



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2015

President Stuart J. Nippes, presiding

Greetings & Invocation by Bob Pasquarelli

GUESTS: Speaker Mike McGuire, Town of Sand Lake Assessor
on right being introduced by Program Chair Linda Ellis



WELCOME BACK: Lyndon Ellis –



he was out of his uniform however!

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

CHRISTMAS FOOD & TOYS, American Legion, Averill Park:

Tue Dec 15, 7 – 9, Sort: **Ward, Daniels**

Wed Dec 16, 7 – 9, Sort: **Loveridge, L&L Ellis, Ward, Weiss**

Thu Dec 17, 7 – 9, Sort: **Tysiak, L&L Ellis, Ward, Malecki**

Sat Dec 19, 8 – 1, Distribute: **Loveridge, Tysiak, L&L Ellis, Ward, Weiss**



DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck'

MONDAY, Dec 21st: **Wagner, Daniels, Patton, Nippes, Pasquarelli**

HOLIDAY PARTY, next week Monday, December 21st, 6 PM, cash bar & appetizers, guests welcome, but reservations required, see Eve Ward for dinner choice

BLOOD DRIVE, Wed Dec 30th, @ Church of the Covenant:

Set Up 12 – 1: **Davis**

Take Down 6 – 7: **Davis**

Registration 1 – 3:30: **Ward**

Registration 3:30 – 6: **Linda E.**

Canteen 1 – 3:30: **Weiss**

Canteen 3:30 – 6: **Lane**

DIVISION COUNCIL, Tues, January 5th, Hoosick Falls Club, Giuseppe's, 6 PM;

Pasquarelli, Lane, Booker, Weiss, Behson

41st MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, January 9th:

12 – 7, Kitchen: **L&L Ellis, Loveridge**

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mike Gates:** Citrus has arrived and been distributed! A few extra cases are available at Pat Lane's garage. First come, first served.
- **Pat Lane:** We start packing food and toys tomorrow (Tuesday) at the American Legion Hall in Averill Park. We need all the help we can get!
- **Bob Pasquarelli:** The first Division Council meeting of the new year will be hosted by the Hoosick Falls Club on Tuesday, January 5th, at Giuseppe's on Route 7 at 6 PM.

PRESENTATIONS

President Stu bestowed a Perfect Attendance tab upon **Barb Fioravanti for 22 years! Congratulations, Barb!**



PROGRAM



Linda Ellis introduced Mike McGuire, Assessor for the Town of Sand Lake, who illustrated his talk with slides. Assessments are updated as of March 1st. Improvements and repairs do NOT raise one's taxes. The assessor does not assess property. Tax bills are determined by town boards, school boards, and other governing bodies. Property owners do not have to permit the assessor inside their homes. Estimates can be made from the outside. New York State does not get any part of property taxes. All such revenue is used by local governments and school boards. Several exemptions are available to those who qualify: STAR (school taxes), veterans, Social Security disability, are examples. The assessed value of a larger piece of property goes up if it is divided into smaller lots. Mike answered questions of several members. The Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mike by Bob Pasquarelli.



HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Pat Lane:** There's another Patricia A. Lane in the world! My nephew's granddaughter has been awarded that illustrious name!
- \$ **Eve Ward:** I have just finished the shopping for the 43 teens on our lists. My thanks to the Club for financing most of it, and also to the individuals who also contributed cash.
- \$ **Joe Behson:** The movers have moved my belongings to my new house, and Margaret's belongings from her house to our new home. I wouldn't trust them to move my large and heavy aquarium and fish, but my good neighbor Jim Colabelli helped me with the big job, and all the fish survived!
- \$ **Linda Ellis:** Thank you to Mike for coming to speak to us tonight!
- \$ **Jim Colabelli:** My 3 Happy Dollars are for the beautiful weather we've been enjoying, the interesting program on assessments tonight, and for my finally joining the 21st century! My daughter has given me a smart phone; now all I have to do is learn how to use it!
- \$ **Joe Trupia:** You may have noticed that I'm limping tonight. We went to Florida for a family wedding, and while there, visited the Harry Potter exhibit. It's been quite a while since I last was there, and forgot how much walking was involved! My knee should improve in a week or so!
- \$ **Peg Weiss:** My brother-in-law treated me to the Glenn Miller concert at Troy Music Hall yesterday, and it was wonderful! They were great, and brought back lots of memories to many of us in the Hall!
- \$ **Barb Fioravanti:** Gene and I just bought a house on an island in the middle of Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire! I can land the plane and dock it at the front door!
- \$ **Stu Nippes:** Citrus is over!! Thanks to Mike for his accurate records, and to all who helped unload the fruit! The whole operation was completed in just 2 ½ days, thanks to the school district who allowed us to use the bus garage!

We didn't meet our quota of dinners again tonight, so Stu, Pat, Craig and Peg each bought one of the 4 extras for \$10 each!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Linda Ellis, was won by **Pat Lane!**

50/50 for \$21 was won by **Pete Stevens!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50 is working its way up again; tonight worth \$77.50. **Lyndon Ellis** did his best, but could only find the **10 of Diamonds** from the 50 remaining cards!

COMING WEEKS...

NEXT WEEK, DEC 21ST *****HOLIDAY PARTY*****



DECEMBER 28

PROGRAM CHAIR: **John Brownrigg -- TBA**
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: **Eve Ward**

JANUARY 4

PROGRAM CHAIR: **Jean Hamlin, Ways & Means Update**
GREETER/INVOCATOR: **TBA**
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 11

PROGRAM CHAIR: **Jim Colabelli -- TBA**
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: **Joe Grillo**

JANUARY 18

PROGRAM CHAIR: **Jerry Tysiak -- TBA**
GREETER/INVOCATOR/ CERTIFICATE: **Angelo Patti**

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"80% of success is showing up."

Woody Allen