



THE SANDPIPER



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

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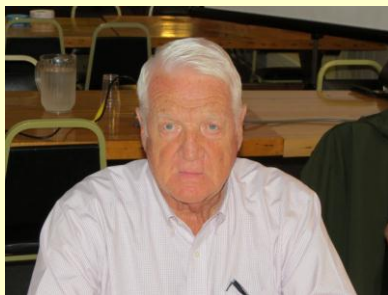
MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2013

PRESIDENT Michael Gates presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **Bob Pasquarelli**

GUESTS: Speaker **Patrick Ciraulo**, Executive Director of Capital District YMCA

WELCOME BACK, Joe Distell and Bryce Ginther!



PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri Sept 6th: **Tysiak, Patton, Ginther**

Tues Sept 17th: **Daniels**

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

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward, Stevens**

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

DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING, Tues Sept 17th at Hoosick Falls Country Club 6 PM:

Booker, Ward, Weiss, Behson, Rogers, Pasquarelli, Loveridge

RELAY FOR LIFE, Food Trailer at Bruno Stadium Fri & Sat Sept 20 & 21:

Transport TO: _____ Transport BACK: _____
5 – 8:30 PM: *Ward, Weiss,* _____ 8:30 – 11 PM: *Loveridge,* _____, _____
11 – 1:30 AM: _____, _____, _____ 1:30 -- ??: _____, _____, _____

FOOD TRAILER @ SOCCER FIELDS, Sundays of Sept & Oct:

Sunday, September 8th:
Transport TO: *Whipple* Transport BACK: _____
11 – 2: *Ward,* _____, _____ 2 – 5: *Hamlin, Weiss,* _____

Sunday, September 15th:
Transport TO: _____ Transport BACK: _____
11 – 2: *Patton,* _____, _____ 2 – 5: *Tysiak, Hamlin, Weiss*

Sunday, September 22nd:
Transport TO: _____ Transport BACK: _____
11 – 2: *Loveridge,* _____, _____ 2 – 5: *Weiss,* _____, _____

Sunday, September 29th:
Transport TO: _____ Transport BACK: _____
11 – 2: _____, _____, _____ 2 – 5: *Weiss,* _____, _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bob Loveridge:** Reminder of the First Lady's Project, donating gently used clothing to Doors of Hope. Thanks to Jim Rogers for his generous gifts last week!
- **Jerry Tysiak:** As Chairman of the Youth Services Committee, I call your attention to the primary focus of Kiwanis International and its member clubs: "Serving the Children." This past week our community was spotlighted in a documentary article in *Metroland*, a widely distributed and read publication targeting the 20-40 year old age group. This article told the story of a tragic death of one of our own young men, due to an overdose of heroin early this summer, at the local Stewart's store. The author, Jennifer Austin, went on to interview local citizens, mostly from RAAD (Rage Against Alcohol & Drugs), detailing just how serious a problem is hidden behind the pastoral façade of our town. We as a Kiwanis Club need to think how we can best serve the youth in our community in this respect. See "Suburbia's Deadly Secret: When a Great Place to Raise Children is also an Easy Place to Score Drugs", *Metroland*, August 21, 2013. [Have any SLKs accepted RAAD's invitation to join them?]
- **Joe Behson:** Membership referral forms are available on the back table. Let us know who you think might be an asset to our club!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

President Mike presented two of our members with the tabs indicating the number of years they have had perfect attendance: **Kevin Sarsfield for 7 years, and Bob Loveridge for 11 years!**
Congratulations, gentlemen, for your loyalty!



PRESENTATIONS

Membership Chair Joe Behson presented long time member **Joe Distell** with a plaque noting Joe was a **Legacy Member of Distinction!** Joe joined 42 years ago, after his insurance partner, the late Phil Pierce, one of our club's Charter Members, made it a requirement! *"The best thing I ever did was join Sand Lake Kiwanis! We worked hard, and had loads of fun!"* Congratulations, Joe, and come around more often!

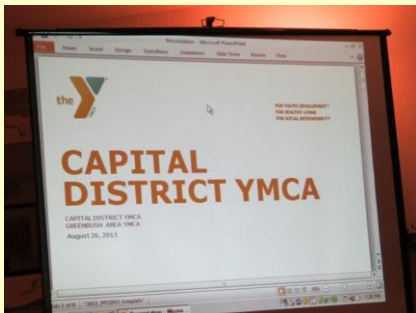


John Brownrigg, carrying a mysterious garment bag, called three of SLK's female members to the front, and proceeded to explain how he has had to listen to complaints over the years about the lack of attention to fitting women with our Kiwanis shirts. "They've told me they were too baggy, too long, too orangey, etc, etc, etc....!" So to reward these ladies for their hard work at every Summerfest and most all other projects, John presented **Barb Fioravanti, Peg Weiss, and Eve Ward** with 'made for ladies' shapes' pink shirts, emblazoned with 'Sand Lake Kiwanis'!



PROGRAM

Jean Hamlin, long a worker at our local YMCA in East Greenbush, introduced Patrick Ciraulo, the District Executive Director of the Capital District YMCA, who began by referring to the youth drug problem mentioned by Jerry Tysiak. "We are well aware of this, and are arranging



our programs to address it, too.” The Y is one of the country’s leading nonprofits, strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. In more than 10,000 communities, the Y has long standing relationships and the physical presence to deliver lasting personal and social change. The Capital District Y is one of the 35 largest in the country, serving thousands of people in 11 local areas. Visit www.CDYMCA.org. The Y is no longer just a “Gym and swim” place, but has tailored many specific programs to assist children and adults with personal and health issues. They have the largest child care program in the area, providing education and leadership; they operate Camp Chingachgook on Lake George; they provide food for poor kids, trips to places like Bruno Stadium for Valley Cats baseball games, and to the TU Arena for River Rats hockey games. Volunteers are very important to all the programs in various ways, especially the after school programs. The Y partners with many community organizations to help solve specific problems. Programs exist to help cancer survivors (Live Strong), people suffering from Parkinson’s Disease (Pedaling for Parkinson’s), and the Diabetes Prevention Program. The Y is powered by the community, and when it was feared programs would be cut back due to cessation of tax dollars, the local businesses have stepped up and donated to replace them. The Y still stands for Young Men’s Christian Association, but has changed a lot since its beginning in England in 1844, and in Boston, Albany, and Troy in 1857. The YWCA is a separate but very similar organization. Still a Christian organization, the Y is open to all: men, women, children of any religious background. Our Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Patrick by Jerry Tysiak, who thanked him for opening our eyes to many aspects of the Y that we were not aware of.



HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Eve Ward:** Many thanks to everybody who helped and contributed to the success of our annual Steak & Lobster Roast last Friday!
- \$ **Joe Distell:** I thank you all for the honor you gave me tonight. I’m a member of the Y, learned to swim there as a kid. I have many memories in SLK, and remember working with not only Phil Pierce, but Bob Middleton, Ken VanPraag, Paul Weiss, Doug Baldrey....this is a great club!
- \$ **Jim Rogers:** Thanks for Pat’s excellent program! My brother and sister-in-law were with us for their first visit, and we took them to see the Valley Cats play. They beat the Staten Island Yankees 11-6!
- \$ **Joe Behson:** Margaret and I enjoyed a hike through the Albany Pine Bush, and we too saw the redheaded woodpecker! No pictures though.
- \$ **Bryce Ginther:** I have recovered from Lyme Disease and the other complication I had with it, so I could enjoy 9 days on the West Coast with my daughter!
- \$ **Skip Patton:** I walked the Pine Bush, too, and also spotted that redheaded woodpecker! Thanks, Mike, for the inspiration!
- \$ **John Brownrigg:** I misspelled the district’s name on the ad poster! Glad Gary survived the incident at the Steak & Lobster Roast and was able to come tonight!
- \$ **Pete Stevens:** Nothing special.....thanks for a swell bunch of people!
- \$ **Jean Hamlin:** Thanks for your program, Patrick! No Norwegian jokes tonight, folks!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Jean, was won by **Craig Daniels!**

50/50 for \$23 was won by **Barb Fioravanti!**

MEGA 50/50 grew to \$71.50 this week. Would you believe it, **Mike Gates’** ticket was pulled AGAIN! But it didn’t help. He picked the 7 of Clubs...right suit, wrong card!



COMING WEEKS...

NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 2 -- NO MEETING -- LABOR DAY! ENJOY SUMMER!

SEPTEMBER 9 PROGRAM: TBA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: TBA

SEPTEMBER 16 PROGRAM: TBA
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: TBA

SEPTEMBER 23 PROGRAM: *Nancy Davis*
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Jim Hoffman*

SEPTEMBER 30 PROGRAM: *Jim Colabelli*
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Joe Grillo*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” Rev Dr Martin Luther King, Jr