



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2014

PAST PRESIDENT Michael T. Gates presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Frank Breselor

WELCOME BACK, Ken James and Bob Loveridge!

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tues Feb 21st: *Wagner, Ginther, Breselor, Patton, Daniels*

19th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, February 8th:

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: *Ward*

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

SL SENIORS LUNCHEON @ Church of the Covenant, Thursday, February 13th:

9:30 – 1:30 Pick up food: *Booker, Trupia, Whipple*

10:30 – 1:30 Set up, serve: *James, Lane*

11:30 – 1:30 Serve, cleanup: *Meislin, Tysiak, Mulligan, Weiss*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **John Brownrigg:** Summerfest meeting after the regular meeting.
- ❖ **Jerry Tysiak:** Two community events need our consideration. Uncle Marty is sponsoring a Kilt Run on St Patrick's Day March 17th, and has invited us to sell food at the event. This would be good community publicity. Poestenkill Elementary School is celebrating Discovery Day the following week on March 22nd and has invited us to serve food again as

we did last year. This also is good publicity for the Club, and both events present opportunities to attract new members to Kiwanis.

- ❖ **Lyndon & Linda Ellis:** This month's Pasta Dinner was more successful. Over 35 dinners were served with a profit of over \$200. Several new people came and seemed impressed.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Membership Chair Joe Behson introduced Andrew Cook, who has not only attended the required 3 meetings, but has also worked on a couple of projects already! Joe presented Drew with his framed membership plaque, his Kiwanis pin, via his sponsor John Mulligan, his temporary ID badge, Kiwanis decal, and a membership application form for Drew to ask another new member. Last but not least, and unique to



the Sand Lake Club, Drew was given the famous SLK Doo-Hickey to be displayed proudly! Bob Pasquarelli reminded Drew that he had joined a prestigious organization of 80 countries and over 600 thousand members, but that Sand Lake Kiwanis was the best in New York State! He then invited Drew to tell the club about himself. Drew grew up in the Averill Park area, graduated from Siena College, and is employed by Merrill Lynch. He wanted to join a group of people with service minded goals, and selected Kiwanis because of its activities. Welcome to the Sand Lake Kiwanis Club, Drew!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: Jude Clemente, *Jim Colabelli, Dudley Dorr, Mike Gates, Bob Loveridge, & Skip Patton.* Most of the celebrants were absent last week, so their serenade was postponed (*should have been eliminated!*) until tonight. But we had Eve's fabulous carrot cake LAST Mon!



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES: Joe & Meg Distell and Jim & Barbara Hoffman. They were not present, so fortunately for all, we didn't have to subject the group to any more discordant notes!

PROGRAM



Past President Mike Gates introduced himself to the Club and presented a slide show of the variety of birds he has seen mostly in his own back yard, but definitely in our home town. Mike is an excellent photographer and had many close ups of birds at his feeders. He has studied sources and has learned how to



identify the birds he sees. One of the birds we saw was the cowbird, also called the Mafia bird, an aggressive creature who lays its eggs in other birds' nests. The meat eating birds shown were the American bald eagle, the osprey, the owl, the kingfisher, and the hawk. Mike also had a picture of the snowy owl, taken at Albany Airport. This is a rare sighting, as it is native to the Arctic area. Water birds were ducks, geese, and swans. He also had some amazing close-ups of a feeding hummingbird. Other bird pictures were of the Eastern bluebird,



scarlet tanager, Baltimore oriole, finches, nuthatch, blue jay, cardinal, robin, cedar waxwing, European starling (a species brought to the US that is now a nuisance bird and has multiplied thousand fold), catbird, sparrow, junco, snow bunting, and the woodpecker, who drills holes in trees and sucks the sap until the tree dies. Thank you, Mike, for an entertaining program, with incredible pictures!

HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Skip Patton:** I'm happy for Mike's great show, and for Drew joining SLK!
- \$ **Bob Loveridge:** Joanne and I had a wonderful 9 day cruise in the Caribbean, but travel was a problem. Due to weather, there were no flights to Florida, so I rented a Jeep, and drove to Baltimore, where I chartered a private plane to fly us to the pier where the ship was!
- \$ **Ken James:** I'm still upright! I'm here tonight because there's no snow!
- \$ **Gary Meislin:** Thanks to John Brownrigg for all his help with my house, and my cat Kiki thanks him too for taking such good care of him!
- \$ **Pat Lane:** I recovered from the stroke, but now am dealing with sciatica. I came tonight just to see the birds!
- \$ **Pete Stevens:** Not happy.....my 16 ½ year old cockatiel died this week.
- \$ **John Mulligan:** I enjoyed watching my granddaughters do so well in ski races this week!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Mike Gates, was won by

Frank Breselor!

50/50 for \$26.50 was won by **Jean Hamlin!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$390 this week, will continue to grow. **John Brownrigg** was unable to find the King of Clubs, and only came up with the 8 of Hearts!



COMING WEEKS...

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| JANUARY 20 | DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING HERE!
GREETER/INVOCATOR: <i>John Brownrigg</i> |
| JANUARY 27 | PROGRAM: <i>Angelo Patti -- TBA</i>
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: <i>Jim Hoffman</i> |
| FEBRUARY 3 | PROGRAM: <i>Joe Behson, Update on Membership Committee</i>
GREETER/INVOCATOR: <i>Nancy Davis</i>
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING |
| FEBRUARY 10 | PROGRAM: <i>Bryce Ginther -- TBA</i>
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: <i>Mike Gates</i> |

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Wise sayings often fall on barren ground, but a kind word is never thrown away."

British writer Arthur Helps