



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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## MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2014

PRESIDENT Stuart J. Nippes presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **Jim Hoffman**

WELCOME BACK, **Jim Hoffman**



, **Gary Meislin,**

**Angelo Patti**



and **Frank Breselor**



### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri Feb 7<sup>th</sup>: **Wagner, Daniels, Patton, Patti, Ginther**

Tues Feb 28<sup>th</sup>: **Wagner, Ginther, Breselor, Patton, Daniels**

19<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>:

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward, Meislin**

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

SENIOR LUNCHEON @ Church of the Covenant, Thurs Feb 13<sup>th</sup>:

9:30 – 1:30: *Booker, Trupia*

10:30 – 1:30: *James, Lane, Linda Ellis*

11:30 – 1:30: *Meislin, Tysiak, Mulligan, Weiss, Davis, Loveridge*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- We have been asked by Uncle Marty to provide hot dogs and hamburgers at his 5K Kilt Run on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested, that if we participate, all profits be earmarked for the Governor's Project of Autism (locally).
- We have also been asked to provide food at the Poestenkill Elementary School Fair again this year on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, hopefully using their kitchen facilities once again. Both of these projects will be discussed and decided at the Board of Directors meeting next week.

**PRESENTATIONS**

President Stu awarded **Skip Patton** his tab for 5 years of perfect attendance!



A banner patch was given to **Dudley Dorr**, House & Reception Chair, to be placed on our Honors Banner to commemorate our completing a Round Robin in the year 2012-1013! Congratulations to both Skip for his 5 years, and to the Interclub participants who



visited all VR Division Clubs!

**PROGRAM**



Angelo Patti presided over the comments of four members who related why they joined the Sand Lake Kiwanis Club.



**Barbara Fioravanti** served in the Peace Corps, had a full time job, and worked with the Girl Scouts. As her two daughters grew older, she was open to other areas of service. She met Judy Thol, then manager of Key Bank and Vice President of SLK, who told her about Kiwanis work. Unfortunately Judy was transferred out of the area, but Barb did join the club. She has always been active in club projects, and ultimately served in 1997-1998 as our first woman president! She did a great job, and continued to be actively involved with APHS Key Club, and now AMS Builders Club. She lives in the town of Stephentown and thinks it might be time to look east and form a new club in that area.

**John Mulligan** graduated as a civil engineer from Manhattan College, and before continuing with his graduate work, served 3 years in the Peace Corps in South America. He had a busy life with his full time job and raising a family, and wasn't too receptive to Jim Rogers' invitation to join Kiwanis. Shortly after he retired, Jim reminded him of his invitation and that he now had more time! John has also worked with Key Club and on most projects, although his health prohibits some things, he is still very active.



**Pat Lane** is from the Boston area (could you guess?), and moved here with her family. She worked with Wal-Mart management for 17 years, and part of her job was presenting Wal-Mart's awards to service organizations. She had seen signs around town about Kiwanis, and almost joined the Castleton Club, but they nicely steered her here. SLK was one of the recipients of a Wal-Mart check, via Eve Ward, who happily became her sponsor! Pat works on almost every project we have, and rarely refuses a request. She is the latest of our four female presidents, serving in the 2011-2012 year.

**Dave Booker** is also from Massachusetts, and has the distinction of having served Kiwanis in two states. He worked as a plumber in Greenfield, and his boss directed him to join. At that time the club met at noon, and since coat and tie was the dress of the day, it was difficult for him to attend their meetings. However he was still elected a director, and when meetings were later held in the evenings, went on to become secretary of the largest club in that division. When Dave's wife was transferred to this area and they bought a house in West Sand Lake, he joined SLK, and in 6 months he was elected vice president! He has gone on to serve as our president, then lieutenant governor of the Van Rensselaer Division. He took over as secretary following Art Smith, and then became Governor of the New York District in 2009-2010. But we won't let him go as our secretary!



Angelo concluded by noting that we need to hear each other's stories, and reflect on our own reasons for becoming a Sand Lake Kiwanian. Let's have more programs like this!

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ Mike Gates:** I'm happy that our kitchen remodeling project is almost finished! And that our puppy is growing.....and getting fat!
- \$ Jim Hoffman:** I'm happy to report that I will become a grandfather this summer! We will be going to visit our daughter very soon. Wisconsin in February—that's love! It was noted that Jim was the subject of an article in the *Times Union* and his Kiwanis pin was missing!
- \$ Barb Fioravanti:** The Builders Club is on fire! They are actively working on a food drive with another club in Algonquin, and have worked with Susan Wells cutting out hundreds of Stars for Troops! And I'm really happy to say that Gene and I are leaving for Costa Rica next Monday!
- \$ Sue Jensky:** I had a surprise visit from my brother from Alaska this week! I've received a promotion at work that has me busier than ever. To mark the 1 year anniversary of my mom's passing, her friends at the Rouse Center held a party!
- \$ Jean Hamlin:** My son who had a heart valve replaced last Nov 19<sup>th</sup> is going back to work next week!
- \$ President Stu:** For a great program by Angelo!

**\$ Kevin Sarsfield:** When I joined SLK 20 years ago I was told by Ken Van Praag that whenever you won the 50/50 you were expected to buy a round of drinks at the bar. Naively, I asked what he was drinking, and when he told me a Manhattan, I ordered the same. My thanks to KVP for 20 years of enjoying Manhattans!

**DOOR PRIZE**, provided by Angelo Patti, was won by **Gary Meislin in absentia!** We'll keep it for you, Gary, so come again!

50/50 for \$26.50 was won by **Skip Patton!** *Drinks, anyone?*

**PROGRESSIVE 50/50**, worth \$414 this week, defeated the magic fingers of **Pat Lane**, who pulled the 7 of Diamonds! Only 31 cards left to hide in, King of Clubs!



### COMING WEEKS...

NEXT FEBRUARY 3                   PROGRAM: **Joe Behson**, Update on Membership Committee  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: **Nancy Davis**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

FEBRUARY 10                   PROGRAM: **Bryce Ginther -- TBA**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: **Mike Gates**

FEBRUARY 17                   PROGRAM: **Woodie Hacker -- TBA**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: **Barb Fioravanti**

FEBRUARY 24                   PROGRAM: **Janet Malecki**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: **Jim Colabelli**

### **SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

*"He who falls in love with himself will have no rivals."*

**Benjamin Franklin**

