



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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## MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2014

PRESIDENT Stuart J. Nippes presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **Bob Pasquarelli**

GUESTS: Speakers Shari & Dick Gibbs, and TC McEntyre, former member

WELCOME BACK, Angelo Patti!



### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

20<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>:

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

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: **Jensky, Hamlin**

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**

5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: **Hamlin, \_\_\_\_\_**

BLOOD DRIVE @ Church of the Covenant, Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>:

12 noon Set Up: **Davis**

1 – 3:30 Registrar: **Ward**

3:30 – 6 Registrar: **Jensky**

6 PM Take Down: **Davis, Daniels**

Canteen: **Weiss**

Canteen: **Lane**

SL SENIORS LUNCHEON @ Church of the Covenant, Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>:

9:30 – 1:30: **Trupia, Booker**

10:30 – 1:30: **James, Lane, Linda Ellis**

11:30 – 1:30: **Meislin, Tysiak, Mulligan, Hamlin, Davis, Patton, Malecki, Daniels**

UNCLE MARTY'S KILT RUN Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:

9 AM Set Up Tent: **Nippes, L&L Ellis, Daniels, Ginther**

9 AM Pick up Food: **Jensky, Pasquarelli**

11 – 2:30 Serve: **Brownrigg, L&L Ellis, Patton, Fioravanti**

2:30 – 6 Serve: **Daniels, Malecki, Nippes, Hamlin, McEntyre**

6 PM Take Down Tent: **Ginther, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_**

NY DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT, Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, The Desmond @ noon:

**Malecki, Lane, Linda Ellis, Loveridge, Nippes, Booker, McEntyre**

VAN RENSSELAER DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING, Wed March 19<sup>th</sup> @ Carol's Place 6 PM:

**Booker, Pasquarelli, Linda Ellis, Brownrigg, Behson, Mulligan**

POESTENKILL ELEMENTARY DISCOVERY DAY, Sat March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Cafeteria:

9 AM Pick Up Food: **Jensky, Pasquarelli**

11 – 2 Servers: **Ward, Davis, Daniels, L&L Ellis, Tysiak, Loveridge, Mulligan, Pasquarelli, Nippes**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pat Lane:** Our local Circle Theatre Players will be presenting the musical *Fiddler on the Roof* in March. One of our members, Jim Colabelli, and a member's wife, Nancy Patton, will be performing in the cast. We should show our support for their efforts by attending as a group the Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> performance, making it Sand Lake Kiwanis Night! Enthusiastically approved!

## PRESENTATIONS

President Stu presented three members with their pin tabs:

**John Mulligan** for 5 years of Perfect Attendance,

**Jerry Tysiak** for 21 years of Perfect Attendance,  
and

**Dudley Dorr** for 45 years of Perfect Attendance!



Congratulations to these three men for a total of 71 years of service to Kiwanis!

## MID-WINTER CONFERENCE REPORTS

**Joe Behson:** There were several wonderful workshops, one of which was on Child Protection, (Background Checks), where our club was ahead of quite a few others, due to Secretary Dave's work in presenting the options available. New Member Orientation, too, was a good discussion, and again Sand Lake had already made that a part of our tradition.



**Bob Loveridge:** New Club Building was a topic of discussion, and our area includes Hudson, where we should actively investigate the possibility of starting a Kiwanis club. More of our members should really make an effort to attend these meetings, especially when they are in our local vicinity where we don't have the expense of lodging. Interaction with Kiwanians from all over the state promotes fellowship and generates new ideas for service.

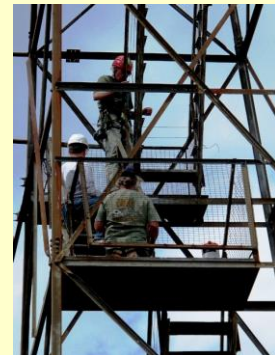
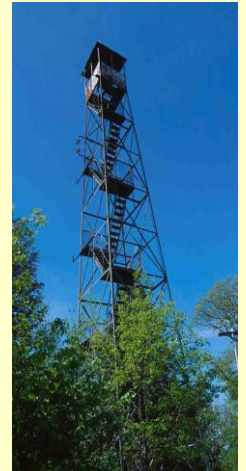
**Dave Booker:** I was the leader of the forum for secretaries, and it was sold out—SRO! The next District gathering will be at the end of August, again at The Desmond. Plan to attend! The next International Convention will be in Tokyo, Japan early in the summer.



## PROGRAM



Janet Malecki introduced tonight's presenters, Shari and Dick Gibbs, outdoor enthusiasts for many years. Dick gave an illustrated talk on the major project he and his friends participated in over a period of more than two years: the restoration of the Grafton Fire Tower, originally built in 1932 and formally known as the Dickinson Hill Fire Tower. Dick had first seen the tower in 1966, and was shocked to see it years later in a state of nearly complete disrepair! He recruited several of his friends who had the skills needed to restore the relic, which the NY State Police were using as a radio tower. They set about getting official permission to do the work, and ran into much political red tape before they could get started. They held fund raisers, and applied for grants to pay for the materials. The 60-70 foot tower was still standing on top of the hill, but the enclosure at the top had no floor, and many parts of the stairs were missing. Dick showed several







pictures of the spectacular views from the top: sunrise over the Green Mountains of Vermont near Bennington, Jiminy Peak in Massachusetts to the south, parts of the Adirondacks to the north, and Tomhannock Reservoir to the west. Many of these are published in books about the area. They were finally able to start work in 2010, and replacing the floor at the top was the first job. They proceeded downward, replacing steps, installing pipe hand railings, landings, and finally new metal X braces, each 20 feet

long, on the outer part of the supporting framework. These were all galvanized, including the bolts, to prevent rusting. Everything was done according to code to protect the public; workers wore hard hats and used safety harnesses while climbing around the frame. They are proud to report that during the more than two years of work, there were no accidents! Shari worked too, seeing that all the workers were fed! They cleaned up the ground area surrounding the base, and installed a picnic table. Again, after more political hassle, the Grand Opening was held on June 25, 2012. The tower area, near Long Pond, was made a part of the Grafton Lakes State Park, now open to the public.

Bob Pasquarelli thanked Dick for his enthusiastic program, and presented our Certificate of Appreciation to both Dick and Shari.



## HAPPY DOLLARS

**\$ Eve Ward:** I am happy to report that after my last visit to the dermatologist, my skin cancer is gone! I was at Pat's this past week, and got stuck in a large snowbank trying to get out of her driveway. I called Bryce for help, and he came with Skip, Craig, and Bob Loveridge! Thanks, guys! I received an excited phone call from my grandson Ethan to report that he had been accepted for graduate work at the Albany College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, with tuition paid and a job as a research assistant!



**\$ John Brownrigg:** There are 24 more days until spring!

**\$ Barb Fioravanti:** I saw three bluebirds in our holly bushes!

**\$ Skip Patton:** What a great program! Now I have a new place to go! And another sign of spring—my Fenway Park tickets came in the mail today! Go Bosox!

**\$ Ken James:** I'm just happy to be walking on two feet! (*after a bad fall on the ice!*)

**\$ Pat Lane:** This is NOT happy—someone filed their taxes in MY name and Social Security number! It has taken hours and hours, working with the FTC, and it's still not cleared up. I found out that I was the third person on Friday to be a victim of ID theft!

**\$ Angelo Patti:** Susan has finally got a clean bill of health from her cancer!

**\$ Jerry Tysiak:** About 21 years ago I was cross country skiing with a friend up in Grafton Park when a snowstorm came, but we kept going, thinking it would stop. It didn't, and

turned into a blizzard, and two hours later we found a landfill on the lake, and ended up on the state highway in Grafton! And we never saw the tower! (*He swears this one is true!*)

**\$ Jean Hamlin:** I used to climb fire towers as a child in northern Minnesota!

**\$ Dave Booker:** I wanted to check out the process of background checks, so I submitted my own name, etc, and it gave access to county records. That's when I learned that in addition to Rensselaer County, I was also doing things in Westchester County too! More ID theft?

**\$ Stu Nippes:** Thanks to Dick for a great program! I've spent some time in that area, and I wanted to climb up the outside of the frame like I did when I was 16. But, reason prevailed, and I wisely used the stairs instead!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Janet Malecki, was won by **Barbara Fioravanti!**

50/50 for \$26 was won by **Lyndon Ellis!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, grown to \$497 this week, still defied all efforts of **John Brownrigg**, who try as he might, could only come up with the 8 of Spades from the 28 cards left in the deck!



**Volunteers needed to take notes for The Sandpiper for the weeks of March 10, 17, and 24—please!**

### COMING WEEKS...

- MARCH 3                   PROGRAM: *Peg Weiss, Update on The Sandpiper*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Dick Johnsen*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
- MARCH 10                 PROGRAM: *Craig Daniels*  
**Sandra Strock: "Education Today"**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Eve Ward*
- MARCH 17                 PROGRAM: *Doug Baldrey -- TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Joe Behson*
- MARCH 24                 PROGRAM: *George Raneri -- TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Skip Patton*
- MARCH 31                 PROGRAM: *Jim Parslow -- TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Bruce Perry*

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

***"Kindness is the language the blind can see and the deaf can hear."***

**Mark Twain**