



# THE SANDPIPER



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

P. O. Box 535, West Sand Lake, NY 12196  
www.SandLakeKiwanis.org  
SandLakeKiwanis @nycap.rr.com  
Meets 6:30 PM Mondays at The Lakeview Inn Restaurant

President Stuart J. Nippes  
President-Elect Linda Ellis  
Immediate Past President Michael T. Gates  
*Sandpiper* Editor Margaret R. Weiss

Treasurer Robert S. Pasquarelli  
Secretary David E. Booker  
Webmaster David E. Booker  
Photographers James Rogers & Kevin Sarsfield

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eve M. Ward, John C. Brownrigg, William M. Whipple  
Barbara K. Fioravanti, Robert R. Loveridge, Janet C. Malecki  
Craig L. Daniels, Joseph M. Behson, Patricia A. Lane

### MEETING OF JULY 21, 2014

PRESIDENT Stuart J. Nippes presiding  
GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Peg Weiss

GUESTS: VRD LTG Harleen Hilton



; Program Presenter Mayor of City of

Rensselaer Daniel Dwyer (with Program Chair Joe Distell)



; an interclub

from Hoosick Falls



Malcom Brownell, Gale Leva, Jim Miner and Natalie

Ryan; from the East Greenbush Kiwanis Club



Lorain & Steve Van Zandt;

former Sand Lake Kiwanian Lorie Leckoby (shown here with Julie Suscietto)



and guest of Bruce Perry



prospective member Frank Lewandusky.

WELCOME BACK, Joe Distell!

## PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tues Aug 12<sup>th</sup>: **Patton, Daniels**

24<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>:

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**

5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

ASSIST BROOKSIDE SENIORS with relocation:

Wed July 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Loveridge, Fioravanti, Ginther**

Thu July 24<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

ARC BLOOD DRIVE Thurs Aug 21<sup>st</sup> at Church of the Covenant:

Setup 12 – 1: **Davis, Jensky**

Registration 1 – 3:30: **Ward**

Registration 3:30 – 6: **Linda Ellis**

Cleanup 6 – 7: **Davis, \_\_\_\_\_**

Canteen 1 – 3:30: **Daniels**

Canteen 3:30 – 6: \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

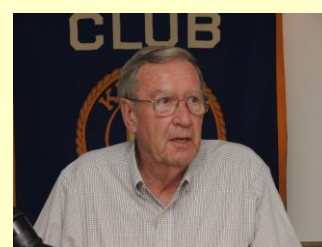
- *Sandpiper* recorder needed for next 3 meetings
- East Greenbush Kiwanis will have an informative program Tues Aug 12<sup>th</sup> at the East Greenbush Library at 6:30 PM. Topic will be “The Special Ed Process in NY; (understanding your rights and the school’s responsibility)” by speaker Kevin Reis, Ed.S.
- **Eve Ward:** Once again we are asking for monetary donations to purchase school supplies for needy students in our elementary schools. Bryce and I will do the shopping, but we have to start now while stores are well stocked.
- **Eve Ward:** We did not have our traditional Camp Rotary Work Night this past June, but they do need our help closing the camp for the winter in late August. Much work is needed, so we will not have our usual steak roast.
- **Pres Stu:** Thank you note received from Joseph Lindeman, recipient of the Vocational Technical Award at APHS. He plans to use the money to purchase books and tools for the Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning program when he enters HVCC this fall.
- **Lt Gov Harleen:** Please plan to attend the District Convention at the Desmond in Albany from Thurs Aug 14<sup>th</sup> to Sun Aug 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be many interesting forums, and the International Kiwanis President will be visiting! There will be a benefit raffle to benefit Kamp Kiwanis, 1<sup>st</sup> prize being a 2014 Nissan Altima worth \$23,000. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold at \$100 each.



## PROGRAM



Member Joe Distell introduced the Mayor of the City of Rensselaer, Daniel Dwyer, who is a childhood friend of Joe’s flew jets first for the USAF, and then for Pan American Airways, before he entered politics and became Rensselaer’s mayor. Mayor Dwyer is definitely in favor of building a casino in Rensselaer on 25 acres





on the Hudson River. The city has suffered from the downturn of the economy, and Mayor Dwyer feels the casino and its accompanying Hard Rock Hotel and upscale condos will bring much needed revenue to the city to update its infrastructure and its school



(view of casino site from Albany)

district. The land was acquired by the city after the relocation of the high school. All preparation has been done. Rochester developer Frome will buy the land; Hard Rock is committed; backing is by Ochziff, 3<sup>rd</sup> largest hedge fund in the world; traffic studies are done; no residents will be displaced. Rensselaer is shovel ready, waiting for the decision from the Gaming Commission for the location of choice. The plan is to build the casino first, then the hotel around it, and finally the condos. The school district will benefit the most, then the city. Plans have been discussed with Mayor Sheehan for a water taxi or a gondola to ferry people back and forth across the river to Albany. The casino area will have its own EMS and medical facilities, with Rensselaer supplying fire protection.

National Grid plans to build a new substation. Property values should go up. There will be docks for boaters, but no marina, due to sub-aquatic vegetation rules. Mayor Dwyer expects a 5% reduction in taxes, and streets to be redone. Many questions and answers were taken. Peg Weiss thanked Mayor Dwyer for his enthusiastic program about a topic highly discussed in the Capital District, and presented him with our Certificate of Appreciation.



## HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ Jim Rogers:** Thanks to Mayor Dwyer for an excellent presentation!
- \$ Joe Distell:** I know I've been an absentee member, but I have to say I'm impressed with this club and the excellent job being done by President Stu!
- \$ Joe Behson:** I'm happy because Bruce Perry brought a prospective member!
- \$ Rose Metchick:** I had a great time Thursday night at The Joe with all those Kiwanians! Some of you may have noticed the black and blue mark under my chin---and that's all I am going to say about it!
- \$ Pat Lane:** My son-in-law has been hospitalized again, still fighting a stubborn leg infection. I met Jim Hoffman and he proudly announced that he's now a grandpa—Sally Susanna Scott has joined the family! *Congratulations, Jim! We expect pictures!*
- \$ Barb Fioravanti:** I know you all know about my airplane, but Gene has been working on his boat for 9 years, and we just launched it—and it floats!

- \$ Jim Parslow:** I'm so glad I'm NOT in Israel now!
- \$ Sue Jensky:** I'm not unemployed, but I'm still looking for a better job higher up on the corporate ladder! Thanks for a great program—I learned a lot!
- \$ Jean Hamlin:** I love casinos—just NOT in East Greenbush! I'm going to Minnesota in August, on the train, and I promise to bring back some new Scandinavian jokes!

**DOOR PRIZE**, provided by Joe Distell, was won by **Steve Van Zandt!**

**50/50** for \$35 was won by **Pat Lane!**

**PROGRESSIVE 50/50**, worth **\$917** this week, is still hanging on to that King of Clubs. **Jim Parslow** had the lucky ticket, but he couldn't convert it into cash—he picked the **Ace of Spades!** Looks like it's going down to the wire; there are only 9 more cards left to choose from!



**COMING WEEKS...**

NEXT, JULY 28

PROGRAM: *Jim Colabelli*  
**Bob & Holly Flynn from CoNSERNS-U**  
 GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Bryce Ginther*

AUGUST 4

PROGRAM: *J.Mulligan, B.Fioravanti, J.Malecki*  
**Update on Sponsored Youth Committee**  
 GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Bill Whipple*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

AUGUST 11

PROGRAM: *Linda & Lyndon Ellis -- TBD*  
 GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Jim Colabelli*

AUGUST 18

PROGRAM: *Ron Wagner -- TBD*  
 GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Barb Fioravanti*

AUGUST 25

PROGRAM: *Rose Metchick -- TBD*  
 GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: TBD

**SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

*“The best exercise in the world is to bend down and help someone up.”*  
**Unknown, from Dear Abby**

