



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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## MEETING OF FEBRUARY 29, 2016

President Stuart J. Nippes, presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Miller Young

GUEST: **Gail Moon**, from Doors of Hope,



shown here speaking with Ron Wagner, this week's Program Chair.

WELCOME BACK



**Miller Young!** Shown with Eve Ward.

### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri Mar 4<sup>th</sup>: **Patton, Daniels, Wagner, Behson, Loveridge, Nippes**

Mon Mar 21<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

43<sup>rd</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Stu read a thank you note from Jim Colabelli for the thoughts, cards, and prayers for his recovery from a knee replacement. He hopes to be back soon.



## PROGRAM



Ron Wagner introduced Gail Moon, a volunteer at Doors of Hope where groups of SLKs unload the truckloads of food delivered to the local food pantry from Northeast Food Bank twice a month. Gail thanked the club for our assistance unloading thousands of pounds of food stuffs from the Food Bank in Latham. She acknowledged that it was hard work that the older volunteers at the Doors would not be able to accomplish, and that there will be “extra stars in heaven” for the workers who never know what time of day that truck will arrive! Gail began with a short history of the Doors of Hope. It was started in 1977 by Hazel Baxter in a house on

Route 43 west of the intersection: hence the original name “Four Doors Down”. After Hazel’s death, the establishment moved to its present location on Route 150, one door south of the intersection, and was renamed Doors of Hope. Sponsored by seven neighboring churches, it is staffed by about 30 volunteers, assisted by Kiwanians, and court appointed persons required to render community service. They serve 245 adults and 40 children regularly: fire victims, evictions, unemployed, and anyone down on their luck. A government issued picture ID is required, along with a utility bill proving residence in town, and they are periodically requalified. Gail had set up a table covered by non perishable foodstuffs to provide a visual image of the amount a family of 4 receives twice a month. The Doors also has a limited supply of clothing to temporarily help fire victims, along with books and some furniture. What few medical assistance items are available are loaned free, to be returned when no longer needed. The Doors never knows what will be donated (some are just left on the doorstep), so certain items not exactly needed by the impoverished are available for sale to the public (some are nice antiques). Gail stressed that she was just a volunteer, not on the Board or paid staff. The annual budget is about \$88,000. Gail’s job is to order what food is needed, so keeps close check on what is left after donations are given out. She orders twice a month from the Food Bank, and receives donations from Hannaford (meat and perishables), Stewart’s, and Panera Bread to help fill out the roster. Anything that is USDA approved is free. Disposable diapers in limited quantities have



to be specially ordered. Some baby food is available, as is some infant formula. Miller Young thanked Gail for coming, and gave her our Certification of Appreciation for her presentation.



## NEW ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT WEEK'S BOARD MEETING:

1. Donation to the Miller Hill School K-Kids American Heart Association fund raiser;
2. Donation request from LaSalle Institute fund raiser “Annual Dinner & Auction.”;
3. Donation to the NY District Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation;
4. Funding request from Junior Achievement.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Skip Patton:** I had a very happy time this weekend visiting the Hoffman's Sugar House in Stephentown, and bought some real maple syrup and maple candy!
- \$ **Pete Stephens:** My grandfather graduated from MIT, as did my father; I graduated from U of Michigan; and now my son will be entering the Engineering Program at MIT!
- \$ **Barb Fioravanti:** Gene and I drove up to NH to visit our new home on an island in Lake Winnepesaukee, planning to walk over on the ice. When we arrived we found the warm days had thinned it dangerously, so we just drove all the way around that large lake, planning another trip, and bringing a boat!
- \$ **Pat Lane:** I'm going to Boston tomorrow, and I'm going to have some real whole belly fried clams!
- \$ **Ron Wagner:** Thanks to Gail for a great program!
- \$ **Bob Loveridge:** This is definitely not happy, but after a long time illness, Joanne's mother passed away over the weekend. No more suffering.
- \$ **John Brownrigg:** Thanks to the Builders Club at Algonquin! Barb brought in a bag full of Stars for the Troops. We now need about 3000 to fill a request for West Point, which wants to give them to their graduating class and the cadets!
- \$ **Jean Hamlin:** I'm still undergoing lots of tests to check up on my heart. I just finished wearing a Holter Monitor for a week, and it confirmed I just have an irregular heartbeat. I'm scheduled for a sleep test soon. I'm happy they're not searching for my brain, because they would never find it!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Ron Wagner, was won by **Miller Young!** Come again, Miller!

50/50 for \$19 was won by **Barb Fioravanti!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$245 this week, is going to grow. **Craig Daniels'** ticket was drawn, allowing him to choose from the 41 remaining cards once President Stu had mixed them up on the table top.



He was close, but not close enough—he picked the **ACE of Clubs**, not the King!

## COMING WEEKS...

MARCH 7

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Pat Lane*  
PROGRAM: **Youth Services Committee Update**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Joe Behson*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

MARCH 14

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Pat Lane*  
PROGRAM: **Kamp Kiwanis**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Bill Whipple*

MARCH 21

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Stuart Nippes, Barb Fioravanti, Linda Ellis, Eve Ward*  
PROGRAM: **Builders Club/K-Kids Club Night**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Frank Breselor*

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO TAKE NOTES FOR SANDPIPER MARCH 28!**

MARCH 28

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Joe Trupia*

PROGRAM: **Ralph Enokian:** *Armenian Genocide Part 2*

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: **TBA**

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

*“Socialism is great – until you run out of other people’s money!”*      **Margaret Thatcher**