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

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MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2017

President Jean F. Hamlin, presiding

INVOCATION by **Bob Pasquarelli**

WELCOME BACK, ... EVERYONE! But not many were here!

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

CASTLETON/SCHODACK DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING, Wed Jan 11th, Scarnato's

Booker, Pasquarelli, Lane, Mulligan, Weiss, Brownrigg, Hamlin

52nd MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, January 14th, 2017

12 – 7, Kitchen/Cook: *Booker, Loveridge, Lewandusky, Wagner, Metchick, Ginther*

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

3:30 – 7, Cashier: *Sarsfield*

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

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Mon Jan 23rd: *Patton,*

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

8:30 AM: *Trupia, Booker*

10:30: *Brownrigg, Loveridge, Mulligan, Lane, Colabelli, Weiss*

DINNER FOR MIRACLE LEAGUE CHILDREN, Sunday, Feb 12th, EG YMCA

Noon – 2 (Set up): *Colabelli,* _____

2 – 4 (Serve): *Mulligan,* _____

4 – 6 (Cleanup): _____

ARC BLOOD DRIVE, Thurs, Feb 23rd, Church of the Covenant

12 – 1 Set Up: *Davis*, _____

1 – 3:30 Registration: *Weiss*

3:30 – 6 Registration: _____

1 – 3:30 Canteen: *Lane*

3:30 – 6 Canteen: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Jean: There will be a meeting tomorrow of those interested in working on the 2/12 dinner for the Miracle League children. Attending will be representatives from the East Greenbush Club and the YMCA.



PLG Pat Lane: Wayne Simmons from the Rensselaer Club has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer, and is on chemo treatments. There will be a fundraiser for him at the Rensselaer Elks Club this Sunday Jan. 15th from 1 – 4 PM, \$25 donation.

Jim Colabelli announced an unexpected donation from his neighbor, a long time supporter of the club’s Citrus Sales. Now that his home is an “empty nest,” he did not purchase any fruit – but wanted to make a donation to the club.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:



Jim Colabelli & Skip Patton and the absent Bob Loveridge & Jude Clemente have January Birthdays.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES: Jim & Barbara Hoffman

We made a pathetic attempt to sing to the two birthday boys who were present!

PROGRAM

Bryce Ginther, Co-Chair of the Community Service Committee, gave an update on his committee’s activities. The CS Committee is the largest one in the club, with 13 members: Bryce, Bob Loveridge, Joe Behson, John Brownrigg, Craig Daniels, Deborah Donnelly, Justin Glasser, Joseph Grillo, Jennifer Koury, Frank Lewandusky, Skip Patton, Bruce Perry, and Bill Whipple. Its name denotes the purpose of the whole club, and therefore the activities involve many other club members in its projects, some of which are Trashbusters (Highway Cleanup), Doors of Hope food deliveries, community signs, Red Cross Blood Drive, and one of the biggest, Holiday Food and Toy Distribution to needy families. Volunteers are lagging lately, however, and perhaps we need to think of some different places we can be of help to our community.



HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Skip Patton:** I spent a very pleasant day up in Vermont, cross country skiing on Prospect Mountain, and just happened to stop in at the Brew Pub for a most pleasant libation!
- \$ **John Mulligan:** My granddaughter came in second at the slalom event at Butternut, and her sister at SUNY Buffalo has earned a 4.0 Grade Point Average!
- \$ **Peg Weiss:** I spent the holidays in NC visiting my son's family in Raleigh, my daughter's family in Charlotte, and former SLK Roger Young's widow & her family in Shelby. It was a very happy time at each home even though only a couple of days were warm and sunny enough to sit out on the porch—the rest of the time it mostly rained—hard! Encountered a snag on the way home, though. The Charlotte flight was late landing at Dulles and I missed my connection to Albany, due in at 11:30 PM! My sister-in-law sounded rather happy, since she didn't want to drive to the airport in the middle of the night in dense fog and heavy rain. I was given a voucher for the Hilton Dulles, a posh new hotel with a fabulous bathroom, and a boarding pass for the next ALB flight Wed afternoon. Having never been in Dulles before, I was amazed at its size, and rather than get lost and exhausted, I requested a wheelchair—another first! And a perk—I was taken past the long line at security, and went to the head of the line! Home at last, and even managed to catch up with the rest of my luggage!
- \$ **Pat Lane:** I'm not used to all this time off from Kiwanis—I missed you all!
- \$ **Kevin Sarsfield:** We had a great holiday with family, and enjoyed a wonderful Christmas breakfast, including some Hannukah treats made especially for a new member!
- \$ **Bill Whipple:** Betty Jean underwent carpal tunnel surgery, but is now doing well!
- \$ **Jean Hamlin:** My injured hand was examined, but they said I didn't need surgery. We had a lovely Christmas family party. I was handed an envelope—with tickets to Disney World the first week in February! My granddaughter is dancing the part of Snowflake!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Bryce Ginther was won by **Dave Booker!**

50/50 for \$14 was won by **Skip Patton!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth **\$143.50** this week, defeated the best efforts of **Frank Lewandusky**, who could come up with only the **9 of Hearts** from the 44 remaining cards!



Four of the eight meals needed to reach the minimum that we guarantee the Lakeview each week were purchased at a reduced rate; the other four were paid for by the club and given as extra door prizes. This unnecessary lose to the club's administrative fund is becoming a serious matter. We need more of our members attending the meetings! Plan to come Monday and enjoy the company!

COMING WEEKS.....

- JANUARY 16 PROGRAM CHAIR: *Barbara Fioravanti*
PROGRAM: **Dr. Tim Kelly – Move Well**
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE PRESENTER: *Joe Grillo*

- JANUARY 23 PROGRAM CHAIR: *John Brownrigg*
PROGRAM: **Dr. Tim Kelly – Think Well/Sleep Well**
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE PRESENTER:

- JANUARY 30 PROGRAM CHAIR: *Frank Lewandusky*
PROGRAM: **TBA**
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE PRESENTER: *Miller Young*

FEBRUARY 6

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Bob Loveridge*

PROGRAM: **Young Children Priority #1 Committee Update**

GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Jamie Hanlon*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Roll Call: Present President Hamlin, Vice President Malecki, Immediate Past President Nippes (late), Treasurer Pasquarelli, Secretary Booker; Directors: Lewandusky, Mulligan, Wagner, Weiss and Whipple.

Absent were Directors Behson, Brownrigg, Loveridge and Ward

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: the minutes of the 12/5/2016 meeting were accepted as published.

Acceptance of Treasurer's report: Treasurer Pasquarelli reported that notwithstanding the \$7,000 he had written before the meeting; the club is in very good shape financially.

Committee reports: for activity in December.

Club bulletin (Weiss) – Three members volunteered 21 hours taking notes and pictures at the meetings, writing the issues, preparing the three issues (there was no publication for the Annual Holiday Party (12/19) or on the Christmas Holiday (12/26)) for publication to the club's web site and notifying the membership and other interested individuals of the availability of the bulletins.

Club Meetings (Stevens) – Nine members assisted with setting up, breaking down and storing the meeting paraphernalia and/or taking attendance and collecting for the meal at one or more of the three regular meetings (there was no meeting on 12/26) – 7.5 hours. Extra time was involved in providing the table decorations and setting up for the holiday party (12/19).

Community Services (Loveridge/Ginther)

Doors of Hope (Ginther): 6 members, s spouse and a grandson unloaded and stored items at one or both of two food deliveries to the local food pantry – 11 hours – 7318 lbs.

Community Lettered Signs (Whipple): Sign board used to advertise Spaghetti Dinner; one member volunteered one hour.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Four members assisted with the set up and clean up for a sponsored blood drive; they also staffed the volunteer positions for registration and the canteen. A total of 11½ hours were volunteered – the drive collected 17 regular units and two units of “double red.”

Interclub (Pasquarelli) – No interclub activity in December.

Membership & Education (Nippes) – There was no report for December submitted.

Programs (Malecki) – There were programs for the three regular meetings and the holiday party.

Public Relations (Behson/Donnelly) – The PR Committee published four articles on our Facebook page during the month of December with six accompanying photos that so far have generated 944 likes. The articles invited the community to take part in our December Pasta Dinner; showcased the Times Union contest award winning wreath designed by our Poestenkill Elementary K-Kids; described our club's efforts to support the Marine's Toys for Tots program; and encouraged members of the community to make a New Year's resolution to become engaged with volunteerism by joining the club.

Senior Services (Trupia) – No Senior Services Committee activity to report in December.

Social Committee (Ward) – Planning for the annual Holiday Party and gifts for teenagers.

Spiritual Aims (Johnsen) – No report of activity submitted for December activities.

Sponsored Youth (Fioravanti/Lane/Mulligan/Ward/Malecki/Nippes/Hamlin) –

Key Club: The Kiwanis Advisor attended three Key Club meetings in December: the 7th, the 14th and the 21st. Each meeting took a little over an hour. During December, the Key Club prepared and sent letters to soldiers overseas and to vets in the VA hospital. They also continued to make dog toys, organized a tee shirt contest for a Key Club tee shirt, planned a goal ball contest for children who are blind or severely visually impaired and planned a club party for Dec. 21. Two Key Club members plus faculty advisor Jeff Brown and the Kiwanis advisor spent 3 hours on December 17 at the bells of life fund raiser at Cross Gates mall. The Kiwanis advisor contributed pizza and soda to the club's Xmas party.

Builders Club: One Kiwanis advisor attended two Builders Club meetings in December. The club collected 102 items from their mitten tree to be donated to Doors of Hope. They will be selling baked goods and dog toys to contribute funds to the Miller Hill/Sand Lake K-Kids' Smile Train project. They

also plan to make valentines for the VA hospital.

A member is arranging to donate a wood joiner to the Technology Department at the Algonquin Middle School – valued at approximately \$700.00

K Kids Clubs: No reports submitted for December activity for any of the three K Kids Clubs.

Ways & Means (Hamlin) –

Pasta Dinner (Loveridge): Ten members and one guest volunteered 53 hours preparing for, setting up, serving or cleaning up after the monthly Pasta Dinner. 35 meals were served with a net profit of \$165.

Citrus Sales: Citrus shipment was received, stored at the Averill Park School District bus garage, moved due to extreme weather and distributed. Citrus sales were off this year by almost ½ from last year.

All K-kids had good sales but again off by about ½

We donated 2 cases of Tangelo and 3 cases of Grapefruit to Doors of Hope. We give 2 cases each to Town of Sand Lake, *The Advertiser*, Tremont Ace Hardware and the APC School District for a *Thank You* for their help in all we do year-round.

Young Children Priority #1 (Loveridge) – The Committee Chair coordinated the club’s activities at Crossgates Mall for the Bells of Life Campaign. Ten members, two Key Club members and one advisor volunteered 36 hours and collected \$1300.00. An additional \$215.00 was collected by three local businesses.

Youth Services (Lane): A busy month for the Holiday Food and Gift program. 17 members and ten guests collected donations from various groups (specifically 6 members, 6 APHS Connection students and 2 staffers sorted and bagged toys on one or more of three occasions and/or transported toys from the USMC Toys for Tots – 46 hours), sorted and packed toys and food for distribution, distributed the food and gifts to 80 families with 188 children (60 of whom were teenagers.) \$2380 in Food Only Gift Cards and \$1250.00 for teenagers’ gifts was used and a total of 206 hours volunteered for this annual project. Donations of food, gift cards, cash or toys were received from Hannaford Brothers customers, Algonquian Middle School students and nurse, Poestenkill Elementary School staff, USMC Toys for Tots, Poestenkill BSA and various additional members of the club/community.

Ad hoc committees: No reports submitted.

Old business: None.

New Business (previously introduced):

Initial discussion of a Weekend Food Backpack Program at Miller Hill/Sand Lake Elementary School. Over 30% of the students at Miller Hill/Sand Lake Elementary School are enrolled in the *Free Lunch Program*. This matter will be discussed at the February meeting.

Start a voluntary collection (*Passing the Hat*) to benefit Kamp Kiwanis®: PLG Lane suggested that the collection of “lose change” be started to benefit Kamp Kiwanis® in some way. This matter will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Assistance for a local family in need: PLG Lane reported that she had been approached about a family that the club had assisted during the Holiday Food and Gift project. This is a local family of four had lost their father during the holidays. The children are in the care of their grandmother. It was suggested that the club might find a way to enroll the children in some summer camp. To be discussed in February.

Other New Business:

Tent Request: The SL Garden Club, requested the use of a large tent of their annual Mother’s Day Plant Sale during the weekend of May 17. The request was approved.

General discussion of Summerfest 2017 dates: At this time there is the possibility of using one of two vendors. It was the consensus that the weekends of Fathers’ Day, Graduation and July 4th be avoided if possible.

Division News: Division Council at Castleton/Schodack – seven SLKC members to attend.

District News: Registration forms for the February 10-12 Mid-Year Conference are now available. Rates increase February 1.

International News: The European Federation Convention will be held in Paris at the same time as the Kiwanis International Convention.

Pay the Bills: the bills were approved for payment.