



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2014

PRESIDENT Stuart J. Nippes presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **Dick Johnsen**

GUESTS: Former member TC McEntyre, and Eagle Scout candidate Scott Gundrum

WELCOME BACK, Drew Cook and Mike Gates!

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS (7)

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck:

Fri Mar 7th: ***Ginther, Wagner, Patton, Daniels***

Tue Mar 18th: ***Wagner, Patton, Loveridge, Daniels***

20th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, March 8th:

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

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: ***Jensky, Hamlin***

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: ***Ward, Stevens***

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

SL SENIORS LUNCHEON @ Church of the Covenant, Thurs Mar 13th (formerly Feb 13th):

9:30 – 1:30: ***Trupia, Booker***

10:30 – 1:30: ***James, Lane, Linda Ellis***

11:30 – 1:30: ***Meislin, Tysiak, Mulligan, Hamlin, Davis, Patton, Daniels***

UNCLE MARTY'S KILT RUN Sat Mar 15th:

9 AM Set up Tent: *Nippes, L&L Ellis, Daniels, Ginther*

9 AM Pick up Food: *Jensky, Pasquarelli*

11 – 2:30 Serve: *Brownrigg, L&L Ellis, Patton, Fioravanti*

2:30 – 6 Serve: *Daniels, Malecki, Nippes, Hamlin, McEntyre*

NY DISTRICT GOVERNOR AIELLO'S OFFICIAL VISIT @ The Desmond, noon, Sat Mar 15th:
Malecki, Lane, Linda Ellis, Loveridge, Nippes, Booker, McEntyre, Ward

VR DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING @ Carol's Place, Pawling Ave, 6PM, \$17 (N Grnbsh):
Booker, Pasquarelli, Linda Ellis, Brownrigg, Behson, Lane, Ward

POESTENKILL SCHOOL DISCOVERY DAY Sat March 22nd, Cafeteria:

11 AM Pick up Food: *Jensky, Pasquarelli*

11 – 2 Servers: *Ward, Davis, Daniels, L&L Ellis, Tysiak, Loveridge, Mulligan, Nippes, Pasquarelli*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **Scott Gundrum:** I am a 16 year old candidate for Eagle Scout, and am requesting help from your organization. I've been in scouting since I was a Tiger Cub, and am working on the highest award in scouting. My project is sending as many care packages to the troops as I can, and I need money for postage, and for the contents: personal hygiene products, snacks, candy, gum, pens, paper, playing cards, small games, etc. My contacts with members of the military have told me that packages from home rate highest on the list of things they want. I am requesting \$100 from the SL Kiwanis Club for this purpose. John Brownrigg offered an additional \$100 personally if Scott would include Stars for the Troops in his packages.
- ✚ **Eve Ward:** After noting the condition of the coffee pots at the Brookside Community Room, I purchased 2 new units for the Brookside Seniors and have delivered them.
- ✚ **Craig Daniels:** Kiwanis Night at *Fiddler on the Roof* is Thursday, March 27th at 8 PM. Group admission price is \$17 each, in advance, so please plan to pay me at one of the next two meetings.
- ✚ **John Brownrigg:** There will be a Summerfest meeting after next week's regular meeting.
- ✚ **President Stu:** We have received an email request from Eileen White: "Please help spread the word. Help a local family win a Wheelchair Van to better the life of their son. Please vote every day starting March 11th. There will be a link provided to his story when voting starts on his Facebook page. Check for his story at www.facebook.com/KeithwhiteJ.R21."



- ✚ **Pat Lane:** A generous anonymous donor wanted to put on a dinner for needy families in town, but learned that it was logistically impractical. The plan was changed, and with the help of the Knights of Columbus and our Club, and the consent of the district's school nurses, gift cards were purchased from Hannaford's. Two of our members addressed and mailed them to every family we helped for the holidays. Within days, we had already received four thank you notes!



- ✚ **Janet Malecki:** We need as many crafters as we can get at Summerfest. If anyone knows of persons who do a craft and would like to sell their wares, please give me their names and contact information.

PRESENTATION

President Stu presented to House Committee Chair Dudley Dorr two patches to be added to our Honors Banner signifying our participation in last year's Governor Al's and First Lady Dr Jenny's projects. *(Take time to look at these banners. This club has been busy over the years!)*



MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Jennie Glasser, Joe Grillo, Bruce Perry, and *Bill Whipple*



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES: Doug and Gretchen Baldrey

Since Bill was the only celebrant present, we sang to him, mostly on tune, too! And Eve's creamy white cake was delicious!

PROGRAM



Sandpiper Editor Peg Weiss was pleasantly surprised when most of the members claimed to read each week's issue, since the major purpose of the club's bulletin is communication! It's aimed both at members who did attend the meeting, and the ones who did not. The basic format is an informal reminder of what transpired at the meeting, and what projects and activities you signed up to work on, giving details of dates and times. We all know how the meeting interferes with our conversations! In recent years, through the skills

of our two photographers Kevin and Jim, we have added pictures to the paper. Not only do they enhance the looks of the newsletter, they are helpful in learning the faces that go with the names of our guests and new members. I report the Happy Dollars, (as best as I can despite the hilarity), and the winners of the raffles, to hopefully inject a little fun. To the members who missed the meeting, it should help them stay up to date on our activities, and provide an incentive to come next time and not miss out on anything!

Each week I take notes on the happenings, and spend most Tuesdays composing, before I email the copy to Dave. He adds the pictures that were taken, and posts the finished paper to our Club Website for all to read. I still print out a hard copy for filing; I can't seem to let go of the paper! Emailing has saved the club much money on postage, paper, ink, and envelopes. We used to print and mail about 65 copies each week!

This has been my job ever since I joined the club in 1998—16 years! I enjoy doing it, most of the time, anyway, and hope I'm providing a service to the club. Any suggestions for making our weekly club bulletin better are openly welcomed! However, sometimes I need some help! I attend almost all meetings, but occasionally I go away, and we need a couple of members willing to take notes and get them to Dave. It's not monumental, and there's a printed agenda to follow. Please be willing to volunteer! My deepest thanks go to Barb for stepping up so frequently in my absence. We need help for the next three meetings in March—the 10th, 17th, and 24th. I can't wait any longer for spring—I'm going to Florida to thaw out at my brother and sister-in-law's new home. They moved from Vermont to the Vero Beach/Fort Pierce area last fall!

*** Thanks to Sue Jensky, Barb Fioravanti, and Pat Lane for volunteering to be scribes! ***

HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ Barb Fioravanti:** Last week I went to the production of *The Little Mermaid* at Algonquin, and it was wonderful! Now I know why so many of the Builders Club members were otherwise occupied lately. An excellent performance!
- \$ Bill Whipple:** Perhaps you may have heard, but there was an earthquake in Okinawa this morning. We heard from our son Scott that he and his wife are okay. Their only loss was one wine glass!
- \$ Dick Johnsen:** Lent starts this week; Ash Wednesday is in two days. Our community churches unite in presenting a noon service followed by a soup & sandwich lunch on each of the Fridays at the Church of the Covenant. All are welcome; the theme is "Brokenness." One of my grandsons is being married March 15th in Winston Salem, NC, and he has a job! Another grandson, aspiring to become an MD, has been accepted for the graduate program at Johns Hopkins Hospital!
- \$ Joe Behson:** Despite the cold weather, I've been having a great time skiing at Mt Snow! They had a Mardi Gras celebration this week—great fun!
- \$ Mike Gates:** I'm very happy that I went to the Ukraine four months ago! I almost bought a very expensive new camera, but I resisted! And the 3rd \$ is for Dick's great stories!
- \$ John Brownrigg:** Thanks to all the SLKs who helped put the new grill together—it works!
- \$ Bob Loveridge:** A correction—Empire State College will give 14 credits to every corrections officer upon graduation from the academy!

- \$ Jean Hamlin:** I do have a very large family, and the youngest just had his 2nd birthday! Another one, an outspoken 3 year old, had her first dental appointment, and apparently did not have a good experience, because she told the dentist that he was not nice, and that he shouldn't treat people that way! Later when told to pick up the toys, another child came to help her, and she commented, "See, it pays to be nice to people!" *Hope I got that right, Jean, we were all laughing so much!*
- \$ Stu Nippes:** There was a nice crowd at East Greenbush's Comedy Night, and we had a really good time!

DOOR PRIZE, which should have been provided by Peg Weiss, was won by **Craig Daniels!** He got an IOU instead! *Sorry, Craig, I promise to get it to you before I leave town!*



The Door prize on a white tablecloth

50/50 for \$26 was won by **Pat Lane!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$520.50 this week, taunted **John Brownrigg** so much that he insisted Eve Ward had to pick his card.



Under protest she did, and came up with the 4 of Spades! When he complained, she told him to pick his own card next time!

COMING WEEKS...

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| MARCH 10 | PROGRAM: Craig Daniels – Sandra Strock: Education Today
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: Pat Lane |
| MARCH 17 | PROGRAM: David Booker – Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: Pat Lane |
| MARCH 24 | PROGRAM: George Raneri -- TBA
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: Skip Patton |
| MARCH 31 | PROGRAM: Jim Parslow -- TBA
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: Bruce Perry |
| APRIL 7 | PROGRAM: Bill Whipple -- Senior Services Committee Update
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: Bob Carpenter |

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office."

Aesop

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

ROLL CALL: Present: Pres Nippes, Imm Past Pres Gates, Pres-Elect Ellis, Sec Booker, Treas Pasquarelli; Directors Behson, Daniels, Lane, Fioravanti, Malecki, Loveridge, Brownrigg, Ward, Whipple
Absent: None

SECRETARY'S MINUTES - approved as posted

TREASURER'S REPORT - balance as of 2/28/14: \$39,280.04

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services (Loveridge/Ginther):

Doors of Hope: Unloaded food truck twice in Feb (6500 lbs) at food pantry.

Blood Drive: Assisted Red Cross during Blood Drive at Church of the Covenant.

Interclubs (Pasquarelli): None, but 3 members attended Mid Year Conference.

Membership & Education (Behson): Former member wishes to return; recommended approval for active member status.

Social (Ward): Prepared and served the postponed luncheon for Brookside Seniors.

Sponsored Youth (Fioravanti/Mulligan/Malecki):

Key Club: attended 2 meetings

Builders Club: attended 1 meeting. Club wants to build 2 wooden picnic benches near the parking lot, but has funds for only one; requests SLK donation of \$90 for second bench. Construction will take place at AMS with assistance of technology teacher who is also their faculty advisor. Also discussed were possible fundraisers for EliMiNate Project.

K-Kids: no report

Ways & Means (Nippes):

Monthly Pasta Dinner: 35 meals served; \$176.36 profit for EliMiNate Project.

Summerfest 2014: Held 2nd planning meeting.

Youth Services (Lane): Knights of Columbus & SLK collaborated to send Hannaford gift cards to 87 needy families. \$2000 anonymous donation covered cost.

OLD BUSINESS

Food Trailer Design Contest: Tabled until August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) \$3/member approved for NYDF Outlook Donation, and \$5/member approved for KIF Annual Club Giving.
- 2) Jr Achievement request for \$300 was tabled until next month pending more information.
- 3) Patricia McEntyre elected to Active Member Status.
- 4) \$300 approved for WSL School 5th Annual Carnival.
- 5) \$100 approved for the AMS Builders Club to build two benches near parking lot.

- 6) \$60 approved as New Member Add fee.
- 7) Adopted policies for Biannual Background Checks on all advisors to Youth Leaders: copy to be provided to club secretary to be shared only with treasurer. Additionally BCs shall be required on all officers with authority to sign checks (president, president elect, secretary, treasurer) at a cost of \$44.95 to be paid from Administrative Fund.
- 8) Participation in SLBA Welcome Wagon: Jerry Tysiak met with group; we have had an SLK brochure included, with no results (inquiries about club). Adding a ticket for our Pasta Dinner was approved. Also approved was adding a link to SLK on the SLBA's new website.
- 9) Approval was given to sponsor a K-Kids Club at Poestenkill in the fall with \$1500 for their start-up materials.
- 10) Summerfest Update: Will meet with Val Balga next week re social media ads. This year's honorees will be the Sand Lake Business Association. The Towne Tavern will provide a chicken BBQ, and all businesses in town with a liquor license will be invited to submit a proposal to be the beer vendor. Major effort to highlight the flag as Saturday is Flag Day.
- 11) Policy: The new six foot grill will not be loaned out.
- 12) \$150 approved to AMC KPTU as SLK's gift to Governor Aiello.
- 13) \$100 approved for Scott Gundrum's Eagle Scout project.
- 14) \$500 plus PR cost up to \$100 approved to bring *The Dissipated Eight* performance April 4th.
- 15) \$25 approved for half page ad in program book for the Hendrick Hudson Male Chorus.

DIVISION NEWS: Annual meeting & election will be at Council meeting on March 19th.

DISTRICT NEWS: NY recognized as a *Distinguished District* for 2012-13.

INTERNATIONAL: Mandatory O&D Insurance for North American clubs to be considered at the Tokyo Convention.