

THE SANDPIPER

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

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MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2016

PRESIDENT Stuart Nippes presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by *Barb Fioravanti*

GUESTS: None tonight

WELCOME BACK *Jen Koury*



*Justin Glasser
and Bob Loveridge*



PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, No signup sheet. For info contact Bryce Ginther

BLOOD DRIVE Thursday, 8/18 at Church of the Covenant

Setup 11:00-1:30: *Davis*, _____

First shift 1:00-3:30; Canteen *Pasquarelli*, Registration *Ward*

Second shift 3:30-6:00, Canteen _____, Registration *Hamlin*

Cleanup 6:00-7:30 *Davis*, _____

MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, September 10

12 – 7, Setup & Cook *Booker, Loveridge, Lewandusky*

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: *Hamlin*, _____, _____

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: _____, _____

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

SOCCER FOOD TRAILER:

Sunday, September 11 Deliver trailer by 11 AM: _____

1st shift 11:00-2:00 *Lane, Hamlin, Sarsfield*

2nd shift 2:00-5:00 **Loveridge**, _____, _____
Sunday, September 18 Deliver trailer by 11:00 AM **Colabelli**
1st shift 11:00 2:00 **Mulligan, Ward**, _____
2nd shift 2:00-5:00 **Hamlin**, _____, _____

Sunday, September 25 Deliver trailer by 11:00 AM: _____
1st shift 11:00-2:00 **Koury, Glasser**, _____
2nd shift _____, _____, _____

Sunday, October 2, Deliver trailer by 11:00 AM: _____
1st shift 11:00-2:00: **Donnelly, Loveridge**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bob Loveridge reported that 38 meals were served at the last spaghetti supper, which is about average. It seems we are always in competition with another organization's food fundraiser.

President Stu announced that the Board of Directors has sought the Club's decision on what to do with the change collection bucket. The money has been earmarked for the Eliminate project to provide education and vaccinations to prevent maternal and neonatal tetanus. The Club's pledge obligation has been met. Should we 1. Stop collecting change? 2. Keep collecting for Eliminate, as the project continues? 3. Keep collecting but dedicate the funds to some other cause? **Secretary Dave** observed that since the funds come from within the club, the money can go to the administrative fund. **Eve Ward** and **Joe Behson** pointed out that the Eliminate need continues. **Kevin Sarsfield** wondered if the money could be spent on a more local cause. **Jerry Tysiak** mentioned the first lady's project providing going-home clothes and receiving blankets for neonatals born to needy families, and also a project to make burial gowns out of bridal gowns for stillborn babies. The profits from the spaghetti suppers are still dedicated to Eliminate. Members are asked to think about this, as a vote will be taken next week.

PROGRAM: Dick Johnson told us about sub-contracting the construction of his and Carol's house. He was concerned that none of his three slide



projectors was working until Carol pointed out that none of the house construction photos were slides. Instead he prepared picture boards of various stages of construction, including clearing of the land. Dick began by telling us that he and Carol purchased a church in order to get the building materials from it, including flooring, wainscoting, and especially the slate roof tiles. He showed us how to punch nail holes in the slates, and how to cut them using the slate hammer, which has a sharp point at one end of the head, a thin splitter at the other, and a blade behind the head for cutting.



The Johnsons purchased a book about how to sub-contract construction of a house. Murphy's Law was invoked early on, as well as the Contractor's Golden Rule: "He who has the gold makes the rules." Dick was advised to purchase the materials himself, rather than through the contractors. He and Carol agreed on a "Tudor Cottage" house plan, for which they needed 8 copies to supply to everyone involved. The Johnsons were eager to get started as they were living in an apartment in Troy with no parking and icy streets. The bank was unwilling to lend until they put up the house that Carol inherited as collateral. They bought a parcel of land in 1983 from Everett





Holser, who strapped on his artificial leg in order to show them the parcel, which boasted a good perc test. The subsequent perc test after the purchase proved less than perfect, perhaps due to new standards. Bill Whipple sold Dick a well-used truck nicknamed “Big Blue” which did the job of moving the slates to the site as well as other work. Kendall Johnson donated his service to put in the electric system, which was good as Dick is color blind and hates shocks. (*Wait a second, 120v wiring is black and white! ~Ed*).

Dick hired a framer who lived nearby, hoping he would do a good job so the house would look good nearby. However, the framer didn’t have a particular kind of drill for installation of the “timber things” (sic), and threatened a mechanic’s lien, so Dick agreed to buy the special drill. He then hired other carpenters to frame the chase for one fireplace, but after watching how they did that he was able to do the second one himself.



The huge fancy septic system was designed by Percy Cotton. The new septic design required many truckloads of expensive gravel to be brought in.

Once the design was approved it was not supposed to be changed, but Carol wanted a sunroom for her plants. Pella skylights were installed through Kiwanian Dick MaLossi. Unfortunately, the roots of the surrounding red oaks had been weakened by excavation, and in a wind storm one came down on the sunroom, breaking a skylight. Pella no longer carried the skylight or parts, so a local company made the repair, but the skylight still leaks.

Dick mentioned several people involved in construction of the house, including Kendall Johnson, Alan Randall, Rudy Evancoe, Sid Germain, George Rifenburg, Ken James, Jim Goold, Bill Whipple, and Bruce Perry. He said it was very satisfying to have built a house that will endure. Once the shed, which was the last project, was done, Carol said the only way she would leave would be in a pine box. Dick said he knew how to build a pine box...

HAPPY DOLLARS:



Joe Trupia was happy for an interesting happening at a recent performance of the sixteen-piece Greg Nazarian Band, for which Joe plays saxophone. A listener came up during the break to say that the band had played at his wife’s funeral, and he asked that they play at his own funeral when the time came. He then asked the band’s vocalist, an attractive lady, to dance with him. He also asked **Audrey Trupia**, who told him it probably wouldn’t be a good idea, as her husband was right up there in the front row of the band, and was known to have Sicilian connections.

Pat Lane woke up listening to the radio and was delighted to hear that she had won tickets to a performance at the Mac Hayden Theater.

Bob Loveridge had a happy dollar for his experience, like Joe, playing in a band. This time they were to perform for the funeral of a Hell’s Angel at the 6 mile water works. Whether they wanted to or not...

Dick Johnson had a happy dollar for recovery, though slow, from Anaplasmosis/Ehrlichiosis, a Lyme-like tick-borne disease.

Jim Colabelli had one happy \$ for an enjoyable time at his wife Jan's large family reunion out near Canajoharie. Then he had \$49 more for use of the Kiwanis tent!

Deb Donnelly, who says she sometimes prefers cats and dogs to people, had a happy dollar for a happy outcome for a dog. She was driving the community van and saw a dog running loose. She was able to catch the dog and, through the 911 registry was able to find the frantic owner, who was thrilled to have her pet back.

Jen Koury was happy that she and fiancé **Justin Glasser** closed on their house 10 days ago, and were able to move in last Saturday. She thanked **Stu** for his help with the transaction.

Jean Hamlin expressed her appreciation for the kindness of friends during her recent illness and surgery.

Joe Grillo is happy that we can experience fine opera without having to go all the way to Lincoln Center. He enjoyed La boheme at the Glimmerglass Festival.

Stu Nippes was happy for closing on Jen's and Justin's house, as he was their Realtor. He arranged for a new well producing 6 gpm at no cost to them.

DOOR PRIZE, an IOU provided by **Dick Johnson**, was won by **John Mulligan**
50/50 for \$19 was won by **John Brownrigg**
PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$511.00 this week with \$18 added, eluded **John Brownrigg** (wait a second, who drew that ticket?), who could only come up with the J ♦



NEXT WEEK, August 22:

PROGRAM CHAIR: **Bob Loveridge**

PROGRAM: Bob Clarke Brunswick Cares Community Food Pantry's Food Backpack Program

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE PRESENTER: **Jim Hoffman**

IN TWO WEEKS, August 29:

PROGRAM CHAIR: to be arranged

PROGRAM: to be arranged

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE PRESENTER: to be arranged

IN THREE WEEKS, September 5:

NO MEETING. LABOR DAY.

IN FOUR WEEKS, September 12:

PROGRAM CHAIR: to be arranged

PROGRAM: to be arranged

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE PRESENTER: **Janet Malecki**

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *The 'how' thinker get problems solved effectively because he wastes no time with futile 'ifs'. ~Norman Vincent Peale*