



Sandpiper for 7/29/13



The meeting was called to order by President Mike Gates, with invocation by Eve Ward. There were no guests, as our scheduled speaker Eileen White was unable to come.

Sign-up sheets:

Doors of Hope: For Friday August 2, Pat Lane, Craig Daniels and Stu Nippes have signed up. No one has signed up yet for Tuesday 8/20. Contact Bryce Ginther if you can help, or sign up on the Kiwanis One site or at the next meeting.

Pasta Dinner 8/10 volunteers are Linda and Lyndon Ellis, Bob Loveridge, Pat Lane, Jean Hamlin, Eve Ward. More are needed for this enjoyable and community-oriented event, so please sign up if you can. Contact Bob Loveridge if you have questions.

Division Council meeting Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 PM hosted by Castleton/Schodack Club at Scarnato's Restaurant. Dinner is \$18.00. Pasquarelli's Taxi will be available at Millerford's

The Steak and Lobster Roast is August 23 at Camp Rotary. Eve will have sign-up sheets soon for meal choices and volunteers. Desserts will be needed.

Announcements:

President Mike read a nice thank you from Susan Wells, the "Star Lady," for our help with the Stars for Troops project.

Joe Behson on behalf of the Membership Committee offered referral forms to recruit new members. He will have them available at all meetings, and requests that each member try to think of someone to invite to a meeting as a prospective member.

Perfect Attendance Pins were awarded to Eve Ward for 12 years perfect attendance and John Brownrigg for 20 years perfect attendance.



Prez Mike offered 4 extra dinners for sale because we didn't make our quota. Joe Behson, Mike Gates and Craig Daniels took advantage of the \$10 deal, leaving one dinner unsold.

Program:

Since our scheduled speaker was unable to attend, Bob Pasquarelli filled in with a Membership and Education exercise. He



pointed out that the brain is a muscle and muscles need exercise. Each table was presented with a card with a question designed to generate discussion on “Why I love my Kiwanis Club.” Questions addressed such items as pride and public perception. There was discussion of the many misperceptions of Kiwanis, such as religious or political affiliations or required economic status. It was suggested that we work up a “who we are” presentation showing our members’ varied mix of backgrounds. A Facebook page for our club might provide an opportunity for both enlightening the community to who we are, and providing an avenue for people to suggest community needs we could address. Many members expressed the opinion that we should move away from simply donating money and toward more hands-on projects. Most of the requests we get are for money, but that may be because the public is not aware of other resources we could offer. We recently had a request to participate in an event at Uncle Marty’s which we were unable to do. Would more involvement with other community organizations or businesses provide that avenue to interact with more of our community members to better assess the needs of our community? A good discussion that should be continued.



Happy Dollars:

Pat Lane was happy that when she asked for help for unloading the truck she got 9 volunteers.

Jim Rogers had an unhappy \$ for the Realtor who sent an email rather than calling to say their buyer had backed out of the contract on their house. He had a happy \$ for an offer from Stonegate, where they are moving, to help them with the sale of their house if the present Realtor is unable to sell in a month.

John Brownrigg was happy because he lost \$30 on a \$10 bet at Saratoga Raceway. Also because Ivana Pucker, a filly (of the equine species) whom he’s known since her childhood came in 5th in a race. (I am not making this up. –Ed.)

Jean Hamlin went to Minnesoota to visit family. Her 37 year old nephew has Downs Syndrome and obsessive-compulsive disorder severe enough that he can barely speak, but he managed to say the blessing at dinner. Jean said that was the highlight of her trip.

Mike Gates arrived home to find that his garage door opener wouldn’t work. Neither would the key pad. Power was out, and he didn’t have a house key. There was a window open, but he didn’t want to climb in in his suit. So he took it off down to his skivvies which he was convinced would look like white shorts with a white tee shirt. Neighbors were probably greatly amused.

Eve will again be buying school supplies for teachers to give to under-supplied students. Donations are welcome. Cash is better than actual supplies, as Eve knows best what’s needed.

Door Prize, a gift card from Pat Lane with the bonus unsold extra dinner was won by Craig Daniels (now he has 2 dinners!).

Regular 50/50 or \$17.50 was won by Dave Booker.

Progressive 50/50 with \$19.00 added this week for a total of \$582 with 23 cards remaining, was won by Gary Meislin in absentia! Jerry Tysiak drew on his behalf, as Gary had left the meeting early. The big question: Did Jerry get a pre-



nup?

Next Week: The Program Chair is Stu Nippes for a brief presentation on SummerFest Results, as there will be a Board of Directors meeting. The Invocator/Greeter is Dave Booker.