



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2014

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Michael T. Gates presiding



GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Linda Ellis

GUESTS: Prospective new member **Drew Cook**

WELCOME BACK, Peg Weiss

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri Jan 3rd: cancelled due to weather!

Tues Jan 7th: **Wagner, Ginther, Behson, Tysiak, Fioravanti**

18th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, January 11th:

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

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: **Metchick, Lane, Weiss**

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **John Brownrigg:** Summerfest 2014 meeting next week following regular meeting.
- **Bob Pasquarelli:** Monday, January 20th we will host the Van Rensselaer Division Council.

PROGRAM

Kiwanis Education Chair Bob Pasquarelli discussed interclubs. An interclub credit is earned when 4 or more club members attend another club's meeting. Benefits of interclubs are fellowship, good food, support of other clubs, learning of other clubs' activities and projects, so we may participate in them. A Round Robin credit is earned when one club visits ALL other clubs in the division. There are 7 clubs in the Van Rensselaer Division: Castleton/Schodack, East Greenbush, Hoosick Falls, North Greenbush, Rensselaer, Sand Lake, and Troy. Number of clubs has varied over the years from six to eleven.



HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Joe Behson:** Had such a wonderful time skiing up at Mt Snow over the weekend that I'm going back tomorrow!
- \$ **Peg Weiss:** I'm happy to be back home again, after spending hours and hours in airport terminals waiting for delayed flights! Had a really nice time in NC visiting with family and friends over Christmas and New Year's. I thought weather was mild, but they were cold!
- \$ **Skip Patton:** I was happy to go cross country skiing at Pine Ridge—beautiful!
- \$ **John Brownrigg:** I'm NOT happy that I broke my arm, but I wish I could come up with a good story for an explanation of how it happened! At least my cast is Kiwanis Blue!
- \$ **Bill Whipple:** In between ice, snow, and frigid winds, it was warm enough to have 3 bluebirds and 2 robins in my back yard! Honest!
- \$ **Mike Gates:** I'm happy because we have a new puppy, a Yorkshire terrier who's supposed to grow to be a whole 6 pounds!



DOOR PRIZE, provided by Bob Pasquarelli, was won by **Linda Ellis!**

50/50 for \$21.50 was won by **Bryce Ginther!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50 was worth \$368 this week, but **John Mulligan's** best efforts could only produce the **6 of Spades!**

Attendance was low again this week, and there were 2 extra dinners paid for by the Club, so Peg Weiss and Craig Daniels helped out by buying them. Where is everybody?

COMING WEEKS...

- JANUARY 13 PROGRAM: *Mike Gates, Birds of Sand Lake*
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Frank Breselor*
- JANUARY 20 **DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING HERE!**
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *John Brownrigg*
- JANUARY 27 PROGRAM: *Angelo Patti -- TBA*
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Jim Hoffman*
- FEBRUARY 3 PROGRAM: *Joe Behson, Membership Committee Update*
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Nancy Davis*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Whether you think you can or whether you think you can’t, you’re right!” Henry Ford

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

ROLL CALL: Present: Imm Past Pres Gates, Pres-Elect Ellis, Sec Booker, Treas Pasquarelli;
Directors Behson, Daniels, Fioravanti, Brownrigg, Ward, Whipple
Absent: Pres Nippes, Directors Lane, Loveridge, & Malecki

SECRETARY'S MINUTES were approved as filed

TREASURER'S REPORT – Balance as of 12/31/13 was \$40,925.75. Generally in good shape with all bills paid. Christmas tree sales were lower than 2012, but Citrus sales were higher. We spent approximately \$7000 on food and toys for Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services (Loveridge/Ginther): Unloaded and stored food deliveries from NE Food Bank at Doors of Hope; Community signs were lettered to advertise Christmas tree sales.

Interclub (Pasquarelli): 9 members attended Division Council at Castleton/Schodack.

Membership & Education (Behson): New member orientation held; Andrew Cook recommended for active membership.

Sponsored Youth (Fioravanti/Mulligan/Malecki): Attended 3 Key Club meetings; students helped with Bells of Life collection. SLK donated \$56.40 to Builders Club for their citrus sales; collected mittens for donation to Doors of Hope. SLK donated \$893.25 to K-Kids for their citrus sales.

Ways & Means (Nippes): Monthly Pasta Dinner served 18 meals for a profit of \$40 for the EliMiNaTe Project; 691 cartons of citrus were sold for an income of \$4238.50; Christmas tree sales netted \$1137.57.

Young Children Priority #1 (Loveridge): Collected \$852 for Bells of Life at Crossgates Mall, plus \$229 from a local business for total of \$1081, which was donated to Albany Med's NICU & PICU.

Youth Services (Lane): Club partnered with Poestenkill Boy Scouts, APHS Football team, the AP School District, and individual classes who collected gift cards, AP American Legion Post, and Rensselaer County Home Bureau for the Christmas Food & Gift Basket program, which served 87 families with 210 children, 35 of whom were under age 5. Cost to SLK was \$4092.70.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Pasta Dinner Agreement – Chairman absent; tabled.
2. Food Trailer Design Contest – Chairman absent; tabled.
3. Club Policy for background checks on SLP advisors: Secretary Dave distributed a draft showing additions, changes, and deletions to Kiwanis International's suggested wording for members to take home, read, and email any comments back to him. Decision to be made at the next Board meeting in February.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New member: Andrew Cook elected to active member status; induction to be next week.

DIVISION NEWS: PLG Jim Prout from the Troy Club will be a candidate for LtG-Elect.

DISTRICT NEWS: Registration forms and schedules are available online at the District Website for the Mid-Year Conference to be held the last week in February at the Holiday Inn Wolf Road.

INTERNATIONAL: Membership for Kiwanis International has risen by 3311 members. NY District is up 211 members.

PAYMENT OF BILLS authorized.