



THE SANDPIPER



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



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MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2015

President Linda L. Ellis, presiding
GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **Bob Loveridge**

WELCOME BACK,



TC McEntyre and



Craig Daniels

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

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

VR DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING, Rensselaer Senior Center, 6:30 PM, \$20:

Booker, Pasquarelli, Ward, Mulligan, Lane, Weiss, Linda E, Loveridge (?)

SAND LAKE SENIORS ANNUAL LUNCHEON, Thurs Feb 12th, Church of the Covenant

8:30 – 1:30: *Booker, Trupia*

10 – 1:30: *Linda E, Weiss, Mulligan, Lane*

11 – 1:30:

30th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, February 14th, 2015

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: *Ward*

5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: *Weiss*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Last week's Board of Directors approved a donation of \$500 to the Capital City Rescue Mission. A group of SLKs will deliver the check and take a tour of the facility; Wednesday evening was the preferred choice. Secretary Dave will make the arrangements.
- ❖ Saturday's Pasta Dinner served approximately 30+ dinners.
- ❖ The Troy Kiwanis Club has arranged for discounted tickets (\$13) for a Van Rensselaer Division afternoon at the Albany Devils vs. Worcester Sharks hockey game on Saturday January 24th at 2 PM at the Times Union Center. Linda Ellis and Peg Weiss will be going. Call Meg Emery at 433-8457 (or email <memery@thealbanydevils.com>) by Friday, January 16th if you're interested in attending.
- ❖ Thank you notes were received from the Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency for our donation supporting the annual Veterans' Breakfast, and from APHS for the computer system given to a needy student.

PROGRAM



Program Chair Mike Gates presented a discussion on trends in civic engagement, illustrated with charts taken from *Bowling Alone*, a book by Robert Putnam which explores why attendance is down in social groups, from 1890 through 1990. The decline started in the 1960s and 1970s, and affects churches, service clubs such as Kiwanis, bowling leagues, fraternal organizations, and veterans' groups, while non-profits rose. Part of the reason may be the volatile economy. More people are staying home and watching TV. More women are in the labor force, with both parents working in most families. Our society has become more mobile, moving about the country for various reasons, mostly employment. Our population is less centered in cities, with suburban



Figure 1: Average Membership Rate in Thirty-Two National Chapter-Based Associations, 1900-1997

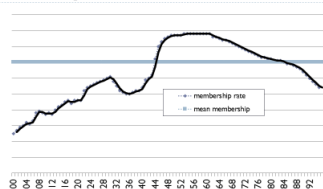


Figure 7: A Half Century's Growth in Television Watching, 1950-1998

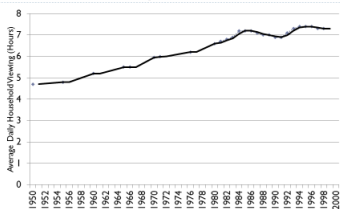
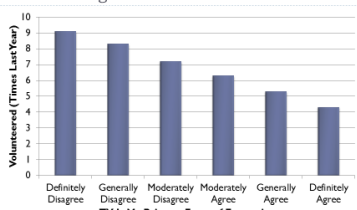


Figure 10: TV Watching and Volunteering Don't Go Together



sprawl causing longer commutes, and people don't care to go out for meetings after getting home. Technology and mass media have replaced social interaction. TV watching and volunteering do not go together. TV is addictive, consuming many hours of passive entertainment. Habits are passed on from generation to generation with volunteer work peaking in the 30 to 40 year age groups, and declines with age. Social capital is a society that helps others. People that are more integrated in the community appear to be in better health. After September 11th there was a great increase in volunteerism, but it declined rapidly. College freshmen are more interested in politics, and social media is helping causes in the 21st century. Thanks, Mike, for a very thought provoking program.

Rise and Decline of League Bowling

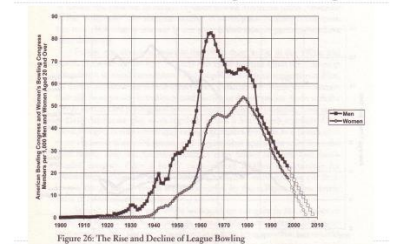
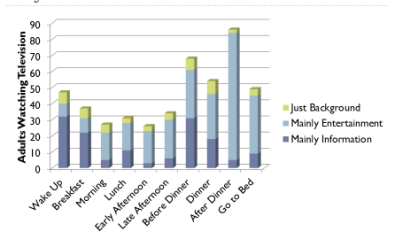


Figure 8: America Watches TV All Day Every Day



HAPPY DOLLARS

\$ Craig Daniels: I had a wonderful 3 weeks in Florida with my children, grandchildren, and their spouses!

\$ Pat Lane: My father used to say, “If you can’t do something nice every day, life is not worth living!”



DOOR PRIZE, a gift card to AJ’s provided by Mike Gates, was won by **Janet Malecki!**

50/50 for \$15 was won by **TC McEntyre!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$190 this week, will keep growing. **Dave Booker** won the right to search for the King of Clubs, but he only found the **3 of Hearts!**



COMING WEEKS...

NEXT WEEK JANUARY 19

Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis International
Guests welcome -- Cash bar 6PM, Dinner 6:45

JANUARY 26

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Angelo Patti*

SPEAKER: **Bob Moore, Town of Sand Lake Historian**

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Jim Hoffman*

FEBRUARY 2

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Joe Behson, Membership Committee Update*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Nancy Davis*

FEBRUARY 9

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Bryce Ginther -- APCSD School Nurses*

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Mike Gates*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Cynicism masquerades as wisdom, but it is the farthest thing from it.”

Stephen Colbert