



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2012

PRESIDENT Michael T. Gates presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **Mike Gates**

WELCOME BACK, Pat Lane and Bryce Ginther from the disabled list, and Bruce Perry!



PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES, weekday 4:30-7:30

Tues Dec 11th: **Patton, Wheeler**

Wed Dec 12th: **Parslow**, _____

Thur Dec 13th: _____, _____

Fri Dec 14th: **Daniels**, _____

Sat Dec 15th, 10-12: **Sarsfield, Nippes**

12-3: **Daniels, Loveridge**, _____

3-6: _____, _____, _____

Sun Dec 16th, 12-3: **Stevens**, _____, _____

3-6: **Whipple, Perry**, _____

Mon Dec 17th: _____, _____



DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tues Dec 18th: **Nippes, Daniels, Hamlin**

Thanks to those who worked last Fri: **Daniels, Loveridge, Patti, Davis, Dorr!**

CHRISTMAS FOOD & TOY DISTRIBUTION, American Legion Hall

Wed Dec 12th, 6-8: *Sarsfield, Ward, Wagner, Lane, Patton*

Thur Dec 13th, 6-8: *Ward, Pasquarelli*

Fri Dec 14th, 6-8: *Ward, Wheelers (Randy, Karen, Eileen. + 2 Boy Scouts!)*

Sat Dec 15th, 8-12 noon: *Mulligan, Parslow, Ward, Weiss, Lane, Patton, Loveridge*

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, Thurs, Dec 27th at Church of the Covenant

12 – 1:30, Set Up: _____

1 – 3:30, Canteen: _____ 3:30 – 6: *Lane*

1 – 3:30, Registration: _____ 3:30 – 6: *Ward*

6 – 7, Clean Up: *Brownrigg*

6th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, January 12th, 2013

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: *Ward*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ **Pat Lane:** This is our final week, and we have no expectations of toy donations! Can the Club finance this important part of our distributions this Saturday? *Pres Mike called a special meeting of the Board of Directors immediately following tonight's meeting.*
- ✓ **Eve Ward:** The response to the request for teen age gifts has been great, and I now have all I need for the older kids in the families. But there are very little for the younger kids.
- ✓ **Dave Booker:** Jean Andrick invites all SLKs to a New Year's Brunch at her home in Hoosick Falls at 11 AM on New Year's Day.
- ✓ **Pat Lane:** Displayed the drawing of the "Thankful Tree" by a Miller Hill student for the supplies received. There was also a thank you note from the Principal of Poestenkill School.
- ✓ **Bob Loveridge:** We had another successful pasta dinner Saturday, making \$252.93! Thanks to those who worked: *Kevin Sarsfield, Pat Lane, Eve Ward, Rose Metchick, Lyndon Ellis, Linda Ellis, Bob Loveridge, Peg Weiss, Jean Hamlin, and Barb Fioravanti!*

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD was presented by Pres Mike to **Barbara Fioravanti** for 19 years perfect attendance! Congratulations, Barb, to a hard working SL Kiwanian!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Shawn Chamberlain, **Jean Hamlin**, Jim Hoffman, **John Mulligan**

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: Jim & Joanne Rogers, Debra & Hubert Roy

Pres Mike apologized for forgetting to honor these folks last week when we had Eve's delicious chocolate cake. We sang to the two birthday babies who were here.....and not too bad this time, either!



PROGRAM

Pres Mike once again changed hats, from Greeter and Invocator, to President, to Program Chair, and presented a most thoughtful and informative illustrated talk on Preventing Identity Theft.

In this age of technology, thieves and hackers can break into your private accounts quite easily, and you may not even know about it until you receive a huge bill that you did not incur, or you may be turned down for a

loan due to bad credit! We must learn to protect our private financial dealings, account numbers, and credit/debit cards. Check all statements soon after they arrive, and report any charges that you do not recognize. Shred credit card receipts and statements before discarding. Don't fall for telephone or front door offers, no matter how good they sound. If it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is not true! If you pay bills by mailing checks, don't leave them in your roadside mailbox—mail them at the post office. Collect your mail promptly; don't leave it in the box for someone to check it out. Don't give out personal information by phone, mail, or internet unless you initiated the call. Protect PINS and passwords from prying eyes, and change passwords frequently. Opt-Out of mailing lists for pre-approved credit lines/cards. If you receive those applications, be sure to shred them. Regularly check your credit ratings with the three major agencies. If you are victimized, be sure to take these 3 steps: 1) Contact the three agencies, plus the Social Security Administration, and the Federal Trade Commission ID Theft Hotline. 2) Contact the issuer of the account compromised, by phone and in writing, close the accounts, and ask for new cards. 3) Contact local police Department/State Police, and get copies of all police reports, keeping a log of all contacts. Specific instructions and phone numbers for these are on the handout that Mike provided. Key Bank, or your own bank, will be able to help out with instructions. Mike answered many questions and offered his help if needed. Thanks, Mike, for this unpleasant but necessary advice.



HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Stu Nippes:** Happy for Pat's two WONDERFUL grandsons in Key Club!
- \$ **Peg Weiss:** Happy for the friendship of two particular Kiwanians who came to my aid recently: Bob Pasquarelli repaired a wiring problem with my ceiling fans, and Jim Colabelli drove me home when I locked the keys in my car! Thanks, both of you! I really appreciate your kindness!
- \$ **John Brownrigg:** Happy that an early morning call ended fairly well. There was a spill at an Albany station, and the driver was injured, but fortunately not too badly, and he will recover. The Albany Fire Dept was wonderful, and had things under control quickly!

DOOR PRIZE, an IOU from Mike, was won by **Pat Lane!**
50/50 for \$21 was won by **Skip Patton!**

MEGA 50/50, grown to \$128 this week, defeated **Sec Dave Booker**, who picked the Jack of Diamonds from the remaining 47 cards!



SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

All Board members except Janet Malecki were present at this special meeting held to approve the spending of up to \$2000 to purchase toys for Saturday's distribution due to the lack of donations. Approval granted.

COMING WEEKS...

DECEMBER 17 **ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY!**
 Social Hour at 6, Dinner at 6:45
 GREETER/INVOCATOR: Bryce Ginther

DECEMBER 24 NO MEETING -- CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 31 NO MEETING -- NEW YEAR'S EVE

JANUARY 7 PROGRAM: *Dudley Dorr, Update on House & Reception Committee*
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Jim Hoffman*

JANUARY 14 PROGRAM: *Peter Stevens --TBA*
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Woodie Hacker*

JANUARY 21 PROGRAM: *Kevin Sarsfield*
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Jean Hamlin*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.”
Hamilton Wright Mabie

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HAPPY HANNUKAH!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!