



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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### *MEETING OF JULY 15, 2013*

PRESIDENT Michael Gates presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **David Booker**

WELCOME BACK, Barb Fioravanti!

### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tues July 16<sup>th</sup>: *Lane, Nippes, Whipple*

13<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, Aug 10<sup>th</sup>:

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*, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING hosted by Castleton/Schodack, Wed Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, Ambulance Bldg:

*Booker, Weiss, Lane, Pasquarelli, Ward, Brownrigg, Rogers, Loveridge, Malecki, Nippes*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Eve Ward:** I have the Valley Cats tickets and will collect from you tonight. It's Bobble Head Night, a very popular event, so be there early to beat the crowds!
- ❖ **Secretary Dave:** The NY District Convention is Aug 15-18 at RIT Inn, Henrietta, NY. Deadline for hotel registration is July 25<sup>th</sup>. 3 delegates need to be elected and should include the incoming president & secretary. #1 **Stuart Nippes**, #2 **David Booker**, #3 **Robert Loveridge** were approved by the membership.
- ❖ **President Mike** presented Dudley with the Banner Patch for our Skip-A-Meal contribution of \$220 to the Kiwanis International Foundation.



- ❖ **President Mike** read 3 thank you notes from APHS Seniors who were given awards: Peter Kowal for the Jeffrey J Uline Memorial Model Youth Award, Cody Lane, & Keith Lane, Past Key Club co-presidents, who received Sand Lake Kiwanis Awards. Mike was called to task by John Brownrigg for saying *Key Bank* instead of Key Club!
- ❖ **President Mike** also read a thank you from Doors of Hope for our “consistent, dependable, and smiling help unloading the food truck every month.”
- ❖ **President Mike:** This year the Town Garage Sale will be held at Westfall Village in Sept. and the SL Business Association has requested SLK to provide food service in addition to our tent full of “goodies” to sell. Membership gave its approval for our participation.
- ❖ **Stuart Nippes:** This community has recently suffered 2 drug overdose deaths, the latest in a string of drug abuse accidents. We’ve had 8 in the last year! Many of us are concerned and want to do something positive about it. We are meeting Wed at 7 PM at the AP Firehouse to address this problem. Please attend!
- ❖ **John Brownrigg:** 22 years ago Dr Greg Benson called our attention to this problem and told us that it would only get worse if nothing was done. It’s an ongoing scourge!
- ❖ **Eve Ward:** We have two unsold tickets to the Valley Cats game, and are giving them to our wonderful waitress, Wendy Harrington! *(She was very happy!)*



## PROGRAM

Peg Weiss introduced tonight’s speaker, Al Hayner, one of our leading community citizens. Al has lived here all his life and has seen many changes. He started working at age 15, running a general store, selling appliances, handling dry cleaning, maintaining and storing boats, and establishing our weekly Advertiser in 1958. Even after selling its ownership to Hearst a few years ago, he continues to be active in its publication. They will celebrate its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August, and they’ve never missed an issue! 40 years ago Al took a job with the Legislative Index Co, reporting on the NYS Legislature and Executive Branch until the business closed in 2008. Soon to turn 87, Al finds it a challenge to convince the Town to take responsibility for the 1929 Sand Lake School. He feels it belongs to the taxpayers, for they have paid for it, and that it should be used for the benefit of all.



“If the Kiwanis Summerfest had been held at the Sand Lake School it would have been much bigger. Location, location, location!” A group of citizens has been discussing the possibility of making the school a community center, housing a day care center, the Town Offices, the Town Library, and using the present gym for a recreation facility. This would provide the extra space in the present Town Hall wanted by the State Police for lockup facilities. We don’t want to lose them to another community which is willing to provide this. The property has been on the market for over a year with no offers. We understand that the AP School District would like the money from a sale, but if they sold the property to the Town for a nominal fee of \$1, the day care center would generate income almost immediately. Making it into low

income housing would cost millions in renovations, just \$2 million alone in asbestos removal, while a Town center would not necessitate this. Most other ideas would require demolition (and asbestos abatement), and most of us don’t want to see the historic old school torn down. Comments from the membership concerned the differences between the school



district and town boundaries, and the need for a private consulting firm to study the proposal and submit a pro forma to be studied. County Legislature Chairman Martin Reid is interested, suggesting RPI's nanoscience program could use space, and a bank in Troy is interested in opening a branch out here. This project definitely needs publicity and open meetings for townspeople. President Mike thanked Al for a most thought provoking talk and presented him with our Certificate of Appreciation.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **John Brownrigg:** Thank God Loveridge didn't show up at Saturday's pasta dinner. We sold out, but Bob bought too much lettuce! Suzanne and I celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the islands of the Caribbean. Will we have 40 more? NO!
- \$ **Bob Loveridge:** Thanks to the same loyal crew for the great job with the pasta dinner! You served more people than we ever have, and made us a profit for EliMiNaTe!
- \$ **Bob Pasquarelli:** My doctor has been worried about my cholesterol—I can't take statins—so I agreed to have an EKG. The results are that my arteries are CLEAN!
- \$ **Jim Colabelli:** Jan and I and a big family group had a great time on the Outer Banks of NC, but it was hotter than \_\_\_\_! We saw the Wright Brothers Memorial, the Lost Colony, and had some terrific food. By Saturday we'd had enough togetherness, and drove straight through to home, seeking cooler weather, but \_\_\_\_\_!!
- \$ **Pete Stevens:** We made a Sunday trip down to the Gilboa area to visit the museums and see the fossils. There was one I particularly wanted, but it was too heavy to carry!
- \$ **Pat Lane:** Occasionally I miss working on a project, but this group is great. Nobody lets us fall down—thanks for the help, and great job!
- \$ **Jerry Tysiak:** My daughter moved from Maine to Miami, and complained about the COLD--a front had passed through! Now we have a place to go in the winter!
- \$ **Jean Hamlin:** I attended a wedding at Lake George, had a wonderful meal and danced away the hours! Then I went to VT to go fishing in Lake Champlain!



- \$ **John Mulligan:** I didn't work but I bought a spaghetti dinner, and couldn't eat it all! But you lost money on the dessert—John Brownrigg smothered my brownie in whipped cream!
- \$ **Bill Whipple:** On Wed July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:29 PM in Okinawa, Japan a baby girl was born to Scott and Meera, weighing 9 lbs 8 oz, 21" long! Her name is Suhani Mara Whipple, and I'm giving \$10 for her—a dollar a pound!

- \$ **Mike Gates:** OK, I'm paying my \$5 "Key BANK" penalty, instead of Key CLUB! I got a GREAT picture of Albany's 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and a lightning strike! *He showed it, and it was spectacular!* Channel 6 put it on the air!



DOOR PRIZE, provided by John Mulligan, was won by **Jerry Tysiak!**

50/50 for \$22.50 was won by **John Brownrigg!**

MEGA 50/50 worth \$563 this week will continue to grow. **Peg Weiss** tried again this week, but could only come up with the 6 of Clubs. Still in the right suit, but not that elusive King of Clubs!

This is getting to be some serious money!!



### COMING WEEKS...

JULY 22 VALLEY CATS BASEBALL OUTING

JULY 29 PROGRAM: *Pat Lane*  
Speaker **Eileen White**, mother of handicapped son  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Eve Ward*

AUGUST 5 PROGRAM: *Stuart Nippes*, Summerfest Results Report  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Dave Booker*

***THESE TWO MEETINGS NEED A VOLUNTEER NOTETAKER FOR THE SANDPIPER!***

AUGUST 12 PROGRAM: *Doug Baldrey*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Gary Meislin*

AUGUST 19 PROGRAM: *Stuart Nippes*  
**SUMMERFEST THANK YOU TO SPONSORS**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Skip Patton*

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

***“If you once forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem.”***  
**Abraham Lincoln, 1854**