



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2013

PRESIDENT Stuart J. Nippes presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Ron Wagner

GUESTS: of John Mulligan, Andrew Cook,
prospective member on his first visit



of Jean Hamlin,
Speaker Maurice Padula

WELCOME BACK, Ken James

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tues Dec 17th: *Nippes, Daniels, Lane, Loveridge, Patton*

DIVISION COUNCIL at Scarnato's, Castleton, Wed Dec 11th, 6:30, \$20, Cookie Exchange:

Booker, Pasquarelli, Weiss, Lane, Linda Ellis, Malecki, Nippes, Loveridge, Behson

BELLS OF LIFE Crossgates Mall, Saturday, December 14th:

10 – 1: *Loveridge, Tysiak, Patton, Hamlin, Colabelli, Weiss*

1 – 3:30: *Loveridge, Fioravanti, Malecki, Hamlin, Nippes, Mulligan*

3:30 – 6: *Daniels, Ward, Hamlin, Parslow*

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS (continued)

17th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, December 14th:

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Sarsfield**

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

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES behind Botsy's Barbershop, across from Veterans' Memorial:

(Weekdays 4:30 – 7; Saturdays 10 – 7; Sundays 11 – 7)

Wed Dec 11th: **Jensky, Patton**

Thur Dec 12th: **Lane, _____**

FRI--UNLOAD DELIVERY: **Loveridge, Ginther, Daniels, Patton, Colabelli, Drew Cook**

Fri Dec 13th: **Fioravanti, _____**

Sat Dec 14th, 10 – 1: **Gates, _____**

1 – 3: **Daniels, _____**

3 – 7: **Bradway, _____**

Sun Dec 15th, 11 – 3: **Loveridge, Stevens**

3 – 7: _____, _____

Mon Dec 16th: _____, _____

Tue Dec 17th: _____, _____

CHRISTMAS FOOD & TOY DISTRIBUTION at American Legion Hall, Rt 43, Averill Park

Wed Dec 18th, 6 – 8 PM: **Loveridge, Fioravanti, Mulligan, Pasquarelli, Ward, Lane, Weiss**

Thur Dec 19th, 6 – 8 PM: **Tysiak, Parslow, Linda Ellis, Jensky, Ward, Lane**

Sat Dec 21st, 8 – 1 PM: **Trupia, Patton, Pasquarelli, Ward, Weiss, Lane, Wagner, Parslow**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, MONDAY, Dec 30th at Church of the Covenant:

Setup 11 – 1:30: **Patton**

Registration 1 – 3:30: **Linda Ellis**

3:30 – 6: **Ward**

Canteen 1 – 3:30: **Lane**

3:30 – 6: **Daniels**

Cleanup 6 – 7: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ **Linda Ellis:** There are just 13 Christmas trees left from the original order of 75 trees. The second order of 75 will arrive Friday Dec 13th. Help is needed to unload them!
- ✓ **Eve Ward:** Please make your reservations for next week's Holiday Dinner Party! There are 3 choices of entrees: beef, chicken, or fish. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar begin at 6 PM, with dinner to be served about 6:45.
- ✓ **Pat Lane:** Hannaford/WSL has asked to adopt a family, and will provide food and toys for a family with 8 children! We still need more food and toys for all the rest!
- ✓ **Joe Behson:** Pres Stu, Jean Hamlin and I were at the YMCA last Saturday, and had a table display of Kiwanis information, along with our banner, which attracted much attention. Quite a few people asked questions, and some seemed interested in joining Kiwanis. They were given information, and directed to their closest club in the Division. We do intend to do this again.

PRESENTATIONS

President Stu presented **Barb Fioravanti** with the pin tab showing 20 years of perfect attendance! Congratulations to Barb, who was Sand Lake Kiwanis' first female president, 1997-98!



PROGRAM



Jean Hamlin introduced Maurice Padula, Senior Consumer Fraud Representative from the NYS Attorney General's office. She did, however, call attention to Maurice's striking likeness to actor Danny DeVito, and commented that he was called by that name quite frequently! Maurice replied that he would be very happy if his and DeVito's bank balances looked that much alike!

"Smart Seniors", a booklet put out by the AG's office, was distributed, giving information for older folks explaining the common scams perpetrated mostly on them. He supplemented it with several actual experiences of crimes committed against seniors. Identity theft is very often by ex-spouses in order to get more money than the courts allowed. Be sure to have your phone numbers on the Do Not Call List, but also be aware that crooks will still be able to surmount the rules! Phone inquiries are usually not legitimate; ask for everything in writing, sent in the mail so you



can study it. Or better yet, just hang up! Some enterprising seniors have kept the callers on line either by engaging them in useless conversation, or asking them to "hang on a minute" and then letting the phone sit! If you think you have been duped, report it to the AG's office and file a proper complaint. Don't do as one totally frustrated lady did. After waiting 2 hours to speak with the person in charge, she was told he had left for the day. She asked to see the next ranking person, and was told to "go sit in the waiting room"! She left, then returned with a large hammer, and proceeded to smash all the equipment she could reach before the police arrived! It didn't solve her problem, (undoubtedly caused more), but it probably made her feel better! Maurice related some stories such as the AG's office successfully suing Dell for false advertising of its interest rates. Another one where the consumer finally had his day was when Bank of America mistakenly foreclosed on a homeowner whose credit rating was excellent, and had always made mortgage payments on time! B of A refused to admit to the mistake, so the homeowner, with the help of the authorities, sued the bank, and won! Be especially aware of scams around holidays when folks are busy and distracted. A popular fraud is the "grandparent" scams, where the crook pretends to be a grandchild far away, "in trouble" of some kind, "don't tell my parents", just "send me the money!" Call your grandchild yourself for verification, and report the scam. Three words to remember: hang up; delete, or destroy! Use a shredder for any personal information. Crooks like to "dumpster dive"—they can find much information in your garbage! \$3 million was stolen from 7 people last year! Ron Wagner thanked Maurice for his fascinating program, and presented him with our Certificate of Appreciation for coming.



HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Jean Hamlin:** I am very happy for Maurice's talk! Please look at all the brochures on the back table, and take those you can use, especially the ones that show how to keep your kids safe on computers!
- \$ **John Mulligan:** I finally got one eye fixed this week, and hope to get the other one done soon. But at least I can see out of one eye now!
- \$ **Jim Colabelli:** This is for a successful Church of the Covenant Christmas Bazaar! And thanks to the Club for the use of the hot dog steamer!
- \$ **Joe Behson:** I am very happy for our prospective new member, Drew! Please come back!
- \$ **Stu Nippes:** And I thank you, Drew, for coming, and for our speaker, Maurice!

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

50/50 for \$25.50 was won by **Linda Ellis!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50 was worth \$317 this week, but even our Treasurer **Bob Pasquarelli** couldn't crack it! He picked a King, but not the right one! He got the King of Hearts, not the King of Clubs! We have only 36 cards left.....



COMING WEEKS...

NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 16 **HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY !!**
Cash Bar, Hors D'Oeuvres 6pm
Dinner (choice of 3) 6:45pm
Reservations required

DECEMBER 23 PROGRAM: *Joe Trupia*
Eve Ward, "What really happens at the Brookside
Holiday Party"
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Jerry Tysiak*

DECEMBER 30 PROGRAM: *Bob Loveridge*
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Bill Whipple*

Volunteer needed to take notes for the Sandpiper Dec 23 & 30!

JANUARY 6, 2014! PROGRAM: *Bob Pasquarelli, Update on Interclubs*
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Linda Ellis*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"In reading the lives of great men, I found that the first victory they won was over themselves.....Self discipline with all of them came first."

Harry S. Truman, 33rd US President