



THE SANDPIPER



THE WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER OF THE

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MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2015

President Linda L. Ellis, presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **Drew Cook**

WELCOME BACK, Peg Weiss!

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Thanks to those who worked last Fri Jan 2nd: Loveridge, Davis, Linda E, Ginther, Patton

Tues Jan 20th: **Loveridge, Wagner, Linda E, Ginther, Jensky, Patton**

20th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, January 10th, 2015:

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**

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

VR DIVISION COUNCIL at RENSSELAER, Thur Jan 15th 6:30 at Senior Center, \$20:

Booker, Pasquarelli, Ward, Mulligan, Lane, Weiss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **Eve Ward:** Invitations have been sent out to all clubs in the Division, and I have been phoning members who seldom come to meetings, for Kiwanis International's 100th Anniversary Dinner in two weeks, Monday January 19th, 6 PM hors d'oeuvres & cash bar,

6:45 PM family style turkey dinner, reservations mandatory, \$25 pp, guests welcome. Attire is dressy (jacket & tie), wear medals/awards. There will be games and entertainment.

+ **Eve Ward:** The annual holiday luncheon for Brookside Seniors will be held Fri Feb 13th this year, and I will be requesting soup donations.

+ **Joe Behson:** Let's all dig deep for that pocket change for EliMiNaTe!

PRESENTATIONS

President Linda presented John Brownrigg with a patch for our Honors Banner for the club's donation to the Kiwanis International Foundation Annual Gift Campaign.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: (shown below) **Bob Loveridge, Skip Patton & Jim Colabelli** absent were Jude Clemente & Michael Gates,



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES: Joe & Meg Distell and Jim & Barbara Hoffman.

We serenaded the three birthday boys—started out poorly but ended up in tune! Neither of the anniversary celebrants was present, so we didn't push our luck with singing, but we certainly did enjoy Eve's delicious chocolate cream cake!

PROGRAM



Interclub Chair Bob Pasquarelli conducted a review of the customs and rules for Interclubs for the benefit of the newer members and as a reminder for the rest of us. An interclub consists of 4 or more members from one club visiting a regular Kiwanis function of another club. Those attending are given an attendance credit toward their next perfect attendance tab. There are 7 clubs in the Van Rensselaer Division, (Castleton/Schodack, East Greenbush, Hoosick Falls, North Greenbush, Rensselaer, Sand Lake, and Troy), and if all seven are visited within the Kiwanis year (Oct – Sept) it is called a Round Robin. Sand Lake is the largest of the seven, and of course, is the best club in the Division! There are also categories for visiting with the various student groups that we sponsor, such as Circle K, Key Club, Builders and K-Kids. Thanks, Bob, we needed that!

HAPPY DOLLARS

\$ **Peg Weiss:** I'm happy to be home again after 2 weeks in NC, but I don't appreciate this cold! On Christmas Eve my #4 grandson got down on one knee in front of all of us and asked his lovely girlfriend to marry him! Of course she said yes, and he gave her a fabulous diamond ring! Lots of tears! Didn't get to spend New Year's with Rose Marie Young this year because she and her family were ill for the entire holidays. My daughter and I visited

the Carolinas Aviation Museum where the feature display was the actual US Airways Airbus Flight 1549 from the Miracle on the Hudson, with all the details and artifacts—impressive!

\$ John Mulligan: My son and daughter-in-law spent the holidays with us, and while we enjoyed their company, it's nice to have the house to ourselves again!

\$ Jerry Tysiak: We reversed the visit, and spent the holidays with our grandchildren in Pittsburgh! I found it to be a very nice area, especially the botanical gardens, which were beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Bob Pasquarelli, was won by **Joe Behson!**

50/50 for \$18.50 was also won by **Joe Behson!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$173 this week, hung on to that King of Clubs because **Skip Patton** picked the **8 of Clubs** from the 43 cards left in the deck!



COMING WEEKS...

JANUARY 12

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Mike Gates*

“Trends in Civil Engagement”

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Bob Loveridge*

JANUARY 19

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY

SPECIAL TURKEY DINNER PARTY

GUESTS WELCOME/RESERVATIONS MANDATORY

Cash bar 6 PM Dinner 6:45 PM

JANUARY 26

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Angelo Patti -- TBA*

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Jim Hoffman*

FEBRUARY 2

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Joe Behson*

Membership Committee Update

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Nancy Davis*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“There is no terror in the bang, only in the anticipation of it.”

Alfred Hitchcock

Editor's Note: My thanks to Barb Fioravanti and Bob Loveridge for composing the *Sandpiper* while I was away!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

ROLL CALL: Present: Pres Ellis, Imm Past Pres Nippes, Pres-Elect Ellis, Sec Booker, Treas Pasquarelli; Directors Behson, Fioravanti, Malecki, Loveridge, Mulligan, Ward, Weiss

Absent: Directors Daniels and Lane

SECRETARY'S MINUTES were approved as filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT balance as of December 31, 2014 was \$29,132.87.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services (Loveridge/Ginther)

Blood Drive: 5 members worked, 34 units collected; next drive will be 2/24/15.

Doors of Hope: 6 members unloaded & stored food deliveries twice in Dec.

Refurbished **computer system** & chair donated to Nassau Town Library.

Community lettered **signs** were used for pasta dinner and Christmas tree sales.

Interclub (Pasquarelli)

7 members attended interclub & Division Council meeting at Hoosick Falls.

Membership & Education (Behson)

Met with prospective member, gave him literature, and encouraged him to join.

Sponsored Youth (Fioravanti/Mulligan/Malecki/Nippes/Bradway)

K-Kids: attended 2 meetings, delivered citrus to 3 schools; donated +/- \$2400 for their sales—great job!

Key Club: attended 2 meetings. 4 youth helped with Bells of Life.

Ways & Means (Lyndon Ellis)

Pasta Dinner: 8 members served 40 meals for +/- \$100 for EliMiNaTe Project.

Christmas Tree Sales: 22 members sold trees for 92.5 hours; 6 members spent 12 hours taking down stands and storing them; net income \$725.

Citrus Sales: 52 hours spent by 12 members unloading and distributing fruit, plus the uncountable hours by individual members delivering orders resulted in a profit of about \$5700.

Young Children Priority #1 (Loveridge)

Bells of Life: 10 members, 6 Key Club members, 2 Builders Club members solicited for 48.5 hours collecting \$750 for AMC Children's Hospital at Crossgates Mall and 5 local businesses collected \$331, for a total of \$1051.

Youth Services (Lane)

Computers for Youth: Components delivered to DEA for APHS student.

Holiday Food & Gift Baskets: 16 members worked 120 hours providing for 79 families with 193 children. \$1950 spent at local supermarket for Food Only Gift Cards which were included.

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Audit Committee (Gates)

Meeting scheduled at Key Bank for Thurs Jan 8th at 5 PM. Report to follow at the Feb Board of Directors meeting.

OLD BUSINESS (Previously tabled)

1. Food trailer design contest -- tabled until February
2. Use of donations in memory of Past President Dudley Dorr -- tabled until February
3. Service Leadership Night for K-Kids and Builders Club -- tabled until February

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of club membership fees. Treas Bob Pasquarelli introduced details of our Administrative Fund income and expenses illustrated with a pie chart format. Most of the expenses are fixed by either the NY District or International; those which are controllable by the club total more than we receive from the present annual dues of \$120/member, and are gradually diminishing the reserves. A motion was made and seconded to raise our annual dues from \$120 to \$130, with the final vote to be made by the general membership after adequate publication. Much discussion ensued, with members concerned that we may lose present members, and discourage new ones, with a raise in dues. The motion was defeated 6 to 5 at this time, with suggestions to consider other alternatives to raise money for the Administrative Fund.
2. Donation of \$500 to the Capital City Rescue Mission was approved. Several members are to personally take the donation to Albany, and tour the facility.
3. The Board granted Bob Loveridge the authority to settle the date for Summerfest 2015. The Carnival is under new management, and the three choices are the weekend before Father's Day, Father's Day weekend, or the weekend after the July 4th holiday, to be decided before next month's Board meeting.

DIVISION NEWS

Van Rensselaer Division membership is up by 22 members, with Troy and Castleton/Schodack gaining the most.

DISTRICT NEWS

Mid Year Conference will be Feb 20 – 22 at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road; registration is \$40 due Feb 13th. Forms available from Sec Dave.

INTERNATIONAL

International President to visit NYC in April for the opening of a new playground to replace one destroyed by Hurricane Sandy.

Convention this summer to be in Indianapolis to celebrate Kiwanis' 100th Anniversary.

BILLS authorized for payment, and meeting adjourned.