



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2017

President Jean F. Hamlin, presiding

INVOCATION by **Bob Pasquarelli**

GUEST:



**Rensselaer County Sheriff Pat Russo (on right with
Program Chair George Raneri)**

WELCOME BACK, **George Raneri, Janet Malecki**



& Deb Donnelly



PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri March 3rd: **Patton, Daniels, Nippes, Wagner**

Mon March 20th: **Loveridge**

NORTH GREENBUSH INTERCLUB & DIVISION COUNCIL, Wed March 8th, 6 PM

Booker, Lane, Pasquarelli, Brownrigg, Weiss, Hamlin

SL SENIORS LUNCH, Thurs March 9th, Church of the Covenant

8:30 – 1:30: **Trupia, Booker**

10:30 – 1:30: **Brownrigg, Mulligan, Loveridge, Lane, Colabelli, Weiss, Patton, Daniels, Malecki**

54th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, March 11, 2017

12 – 7, Kitchen/Cook: **Booker, Lewandusky, Loveridge, Metchick, Nippes, Wagner, Brownrigg**
3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: **Lane, Weiss, Hamlin**
3:30 – 7, Cashier: **Stevens**
5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: **Hamlin, Weiss**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pres Jean read a thank you note from the Averill Park School District for our donation to the weekend backpack food project per District Superintendent Jim Hoffman.
- Pres Jean called for volunteers for the Nominating Committee: **Behson, Mulligan, Nippes, Lane, & Loveridge (Chair)**. Offices to be filled: President, President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, and 5 Directors (elect 3). Election will be held 2nd meeting in May.
- Joe Behson reminded of the *Dissipated Eight* free concert @ APHS Fri March 3 from 7-8 pm.
- John Brownrigg reminded of East Greenbush Club Comedy Night Sat March 4 @ 8 pm.



PRESENTATION



Pres Jean awarded Immediate Past Distinguished President Stu Nippes a lapel pin and a thank you note from Immediate Past International President Sue Petrisin indicating that he was a Kiwanis International Distinguished Kiwanian for 2015-16 (he sponsored at least two new members and met other criteria.)

PROGRAM

Chair George Raneri introduced Rensselaer County Sheriff Pat Russo, who complimented the Lakeview on the good meal. (We had a fish fry dinner.) Sheriff Russo has had 42 years in law enforcement, beginning as a city police officer. The office of county sheriff is the oldest law enforcement organization, and Albert Pawling was the first Rensselaer County sheriff. In the succeeding 225 years there have been 25 sheriffs, and there are 171 corrections officers at present. They are in charge of the county jail, which now houses federal inmates along with local offenders, providing some income for the county. In response to the national state of mind, thousands of pistol permits were issued last year. Drug investigations are increasing, and Rensselaer County works with other agencies to attempt control. The department gives seat belt instructions, runs DWI setups, educational programs via the roaming “jail van”, and has child car seat education. He thanked Kiwanis for their partnership in some of these projects, especially the K-9 calendars. They still have the DARE program, but not as prevalent as before. This needs to be presented to a much younger age group—middle school or younger. There is a heroin opiate coalition which presents educational films and speakers, some of whom are former addicts. They are trained in the use of Narcan injections in cases of overdose, but he feels this can provide a false sense of security, and result in subsequent overdoses. Background checks are required for pistol permits taking only a few days, but the permit may take a couple of weeks to complete, as four references are required. The legalization of recreational marijuana, he believes, does lead to further heavy addiction, as users need stronger doses. He has no problem with it for medicinal purposes.





Asked if he thought the use of Uber drivers would reduce drunken drivers, he said it's too early to tell. The department welcomes tips from the public (tip line is 270-0128) and they may be anonymous. This number is for non-emergency calls, as it is not constantly monitored. Calls will be answered, but may be the next day. After answering numerous questions from the members, Sheriff Russo was presented with our Certificate of Appreciation by Frank Lewandusky.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Pete Stevens:** I went to the Republican Party at Crooked Lake and had a great time!
- \$ **Pat Lane:** Peg and I talked with Woodie Hacker at the Salem church dinner, and he sent his regards to everyone. Also, the Algonquin Builders Club raised \$498.95 for the Smile Train project which sends surgeons to poor areas to repair children's cleft lips and palates!
- \$ **Dave Booker:** There is an excellent article in the new issue of Kiwanis Magazine about the original KPTC at the Tuff's Floating Hospital created by the New England District—well worth reading!
- \$ **George Raneri:** Thanks to Sheriff Russo for his presentation!
- \$ **Bob Pasquarelli:** As most of you know, I serve the jail every week, and see things first hand. Rensselaer County does a great job with the inmates. The staff are good people!
- \$ **Stu Nippes:** Thanks to Sheriff Russo for coming tonight. And, our Summerfest is in June-- Father's Day weekend, and we need the help of your inmates again, please!
- \$ **Sheriff Russo:** I want to thank Deacon Bob for his work at the jail, and thanks to George for inviting me here tonight!
- \$ **Jean Hamlin:** After last Sunday's Miracle League dinner, I had a call from one of the mothers of a special needs child, telling me how grateful she was to be able to sit with her family and eat, because she never gets that opportunity!



DRAWINGS: Two unpaid for dinners were won by Bryce Ginther and Pete Stevens.

DOOR PRIZE, provided by George Raneri, was won by **Pete Stevens!**

50/50 for \$21 was won by **Skip Patton!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth **\$246** this week, will keep growing.

Frank Lewandusky's ticket was drawn, but he picked the wrong King – Spades, instead of Clubs from the 38 cards!



COMING WEEKS.....

MARCH 6 PROGRAM CHAIR: *Eve Ward*
PROGRAM: **Program Committee Update**
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Pete Stevens*

Note: The Editor will be out of town from March 14th through the 28th. We need a couple of volunteers to take notes for the Sandpiper on the 13th, 20th, and 27th. Please!

MARCH 13 PROGRAM CHAIR: *John Mulligan*
PROGRAM: **APHS Key Club Installation of Officers**
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Joe Trupia*

MARCH 20 PROGRAM CHAIR: *Bruce Perry*
PROGRAM: **TBA**
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE PRESENTER: *Kevin Sarsfield*

MARCH 27 PROGRAM CHAIR: *Deborah Donnelly*
PROGRAM: **TBA**
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE PRESENTER: *Eve Ward*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Make someday today.”

Motto on a Chicago Cubs tee shirt prior to the team’s first World Series title in 108 years.