



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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## **MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

PRESIDENT Michael T. Gates presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Janet Malecki

**GUEST: Speaker Don Stake, "Hospice 101"**

**WELCOME BACK, Ken James!**

**PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS**

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck at Doors of Hope, WSL

Fri Mar 1<sup>st</sup>: **Daniels, Nippes**

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

8<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013:

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

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: **Weiss, Lane, Hamlin, Randy & Sean Wheeler (Boy Scouts)**

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward, Ginther**

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

*This is a CLUB project. How about some new faces, both to work and/or to be customers!*

DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING Wed March 6<sup>th</sup> / 6:30 PM, Nichi's, \$27, hosted by N Greenbush

**Booker, Pasquarelli, Brownrigg, Weiss, Nippes, Malecki, Gates, Mulligan**

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS** were presented to **John Mulligan for 4 years; to Jerry Tysiak for 20 years; and to Dudley Dorr for 44 years!** That's a combined total of 68 years of loyalty! Congratulations to each of you for your service!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **Eve Ward:** This is the final week to bring in used books to help the WSL K-Kids with their project. They will be donated to local charities in order to encourage reading. Please bring your books to Eve or Bryce at their homes, or directly to the WSL Elementary School by Wednesday. They have their meeting on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ **Janet Malecki:** The Academy for Character Education at Sage Colleges has selected the officers of the WSL Elementary School K-Kids to receive a Leadership in Character Education Award for their excellent performance, service and leadership as “Champions of Character” in our community. They will be honored at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual “Champions of Character” Award Banquet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at the Franklin Plaza in Troy. Any SLK members interested in attending the event/dinner, or interested in making a financial contribution to assist the kids to attend, or put an ad in the event ad book should contact Janet at our next meeting, when this will be discussed in more detail.
- ✚ **John Brownrigg:** Summerfest 2013 Committee meeting to follow regular meeting tonight.

## PROGRAM

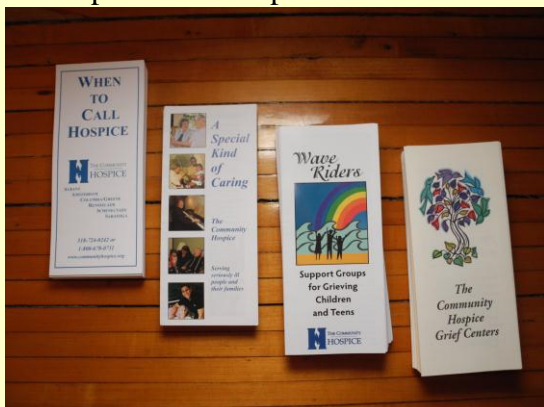


Program Chair **Ron Wagner** told of traveling to Ohio 20 years ago where his sister was under Hospice care for terminal cancer, and that positive experience led him to become a Hospice volunteer. He introduced **Don Stake**, a retired minister and long time Hospice Volunteer with the Rensselaer County unit. This is part of a 7 county network which is the largest in upstate NY, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in the whole state, caring for 4000

patients and their families annually. At present they have 600 patients whose average stay is 2 weeks. Hospice is a program of services, not a place, and it affirms life, and provides support and care for persons in the final stages of life. The goal is to provide symptom-directed, supportive care, to address the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of patients, families, and caregivers. Its origin was in the Middle Ages with monks serving travelers. In 1947 the first hospice in London was in a hospital to give special attention to seriously ill patients. It came to the US in 1974 in Connecticut, and our Community Hospice was founded in 1978. There are now over 3000 in the US. Don's job includes interviewing patients, and writing the newsletter, *The Voice of Hospice*. He stressed the importance of calling in Hospice services early in the serious illness for the best results. In addition to the professional medical and social services, volunteers visit regularly whether in the patient's home, at a nursing home, or the Inn at St Peter's. They perform many varied tasks as the patient wishes: finding a piano for a concert pianist, taking them to a funeral home to make their preferences known, going shopping, helping to arrange a party, or even flying them home to Tennessee! Many volunteers are needed; call 285-8100 for the Community Hospice of Rensselaer County, located on Valley View Drive in Rensselaer. Any person may refer a patient to Hospice. Costs are almost always covered by Medicare/Medicaid and by most health insurance. No



one is refused care because of inability to pay. There are 4 criteria for admission: experiencing a serious, life threatening illness; need for comfort-oriented care; approval of primary care physician; and residence in our service area. In addition to patient care, Hospice has specific programs for bereavement support (for adults, and children of all ages), respite care for caregivers, spiritual care, palliative care, occupational therapy, and others. Don provided much literature to answer questions that may arise, and encouraged us to take them. More information is available locally at 518-724-0242 or at [communityhospice.org](http://communityhospice.org).



Janet Malecki thanked Don for a most informative program, and presented him with our Certificate of Appreciation for coming tonight.



## HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Bob Loveridge:** In honor of our speaker, and Hospice, which cared for my mother 25 years ago!
- \$ **Kevin Sarsfield:** Phyllis and I had a wonderful 2 weeks in Kissimmee, FL, soaking up the warm sunshine, golfing, and swimming!
- \$ **Ron Wagner:** My thanks to Don for a great program!
- \$ **Pat Lane:** Here's my penance for not going to the Mid Winter Conference!
- \$ **Pete Stevens:** My mother was under Hospice care, and had a big party 2 days before she died!
- \$ **Dave Booker:** First, I'm happy that Mid Winter is over! And I'm also grateful that 10 years ago Hospice was able to give Kathryn what she wanted!
- \$ **Randy Wheeler:** We just returned from a family vacation in Florida, visiting parents in St Augustine, a wonderful historical city, and stayed in a Clearwater condo for 5 days!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Ron Wagner, was won by **Skip Patton!**

50/50 for \$24 was won by **Skip Patton---AGAIN!**

MEGA 50/50 now worth \$255.50, and if Skip had another winning ticket the club threatened a major investigation! But **Dudley Dorr's** ticket was pulled, and though he did his best to find that King in the 40 cards left, he only came up with the **10 of Spades!**



## COMING WEEKS...

- 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*
- MARCH 18                PROGRAM: *Jim Parslow -- TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Angelo Patti*
- MARCH 25                PROGRAM: *Shawn Chamberlain -- TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *George Raneri*
- APRIL 1                    PROGRAM: *Eve Ward - Update on Social Committee*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Peter Stevens*
- APRIL 8                   PROGRAM: *Gary Meislin -- TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Ray Turner*
- APRIL 15                 PROGRAM: *James Hoffman*  
**Presentation of APCSD Budget for 2013-1014**

GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Ron Wagner*

APRIL 22

PROGRAM: *Barb Fioravanti, John Mulligan, Janet Malecki*  
**Key Club Officer Installation (?)**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Jerry Tysiak*

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

*“Pay attention to the dying. They will teach you what you need to know. LISTEN!  
And remember for your own demise, keep relationships strong!”*

**Elizabeth Cooper Ross**, author of *Death and Dying*