



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF JULY 18, 2016

Past President Patricia A. Lane, presiding

GREETINGS by Peg Weiss & INVOCATION by Bob Pasquarelli

GUESTS: Speakers Phil Lance & Nan Mullenneaux



of Jim Colabelli,

his wife Jan ;



(seated) ;

and of Bill Whipple, his wife Betty Jean



plus new members Justin Glasser and his fiancé Jennifer Koury

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri Aug 5th: **Daniels, Behson, Wagner**

Mon Aug 15th: **Wagner**

47th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, August 13, 2016

12 – 7, Kitchen/Cook: **Booker, Wagner, Daniels, Brownrigg**
3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: **Hamlin, Koury, Glasser**
3:30 – 7, Cashier: **Ward**
5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: **Hamlin, Lane**

TROY INTERCLUB/DIVISION COUNCIL, 3 PM Sunday, July 24th at the Joe, \$25 all you can eat picnic (\$10 goes to Eliminate): **Booker**

RENSSELAER INTERCLUB/DIVISION COUNCIL, 4:30 PM Wed Aug 10th, Wash Ave Firehouse (meeting inside, then outdoor concert) \$10: **Booker, Lane, Hamlin, Loveridge, Ward, Pasquarelli, Brownrigg**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you note received from Burdett Care Center Staff at Samaritan Hospital for the new baby clothes delivered from our First Lady's Baby Shower.
- From Secretary David: Dues notices went out a month ago, but 20 members still have not paid. Please attend to this ASAP!
- Message from Eve Ward: Not feeling well tonight, but will be here next week with the Valley Cats tickets for August 1st. Bring your money if you ordered tickets! If you will not be at the meeting to get your tickets. **IF YOU WILL NOT BE AT THE MEETING, YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH EVE TO GET YOUR TICKETS BEFORE AUGUST 1!**

PRESENTATION



Immediate Past President Pat awarded **Jerry Tysiak** with his pin tab for 23 years of Perfect Attendance! Congratulations for your service, Jerry!

PROGRAM



Program Chair Jim Colabelli introduced tonight's speakers, Phil Lance and his wife Nan Mullenneaux, who gave an illustrated talk on their experiences in China last year. Phil is a retired support magistrate from the 3rd District, and Nan is a History Professor in the writing program at Duke University. Both

are talented in music and theater, and have been guest singers in the Church of the Covenant choir. The Chinese government, in an attempt



to Westernize their people, invited universities from other countries to send faculty members to China to teach. Nan was accepted, and they spent from mid-February to May of 2015 in the town of Kunshan, in Jiangsu Province. The town has built sports arenas (no teams yet) and parks, and the Duke Kunshan University was built especially for this program. Duke supplied half of the faculty. They had 2-3 hour classes 4 days per week. Nan's students were

Duke Kunshan University



The Campus



From Page to Stage



very motivated and eager to learn, but their knowledge of English varied from little to fluent. She assigned writing projects asking them to tell about their lives and hopes for the future. From this she learned that while the students were up to date, they still revered their parents' and grandparents' customs and values.

There is definitely a culture clash. Some of the girls were already "promised" in marriage, and after these classes, a few refused to follow through. Female babies are not valued, and abortions are referred. The "one child per family" policy is not enforced, but is desirable. Academic freedom is promised, but is ignored when disagreements occur. Duke permits choice in classes, and Nan



chose history and performance arts. Field trips were encouraged on the 5th day of the week when there were no formal classes. They visited the Forbidden City, more than 900 walled acres with a palatial residence for the Emperor (hence the name: no Chinese allowed in). They also visited Tiananmen Square, and found that half the students knew nothing of the political clash which

occurred there. The students learning of the event for the first time were shocked, because they trusted their government. The famous photo showing the student on foot physically challenging the tank was not published in China. The students played Theater Games and acted out their written papers, which helped them learn language skills. While on campus, access to TV was available, mostly music and commercials,



some sports (soccer). They visited Shanghai and saw the Chinese Traditional Medical Hospital, where treatments using massage and acupuncture were given; the Power Station Museum of Art; the Kun Opera Club; and the all women Yue Opera, which they rated as wonderful! Women were made up and dressed for the male parts, and some of the students could not believe they were



female! Shanghai is the financial center, and is densely populated. Part of it is definitely 19th century and Pudong, the newer part across the river, is very modern.

They also visited Xi'an and the famous terra cotta soldiers. These statues were all smashed by ancient enemies, and are now being dug up and recreated. They are surrounded by a wall of several miles, with a bike trail on top. There is a stark contrast between the old and new, with many beautiful gardens. Food greatly varies from



region to region (think country to country). Travel is cheap; local transportation is subsidized. They do have a bullet train in the populated areas. Both Nan and Phil enjoyed their time in



China, and have plans to return to continue the experience. Peg Weiss thanked them for a fascinating program, and the whole club agreed to have them back again after their next trip. Both Phil and Nan were presented with our Certificates of Appreciation!



INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Bob Pasquarelli reviewed the facts of Kiwanis: International, in over 80 countries, but Sand Lake Kiwanis is the best! He presented both Justin and Jennifer with their membership pins, a new updated directory, our famous and unique *doe-hickey*, framed certificates of membership, and finally the bill for their dues! Both Justin and Jennifer work with disabled persons, and want very much to give back to their community. They love Averill Park, and want to make it better. Even before they were officially members, they have already worked on several projects. Welcome to Sand Lake Kiwanis, Justin and Jennifer!



HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Jim Colabelli:** First of all, I want to thank Phil and Nan for a wonderful program! Hope to have you here again soon! And I'm happy that my wife Jan is here with us tonight!
- \$ **David Booker:** The recent events in Turkey made me surprisingly nostalgic for the time I spent there while in the Army, I was stationed there in March 1971 – during the *coup by memorandum*. Sad to see the unrest taking place.
- \$ **Pete Stevens:** I'm happy that my vacation's coming! I will not be here for the next two weeks!
- \$ **Pat Lane:** I will not be here for the next 3 weeks; I'll be in Nova Scotia and Maine! Last Saturday I visited the Albany Institute of History and Art—their café is great! And finally, I had an adventure and survived: A former employer called and said there was a collection of things that were unsaleable. If you want them, come and get them out of here! My car was being worked on and the only transportation was my son's 1996 Dodge Ram pickup truck, which I'd never driven! I grit my teeth and white-knuckled it through construction zones and narrow roads, but I now have a garage full of red, white and blue decorations which I plan to use in November for the Pasta Dinner which will celebrate Veterans Day!
- \$ **Debbie Donnelly:** My thanks to Joe Behson and John Mulligan for helping out with the Community Van! And Wednesday I became a great-aunt! The first baby in our family in 17 years!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Jim Colabelli, was won by **Joe Behson!**

50/50 for \$22 was won by **Peg Weiss!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$461 this week, will continue to grow, because **Jerry Tysiak** could not find that elusive King of Clubs! But he did pick out the **Ace of Hearts**, usually a great card, but worthless here! Only 28 cards left to choose from!



COMING WEEKS.....

JULY 25

PROGRAM CHAIR: **Bryce Ginther**

PROGRAM: **Ken Gypson, Local Racetracks**

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE PRESENTER: **Bruce Perry**

AUGUST 1

VALLEY CATS BASEBALL SOCIAL OUTING

JOSEPH BRUNO STADIUM, TROY

(Get your tickets at the July 25 meeting or make arrangements with Eve before Aug. 1)

Volunteers needed to take notes for the Sandpiper August 8th and August 15th---please!

AUGUST 8

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Bob Loveridge*

PROGRAM: Young Children Priority #1 Committee Update

GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Skip Patton*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUGUST 15

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Dick Johnsen*

PROGRAM: **TBA**

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Barb Fioravanti*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Well done is better than well said.”

Benjamin Franklin