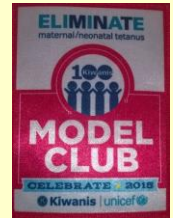




# THE SANDPIPER



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



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### MEETING OF JULY 13, 2015

President Linda L. Ellis, presiding

GREETINGS by Jean Hamlin

& INVOCATION by Bob Pasquarelli

WELCOME BACK, Pat Lane!

### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tue July 21<sup>st</sup>: *Daniels, Davis, Nippes, Wagner*

36<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>:

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

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: *Brownrigg, Metchick, Hamlin*

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: *Ward*

5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: *Metchick, Hamlin, \_\_\_\_\_*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Thank you note was received and read from graduating APHS Senior Scott Gallerie.
- ✚ Reminder to those attending the Van Rensselaer Division Baseball Outing on Thur July 16<sup>th</sup>: You must pick up your tickets at the Will Call Window, and the picnic starts at 6 pm in the picnic area to the right as you enter the ballpark.
- ✚ Thanks to those who worked the Pasta Dinner Saturday. We only served 17 dinners but Jean Hamlin's dessert was spectacular!

- ✚ **Joe Behson:** Thanks to everyone who contributed to the EliMiNaTe Bucket of Change. We collected \$105.05 for the month of June.
- ✚ **Eve Ward:** Tickets have arrived for Sand Lake's Valley Cats outing on Mon Aug 10th. See me next week if you signed up to go – the tickets are \$9.50 each. Let me know ASAP if you would like to attend - there are still a few tickets available.



## BUSINESS

1. Amend the Club Bylaws/Policies:  
Kiwanis International voted at their recent convention to raise the fees \$10. Sand Lake has not raised club dues in 12 years, but the Admin Fund has been regularly tapped. In response to this action it is proposed to amend the Mandatory Club Policies Section A1, to read: "Annual dues \$130", (previously \$120). Passed unanimously.
2. Tent request for August 7 – 9 by Michael Dorr was approved.
3. Due invoices were handed out to those attending the meeting and mailed to all others. The dues are due now please make your payment. Those unpaid at the end of August may result in the suspension or termination of membership!

## PROGRAM

Club member Rose Metchick, representing Sand Lake Ambulance, related the accurate events concerning the dispute over Sand Lake's "refusing" to respond to calls from Poestenkill. She also distributed a written statement from President Robbie MacCue and Chief Rodney Brenner, which had also been published in the *Advertiser*. Last year the Town of Poestenkill voted to dissolve their town ambulance service, sell the vehicle, and without increasing any resources, rely upon an arrangement with Mohawk Ambulance, a commercial enterprise like Empire Ambulance, to protect its population. They in effect resigned from the mutual aid organization that has served Rensselaer County for many years, and instead are relying on their surrounding town neighbors to service their people when Mohawk, which charges the town by the call, is unavailable to respond.

Rules for the operation of the *mutual* aid system are set up by the NYS Health Department and rely upon a give and take situation. SL Ambulance is supported by town residents' taxes and by donations from the community. Its effectiveness would be compromised if its territory were enlarged without reciprocal aid from other towns. Poestenkill residents should question their town council concerning this new "save money" solution that relies upon others without "pay back".



Comments from the club membership were many, and mostly favorable to SL. “Our ambulance squad is highly trained, kind, and fast to respond.” SLA’s recent improvements to their building have provided 3 beds to house 24 hour duty EMS, enabling them to provide an average of 7 minute response to calls. Sand Lake Ambulance’s annual fund drive is on right now, so please contribute! Thanks to Rose for an enlightening program.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Jim Rogers:** Lisa and Eric took 14 hours to climb 3 more Adirondack high peaks! They now have climbed 12 out of the 34!
- \$ **Rose Metchick:** Thanks for all the great support I received when going through my diagnostic mammograms. Final decision: I’m okay!
- \$ **Pat Lane:** I’m home! After 3 weeks of touring western Canada, the mid west US, and the Canadian Maritimes! On August 6<sup>th</sup> I’ll be off again to Nova Scotia!
- \$ **Skip Patton:** I’m thrilled to see the Confederate flag come down and go to a museum where it belongs with the rest of the Civil War history!
- \$ **John Mulligan:** Thanks to Rose, who was willing to step in and fill an empty program slot!
- \$ **Joe Behson:** Not a complete sweep, but the Yankees beat the Red Sox 3 games out of 4!

Once again our attendance was down, so the 3 extra meals were “door prized” to Jim Colabelli, Linda Ellis, and Craig Daniels.

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Rose Metchick, was won by **Joe Behson!**

50/50 for \$21 was won by **Stuart Nippes!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$551.50 this week, foiled the best efforts of **David Booker**, who could only come up with the **6 of Diamonds** from the 20 remaining cards!



HELP NEEDED: Volunteers to take notes for the *Sandpiper* on July 20<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, and August 3<sup>rd</sup>, while the Editor is visiting family in North Carolina. Please let Secretary David know you will help!

## COMING WEEKS...

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| JULY 20 | PROGRAM CHAIR: <b>Joe Trupia</b><br>Speaker <b>Ralph Enokian</b> – <i>The Armenian Genocide</i><br>GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: <b>Linda Ellis</b> |
| JULY 27 | PROGRAM CHAIR: <b>Jim Colabelli</b> -- TBA<br>GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: <b>Doug Baldrey</b>   |

AUGUST 3

PROGRAM CHAIR: *John Mulligan/Barb Fioravanti*  
Update on Sponsored Youth Committee activities  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Bill Whipple*

AUGUST 10

NO MEETING – VALLEY CATS BASEBALL GAME  
BRUNO STADIUM AT 7 pm  
See Eve Ward for tickets

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

*“Life is fragile. We’re not guaranteed a tomorrow, so give it everything you’ve got.”*  
**Tim Cook**

