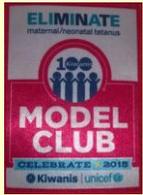




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THE WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SAND LAKE, NY



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MEETING OF JULY 27, 2015

PRESIDENT Linda Ellis presiding

GREETING by Pat Lane & INVOCATION by Bob Pasquarelli

GUESTS: Speaker Daniel Woodrow



Program Chair Jim Colabelli with Dan Woodrow

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck Tuesday August 4: **Wagner, Behson, Lane, Daniels**

BLOOD DRIVE Thursday, August 20:

Setup 11:00-1:30 (volunteers needed);

First Shift 1:00-3:30 Canteen: **Weiss, Registration Ward;**

Second Shift (volunteers needed)

MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, August 8

12 – 7, Setup & Cook: **Ellis X 2, Loveridge**

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reminder: Dues are due! So far only about 1/3 of the club has paid up. Please pay your dues ASAP!

Eve Ward: announced that it will soon be time for her to go shopping with **Bryce Ginther** for school supplies, and she is looking for donations. Each year Eve gets a list from each of the Averill Park schools of materials students are required to have. Some children in our district cannot afford to buy these items, so SLK members individually donate funds to buy the supplies which the school nurses present discreetly to these children. Give your donation to Eve, and please be generous.

President Linda read two thank you notes:

The first was from the Nassau Free Library for the computer system SLK donated to them through our 'Putes for Youts Program. The computers are donated, and DEA Computing restores them for a nominal fee paid by SLK. Usually we donate to an individual child or family, but the need at the library was so great we felt the computer would be well-used there.

The second thank you was from Michaela Mueller, Lt. Governor of Key Club Division 18 (Rensselaer County) for the \$200 we gave her to help cover expenses at the Key Club International Convention.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES: The club held an election for delegates and alternates to represent SLK at the International Convention in August. Delegate #1 must be the incoming President. Delegate #2 should be the club Secretary, but since **Dave Booker** will be a delegate at large, Alternate #2 will act as a delegate for the club. Elections by raised hands resulted in the following appointments: **D1 Lyndon Ellis, D2 Dave Booker, D3 John Brownrigg, A1 Jim Rogers, A2 Linda Ellis, A3 Joe Behson.**

PROGRAM:



Jim Colabelli began his introduction by announcing that as Responsible Kiwanian he helped erect the tent at the home of Ralph LaMontagne (sp.) for his daughter's wedding. Ralph was so impressed with our work and the utility of the tent that he donated \$150 to the Eliminate project. Thanks, Ralph! The tent is now at Salem UMC for *Vacation Bible School* (an oxymoron—Ed.)

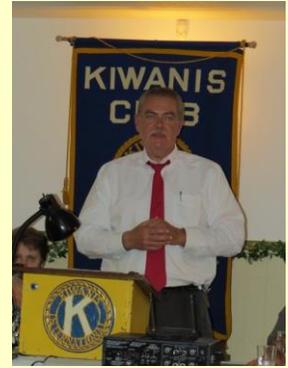
Jim then introduced his work supervisor, Daniel Woodrow, saying how much he enjoys working for Dan and Capital Security. Dan told us how he started the company. After graduating from college with a degree in Criminology he had hoped to work for the State Police, but his eyesight was not good enough. He landed his first job in retail loss prevention (apprehending shoplifters) in Erie, PA, and then moved to Plattsburg, NY. He met a representative from Sonitrol and began working for them in security systems, which he found interesting. That company was bought out by a conglomerate, as did ADT and Simplex. Frustrated with their poor customer service, Dan started his own company, Capital Security. Jim was his first employee! He now has ten. He finds it rewarding work to protect people's lives and property. His company does both residential and commercial work; however the competition in residential is fierce, and competing products cheap and inferior, so he prefers the commercial end of the business.



back of Jim's shirt

There are four aspects to Capital's business: access, CCTV, security and fire. They use central station monitoring. When an alarm is triggered, a signal goes over an 800 phone line to a center in Syracuse, where the call is routed to the appropriate emergency service, which has previously been

programmed in by company inquiry to the local emergency services. Dan pointed out the while he “has nothing against foreigners,” the Syracuse center employs only local people. Some companies use centers overseas. Observing that the Lakeview is well-protected against fire, Dan noted that some older buildings are not, as they are “grandfathered,” meaning they are not required to conform to modern building codes, jut the codes in effect at the time they were built. In the older zone system, an alarm does not pin down the exact location of an emergency such as a fire. The newer point system can precisely locate the fire. Codes require annual inspection of the systems, and that is one of Jim’s tasks. He has a license to conduct the inspections, and must take care to do his job meticulously. Another task is monitoring sprinklers and fire suppression systems.



Security systems include means of detecting breaking glass, or intrusion by opening windows and doors. There are many other types of sensors that can report to the system, including temperature, generator, electric power and water level. The system can be monitored and controlled by a remote computer or even a smart phone. It can lock or unlock doors and turn the security system on and off. Jubilee Day Care has a system to limit access whereby a parent has a key fob that allows access, but others are queried via a camera and speaker at the door. The key fob is more secure than a keypad alone as access can be immediately denied a fob that no longer has access rights. However, fobs are expensive, so some customers choose a keypad. If a customer has no good place to run wires, the system can be wireless. The system records who gained access and when, whether by keypad or fob.



CCTV was previously analog via coaxial cable, with poor image quality that did not lend itself to zooming in. Newer IT systems are on a network with Cat 5 or 6 cable to the cameras, allowing much higher resolution pictures that can be zoomed in. The images are stored on a DVR or network recorder capable of holding one terabyte of information, which is enough to record for a month before the oldest images are recorded over with new ones. These systems are becoming more popular.

Joe Behson asked about insurance discounts. Dan said insurance companies often discount premiums 10%-20% especially for burglar and fire alarms.

Kevin Sarsfield asked about the possibility of takeover by a rogue remote as was seen recently on the media with a Jeep Cherokee (2014, just like Gene’s –Ed.) using its onboard computer accessed remotely. Dan said the systems are protected against jamming because crooks can buy jamming devices on line. Calls accessing the system go through the building’s network router, which has a password. It also requires that the caller specify the correct port out of many choices.

Eve Ward was concerned that she might trigger the alarm by leaving via a protected door at the Salem Church. Dan assured her that the type of system installed there allows the door to be opened briefly, but not blocked ajar, so no worries.

Jim Rogers presented the certificate of appreciation and thanked Dan for his interesting presentation.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **John Mulligan** was proud and happy for his granddaughter Julia Rose Slyer, who competed along with her dad, John's son-in-law, in the Iron Man event. Dad came in 16th in his age group, but Julia won first place in hers and will go to Hawaii!
- \$ **Jim Rogers** is happy for his wife JoAnn, who had cataract surgery last Thursday and is so pleased with the results that she can throw away her glasses. She will have the other eye done in a few weeks. Jim said he was worried now that she can get a good look at him...
- \$ **Jim Colabelli** was happy for Dan's great program. He also had another dollar for the privilege of being the responsible Kiwanian for setting up the tent, taking it down, then setting it up again at Salem United.
- \$ **Pat Lane** was happy that Jim C knows what he's doing with the tent so it went up well at Salem. She was also happy that **Dave Booker** and **Bob Loveridge** did a great job of officer training, and was thankful that the Church of the Covenant allowed the use of its handicap-accessible activity room for the training.
- \$ **Bill Whipple** was happy that the phone company (*Now Fairpoint, formerly Taconic Telephone, which we in Stephentown lovingly refer to as Tinkertoy Telephone—Ed.*) has repaired the defective line which has been providing only intermittent internet service since April.
- \$ **Jean Hamlin** had a happy dollar for her comeuppance against a crank caller who kept telling her that her computer was infected with a worm. This time she followed his instructions exactly, pressing this button and that for a good five minutes. Finally she told the caller that she was putting him on, and that she didn't even have a computer. He couldn't believe *she* had scammed *him*. Go Jean!
- \$ **John Brownrigg** is happy that as of February 1 he will no longer be a residential landlord. He interviewed many tenants for the rental property in Bethlehem, and finally got one who wants to buy the house!

DOOR PRIZE, an IOU provided by **Jim Colabelli**, was won by **Skip Paton**.

DINNERS: We were three short in attendance and no one volunteered to buy the extra dinners, so they were raffled off with door prize tickets to **Jean Hamlin, Linda Ellis and Dan Woodrow**.

50/50 for \$20 was won by **Joe Behson**.

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$589.50 this week with \$17.50 added, eluded Jim Rogers, who could only come up with the 5 ♥ from the 18 cards left in the deck.



COMING WEEKS...

NEXT MEETING: PROGRAM CHAIRS John Mulligan, Barb Fioravanti, Janet Malecki, August 3 Stuart Nippes and Linda Ellis.

**PROGRAM: Service Leadership Programs Committee/Board Meeting
GREETER/INVOCATION/CERTIFICATE: Bill Whipple**

IN TWO WEEKS: August 10. No regular meeting. Annual Valley Cats outing at the "Joe."

**IN THREE WEEKS: PROGRAM CHAIR: John Brownrigg and Lyndon Ellis
PROGRAM: Summerfest major donors recognition dinner
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: Barb Fioravanti**

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

A part of kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve.
-Unknown