



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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## **MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

PRESIDENT Michael T. Gates presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Dick Johnsen

**WELCOME BACK, John Mulligan, Frank Breselor, and Bob Pasquarelli! Bob got his 33 years perfect attendance pin tonight!**



### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tues Feb 19<sup>th</sup>: *Daniels, Nippes*

### ANNUAL SAND LAKE SENIORS LUNCHEON @ COC Thurs Feb 14<sup>th</sup>:

9:30 – 1:30: *Trupia, Booker*

10:30 – 1:30: *Whipple, Lane, Wagner, Dorr*

11:00 – 1:30: *Mulligan, Malecki, Meislin, Lane, Daniels*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Former member **Ray Loveridge**, father of Past Lt Gov Bob Loveridge, passed away last week after a long illness. Calling hours will be Thursday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm at the Lyons Funeral Home, 1700 Washington Ave, Rensselaer. Interment will be Friday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at Albany Rural Cemetery from the Lyons Funeral Home beginning at 10 am. Kiwanians are requested to pay their respects as possible. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob and his family.
- A picture and write up was announced depicting the Rensselaer County Legislature honoring **Fred Wurtemberger**, past SLK president, for his long years of public service as the first director of the county sewer district, helping develop the county sewer plant, and as supervisor of the Town of Sand

Lake, and long time member and chairman of the Sand Lake Planning Board. Fred is now retired and living in Massachusetts near his son Scott.

- **Sec Dave Booker** announced a vacancy on our Board of Directors as Kevin Sarsfield has resigned. Anyone interested in serving the remainder of Kevin's term is asked to notify Dave. The Board will vote on the nomination, and then the full membership will vote.
- **John Brownrigg** read a letter which will be included in packages of playing cards and Stars of Remembrance being sent to military personnel overseas. Each letter, on our Club's official stationery, will be personalized and SLK members will each sign them under President Mike's signature. The first package will go out this week.
- **Eve Ward** announced that during the month of February, the WSL K-Kids are collecting gently used books of all genres and for all age groups, to be donated to four local charities in order to encourage the pleasure of reading. Bring your books, hard cover or paperbacks, to a meeting or get them to either Eve or Bryce Ginther, who will transport them to WSL Elementary School. Also, Lowe's Store has donated over 100 stuffed owls to us for our Christmas toy distribution!

## PROGRAM

**Skip Patton** presented a slide show of his and Nancy's four day trip to Iceland last November. Iceland is on the northern edge of North America's Atlantic coast, and is closest to the European continent. They are completely energy self-sufficient, as all their electricity needs are supplied by geothermal power from hot springs. The coast of Iceland is where the early Vikings landed, their first step on the North American continent. These first settlers came from Norway, so the language still spoken is Nordic. There were spectacular photos of waterfalls, hot springs, geysers (an original Icelandic word), and volcanoes. The landscape is mostly quite barren, and clearly demonstrates what our earth looked like during its formative centuries.



The continental plates show separation, with half moving (at one inch per year) toward Europe, and the other toward North America. Climate, at least in November, is chilling and wet, with strong winds constantly blowing. However, the 80+ degree hot springs are enjoyed by humans despite 40 degree ambient temperatures! Whaling, an original traditional profession, is still permitted but is regulated. Some trees are present, but are stunted due to the winds. Food is grown in geothermally heated greenhouses, and shepherding is also conducted for meat and wool products. Pictures from museums showed the traditional dress of early settlers, very decorative, made of wool. Shoes were made of fish scales, with decorative wool covers to protect them. It was obvious from Skip's talk that he and Nancy thoroughly enjoyed their brief stay in Iceland, and he encouraged travelers from the US to Europe to plan a stop-over in Iceland! Fascinating program, Skip—thanks!

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- § **Eve Ward:** We owe much thanks to both Linda and Lyndon Ellis for all the work they do on our monthly Spaghetti Dinners. They are there from start to finish, setting up, cooking, cleaning up, and storing our supplies. Our success is mostly due to the Ellises—thanks!
- § **Bob Pasquarelli:** Joan and I had a wonderful two weeks in Myrtle Beach and Charleston, SC, visiting family, and spending time at the beach! Nice warm weather—not like here!
- § **Dick Johnsen:** Carol and I celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, in good health, with a 15 day trip to Eastern Europe, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, and Russia! And also, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> was Carol's birthday!
- § **Pete Stevens:** 25 years ago I went on a blind date, and met my wife on Valentine's Day!

**DOOR PRIZE**, an IOU provided by Skip Patton, was won by **Jim Parslow**!

50/50 for \$24 was won by **Dave Booker!**

**MEGA 50/50** now worth \$217 defeated the best efforts of **Jim Colabelli**, who second guessed himself and picked the 10 of Diamonds from the 42 cards left! The elusive King of Clubs was right next to his choice!



**COMING WEEKS...**

FEBRUARY 18      PROGRAM: *Angelo Patti -- TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Bob Loveridge*

FEBRUARY 25      PROGRAM: *Bob Reiter -- TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Janet Malecki*

MARCH 4            PROGRAM: *Bob Loveridge - Update on Young Child Priority #1*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Pat Lane*

MARCH 11         PROGRAM: *John Brownrigg -- TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Jim Parslow*

***SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:***

*"An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject."*

**Unknown**