in 25 years!
- \$ Jim Colabelli:** Last week we went to see a wonderful show, "Les Miserables" at the MacHayden Theater, and this week we're going to see "Best Little (*House of Prostitution*) in Texas"! Had to keep it clean; this is a family oriented group!
- \$ Ken James:** Usually at this time of year, I'm getting ready to go to CA to visit my son Tim, but for a change, Tim is coming here to stay with me!
- \$ Pat Lane:** I didn't work at the Pasta Dinner this week because my family took me to Lake George and we spent the day on the boat! It was an early birthday present, and we had a maaavelous time! I also want to compliment such a caring mother as Eileen!
- \$ Pete Stevens:** We just returned from two great weeks in NJ with family and friends!
- \$ Peg Weiss:** I'm happy to have spent 3 weeks in the south, visiting family and friends! I got to see the southern two-thirds of my family with the exception of my younger son who is on a job in Fort Lauderdale. Glenn is project manager for the demolition of FL Power & Light's huge power plant. He and his son were in a video showing the largest implosion of its kind in the country, and Mom was very proud and excited!
- \$ Eileen White:** I want to thank all of you for letting me come and tell my story, and for your generous donation toward Keith's chair lift!
- \$ Jean Hamlin:** I work at the Y, and was interviewed as to why I like to work with children. As a result, I got my picture on their calendar! Miss June! I got 2 great compliments from the kids: "Grandma Jean, you're just awesome!" and "Grandma Jean, you're the best person on the staff!" That makes it all worthwhile! So here's another joke in my Minnesoota accent! Ole and Lena had gotten older, and Ole got sick and passed away. When Lena had to write his obituary, she wrote "Ole died" and was told it would cost \$10. "Oh that's too much for a poor widow to pay," she told the undertaker. He said he'd give her a few more words so she wrote "Ole died. Truck for sale."



DOOR PRIZE, provided by Doug Baldrey, was won by **Mike Gates!**
50/50 for \$24.50 was won by **Joe Behson!**

MEGA 50/50 is starting over again with a new deck, and is worth \$38 this week. **Eve Ward's** ticket was chosen, but she drew the 7 of Hearts, so it will grow some more!



COMING WEEKS...

AUGUST 19 PROGRAM: Rose Metchick The Facts of Lyme Disease
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Skip Patton*

FRIDAY AUGUST 23: ANNUAL STEAK & LOBSTER ROAST to celebrate the
Administrative year of President Mike Gates
BSA Camp Rotary at 6 PM

AUGUST 26 PROGRAM: *Woodie Hacker -- TBA*
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Stuart Nippes*

SEPTEMBER 2 NO MEETING -- LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 9 PROGRAM: *Joe Behson, Update on Membership & Education*
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Jennie Glasser*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Formula for success: rise early, work hard, strike oil.”

J. Paul Getty