



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF DECEMBER 23, 2013

PRESIDENT Stuart J. Nippes presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Jerry Trysiak

The Sandpiper 12/23/2013

INVOCATION: An eloquent invocation by Jerry Tysiak began the meeting.

GUESTS: Bill Glasser visited to make a brief presentation. Prospective new member Andrew Cook, scheduled to meet with the Membership Committee after the regular meeting. He has already participated in club projects, so we look forward to welcoming him into the Club as an active member.



WELCOME BACK: Gary Meislin and Pat Lane!

SIGN UPS:

Pasta Dinner on January 11 has both Ellises, Loveridge, Metchick, Brownrigg, Lane and Ward signed up. More are always welcome.

Doors of Hope next delivery is Friday, January 3. Mike Gates, Skip Patton and Craig Daniels are signed up. More welcome.

Blood Drive Monday, December 23, 2013 has Patton, Linda Ellis, Lane, Ward and Daniels signed up. More are needed.

Christmas Trees: Help is needed for Thursday, December 26 to take down the tree stands and remove the 12 or so remaining trees. Loveridge, Daniels, Ginther, Patton and Cook are signed up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bill Glasser made a presentation proposing a joint project between SLK and the Knights of Columbus to provide a roast beef dinner on February 22 to needy families in the area. Fr. Tom of St. Henry's church has obtained major funding for the project and is looking for assistance from Kiwanis to help plan and present the dinner. It was suggested that we use the list of applicants for our holiday food projects, and also get suggestions from Consens U to know who should get invitations. We would probably need approval from the school nurses to use our list for another purpose. President Stu formed a committee composed of Bob Pasquarelli (also a member of K of C), Rose Metchick, Jim Colabelli, Linda Ellis and himself to work with the corresponding committee from K of C. They will meet at Lakeview next Monday (12/30) after the SLK meeting.

Wal-Mart contacted Bob Pasquarelli reminding us that we had not yet applied for a grant. They awarded us \$1,000.

Rose Metchick offered some information about what's going on at the Sand Lake Ambulance house. The building is being renovated including the roof and siding to correct problems with wood rot and water infiltration. There will also be a new escape stair for the second floor which will also be used for training for second floor rescues. Bonded Concrete is helping with the driveway improvements. The project is to be funded by a building mortgage and will not have tax impact. Contributions will still go toward training, not toward the building project.



Mike Gates reported that we have over \$4,000 income from citrus sales. There are still a few boxes available at \$18.00 each: 1 grapefruit, 3 tangelos, 1 navel oranges, and 2 mixed boxes. Contact Mike if you're interested. The fruit is at his house.

Pat Lane (so glad she's back and looking well!) reports that of the 87 families requesting help with food or toys, all but one have received their boxes, and the last will be picked up tomorrow. Pat says all were very thankful. It is not easy for families to ask for help. This year we again had a generous donation of toys from the Poestenkill Boy Scout troop, which also sent volunteers to help sort toys. The APHS football team also collected donations. Bob Loveridge had a conversation with a representative from the Marines Toys for Tots program to work out a better plan for next year. We often get their toys too late to use. Since we were well-supplied this year, Bob asked that the Marines pass along our toys to the Salvation Army, which was running short this year.

PROGRAM:

Eve Ward reported to us what *really* goes on at the Senior Citizens Luncheon. This project has continued for many years, having begun with just punch and cookies. Now there is a generous spread of cold cuts, breads and rolls, salads, and homemade cookies and ice cream for dessert. It is a nice opportunity for the seniors to get together and socialize. Eve appreciates donations of homemade cookies, which may be brought to the next Kiwanis meeting or to her prior to the luncheon on Thursday, January 2. This is a project that provides a lot of benefit for its relatively low expense.



HAPPY DOLLARS:

John Brownrigg is happy that Pat Lane is vertical. Amen to that.

Bryce Ginther had a call from an unfamiliar number but picked it up anyway. It was his son calling from Kuwait, waiting for a ride home. He is now in El Paso, TX. Bryce was \$5 worth of happy.

Mike Gates is happy that his kitchen renovation has begun. Those of us who have survived such an enterprise wish him luck and infinite patience. It's amazing what you can cook with a gas grill or a toaster.

Pat Lane had \$3 for her recovery, the wonderful ambulance people, and visitors from Church of the Covenant.

Eve Ward was happy for Bryce Ginther's willingness to help shop for toys on a moment's notice.

Jerry Tysiak was happy for how well the food and toy project has grown and how well it serves our community.

Stu Nippes was \$2 worth of happy for the return of Pat, our major spoke in the wheel. He was also \$1 worth of happy for a lesson learned at a nursing home where the patients were very happily entertained by a singer who, with only average talent, got the folks clapping and enjoying the music. They appreciated even that small blessing.

Stu also wished Jesus a Happy Birthday.

DRAWINGS:

The Door Prize contributed by program chair Joe Trupia was won by President Stu. Drawings continued for the two extra dinners remaining after Gary Meislin bought one. Rose Metchick and Jerry Tysiak won the dinners.

50/50 worth \$18.00 was won by Linda Ellis.



The progressive 50/50 added \$16 to the \$317 left from last week. Of the 35 cards left, Eve on behalf of ticket holder John Brownrigg was only able to come up with the 9♥.



NEXT WEEK:

Program chair is Bob Loveridge. His guest Rob Saba will speak about the recent expansion of the Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care Units at Albany Medical Center, which we support mainly through selling Bells of Life.

Greeter/Invocator is Bill Whipple.

Weekly Quote:

"Prejudices, it is well known, are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education; they grow there, firm as weeds among rocks."

-- Charlotte Brontë, British writer

Merry Christmas, Everyone!