



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF JULY 8, 2013

PRESIDENT Michael Gates presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **Bob Pasquarelli**

GUESTS: SL Town Supervisor Flora Fasoldt, Town Councilpersons Chris Kronau & Mark Cioffi, Town Attorney Russell Bennett, Assistant to Supervisor Rob Dressner, Esq., Pat Mulligan, John Berstein, Al Hayner, and prospective member (guest of Bruce Perry) Frank Lewandusky.



WELCOME BACK, Bruce Perry!

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tues July 16th: *Ginther, Daniels, Lane, Nippes, Patton, & Whipple*

12th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, July 13th:

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: *Ward*, _____

5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: *Weiss*, _____, _____



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- + **Bob Loveridge:** I have posters advertising our Pasta Dinner. Please take them and post them anywhere they will be seen around town!
- + **President Mike:** We have received a donation to the Club from Scott Wurtemberger, son of the late Fred Wurtemberger, in memory of his father.
- + **Eve Ward:** Last call for tickets (\$9.50) for Valley Cats baseball outing on July 22nd! There are just 7 left, and I will be collecting money and distributing them next week.
- + **Secretary Dave:** DUES ARE DUE! Please get your checks in ASAP!
- + **President Mike:** Thank you note for our support received from Algonquin Builders Club, along with a donation of \$112.50, from the

proceeds of their various fund raisers.

- + **Secretary Dave:** NY District Convention is near Rochester from August 15th-18th; deadline for hotel registrations is July 25th. Election of our 3 delegates will be held next week.
- + **Volunteers needed** to take notes for the *Sandpiper* on July 29th and Aug 5th. Please see either President Mike or Secretary Dave!

PROGRAM

Supervisor of the Town of Sand Lake Flora Fasoldt began with her thanks to Kiwanis for all we do for our town. It is appreciated! She began by noting that she has been in office for 554 days, and plans to run again. Flora commented that her term began with a Federal lawsuit against the town for the mishandling of the handicapped van, but now we have a new fully operational community van (Dodge Caravan) which has been transporting many townspeople to various medical appointments around the area. We have several very committed drivers, but we need more volunteers! Minimal training is needed, and will be provided. Other litigation has been settled concerning access to Glass Lake, and it is now OK for fishing and non-motorized boating, but no swimming. Our budget included the tax cap, zero based and itemized budgeting. We have successfully negotiated a labor

contract with the Highway Dept. Sewer bills will come from Rensselaer County, and new sewer lines are planned for the southwest side of Burden Lake, with an agreement with the Town of Nassau. We have saved \$20,000 in salaries, and a new website has been set up. Regarding the Master Plan, a Liaison Committee and a Parks & Recreation Committee have been appointed. There is now a water agreement with the AP Schools to protect the aquifers. The Town is now providing a new service: residential paint disposal. There is an MS4 audit in place to reduce pollutants in our lakes and streams. The



Town Beach has been improved—new sand—and a Red Cross learn to swim program is available. Town property from Burden Lake Road to Orient Avenue in Averill Park has been surveyed, and improvements are planned for parking, with cosmetic improvements along the main road to enhance businesses. The Town Hall itself has a recycling program in place for all its utilities. The Wynantskill Creek has been designated an inland waterway, and as such is eligible for a federal grant. There is an economic initiative (45B) to exempt new businesses and new construction. We have some challenges. Mining is a resource in town, and we are working with Bonded Concrete. A new application has been received to mine in the Springer Road area. We have contacted the owners of the long vacant Exxon/Mobil property at the 4 corners in West Sand Lake about its disposition, and hopefully will see some improvement soon. Modernizing Town Hall equipment is in progress. The Zoning Code needs revamping and is a slow process. We are hoping to lower the cost of health insurance for town employees. We are working with the SL Business Association on signage in the town, hoping to mark the boundaries of each of the hamlets to give them significance. SL is now a member of the CDTA Transportation Commission. Questions were asked and answered concerning the Butler Park stage (under study), whether natural gas is coming (yes, in future, in limited areas), water problems in the hamlet of Averill Park, roundabout coming to WSL? (no), solar energy (already operational at Town Garage for 6 months). President Mike presented Flora with our Certificate of Appreciation for a most informative talk.



HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Ken James:** I fell while walking outside, tearing muscles and tendons in my left thigh, the worst pain I have ever felt! But I'm better now, and glad to be here!
- \$ **Stu Nippes:** Thanks to Flora and her staff for coming tonight, and for all the help we received from the Town with Summerfest activities!
- \$ **Jim Rogers:** For Flora and the town officials who came tonight; also we reached an agreement with the buyers of our house, and hope to have a Sept 18th closing! We have put down a security deposit on our new home at Stonegate in North Greenbush!
- \$ **Rose Metchick:** I had a wonderful weekend at Pocono Race Track with the Indy cars!
- \$ **Bob Pasquarelli:** When we were in Vancouver last month we discovered an Italian Gelateria that has become an award winner for the best gelato! They have 30 flavors, and are worth standing in a long line! Thanks for the use of the tent for my granddaughter's graduation party this past Saturday. There were so many kids in the pool that I was told that you needed a reservation to get in!
- \$ **Gary Meislin:** Who remembers Stan Supkis and Alison Greene? (*Many of us recalled the former members; Alison is a Past President of SLK*).
- \$ **Bruce Perry:** I want to introduce a prospective member, Frank Lewandusky!
- \$ **Mike Gates:** I saw a scarlet tanager bird in my yard!
- \$ **Skip Patton:** While hiking in Cherry Plain I saw a bear, but fortunately no cubs!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by John Mulligan, was won by **Bruce Perry!**

50/50 for \$23.50 was won by **Jerry Tysiak!**

MEGA 50/50 worth \$542 this week will keep growing despite the efforts of **Peg Weiss** who picked the 5 of Clubs instead of the King from the 25 remaining cards!

COMING WEEKS...

JULY 15

PROGRAM: **Peg Weiss**

Al Hayner: "Proposed Community Center"

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: **Ken James**



JULY 22 VALLEY CATS BASEBALL AT "THE JOE"

JULY 29 PROGRAM: *Pat Lane -- TBA*
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *TBA*

AUGUST 5 PROGRAM: *Stuart Nippes: Summerfest Thank You*
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Skip Patton*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Artificial intelligence is no competition for natural stupidity."

Unknown

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROLL CALL: Present: President Gates, President-Elect Nippes, Immediate Past Distinguished President Lane, Treasurer Pasquarelli, Secretary Booker
Directors Loveridge, Malecki, Ward, Whipple, Ginther, Mulligan, Weiss
Absent: Directors Brownrigg & Fioravanti

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT - End of last month balance \$41,979.34.
All Summerfest bills have been paid, leaving net profit of \$9000 for SF 2013!

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boy Scouts (Behson): Held chicken BBQ at Summerfest and raised \$200.

Community Services (Loveridge/Ginther): Unloaded food truck at Doors of Hope twice. Signs lettered for 2 community events and Summerfest.

Interclub (Pasquarelli): 5 SLKs attended Division Council at Valley Cats baseball game 6/18/13.

Membership & Education (Behson): Developed Membership Referral Form to encourage ID of prospective members. Planned for 1st Meet Our Community Leaders Night in July.

Public Relations (Gates): Pasta Dinner ads on TWC, Fire House sign, & Advertiser. Summerfest notices in Advertiser, lawn signs, posters, and large Advertiser ad (schedule).

Sponsored Youth (Fioravanti/Mulligan/Malecki): Attended 1 Builders Club meeting. Attended 2 K-Kids meetings.

Ways & Means (Nippes): Profit from Summerfest was \$9000 produced by 29 SLKs & 16 non-members giving 878 hours! June's Pasta Dinner served 33 with \$131 to go to EliMiNaTe Project.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request from Eileen White, mother of severely handicapped son, for help funding a platform lift for their home. \$8000 more needs to be raised for purchase for mobility assistance. \$500 was approved for donation, with specific project (to be determined) to raise awareness and profit dedicated to the needed lift. **Pat Lane & Stu Nippes** volunteered to meet with Mrs. White.
2. Stu Nippes: Tent request from Joanne Flanigan for St Jude's Festival on Sept 20th approved.

DIVISION NEWS: Next Council meeting is at Castleton on August 7th.

DISTRICT NEWS: Convention in Rochester Aug 15-18, register ASAP.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS: Soon to have first female International president!