



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF MAY 5, 2014

PRESIDENT Stuart J. Nippes presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **Jim Rogers**

WELCOME BACK, Jim Hoffman, APCSD Superintendent!

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tues May 13th: **Wagner, Ginther, Loveridge, Patton**

VAN RENSSELAER DIVISION KIWANIS FAMILY FUN DAY, Sat May 10th,

Schodack Town Park, 1 – 5 PM, All are welcome! **Lane, Weiss, Ward, Malecki, McEntyre, Booker, Mulligan, Fioravanti & Builders Club**

22nd MONTHLY PASTA DINNER, WSL Firehouse, Sat May 10th:

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

3 – 5:30 Setup & Serve: **Weiss, Jensky, Metchick, Colabelli**

3:30 – 7 Cashier: **Ward**

5 – 7:30 Serve & Takedown: **Weiss, Fioravanti, Stevens**

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP, Sat May 17th, 9:45 AM, Upper Parking Lot, Algonquin MS:

Ginther, Loveridge, Linda Ellis, Lane, Rogers, Patton, Mulligan, Whipple

DIVISION COUNCIL & INTERCLUB, Tues May 20th, Hoosick Falls, Giuseppe's Restaurant,

3680 Rt 7 (on right before intersection with Rt 22), chicken marsala, roast beef, \$23, 6 PM

Carpool @ Milleford's parking lot @ 5 PM (row closest to Rt 43)

Pasquarelli, Weiss, Mulligan, Loveridge, Lane, Booker

BASEBALL FOOD TRAILER, APHS, Wed May 21st, 3 PM:

Transport to: **Stu Nippes**

Transport back: _____

Cook & Serve: **Pasquarelli, Linda Ellis**, _____, _____, _____



Jim Hoffman - 2014



Jim Hoffman 1981

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, Mon May 26th, 9 AM, Westfall Village, Wear Yellow Shirts!

Lane, Weiss, Rogers, Patton, Hamlin, Brownrigg

FOOD TRAILER @ Veterans Memorial:

Transport to: *Lyndon Ellis*

Transport back: *Lyndon Ellis*

Cook & Serve: *Daniels, L&L Ellis, Ward*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **From PLG Wendy Prout:** Troy Kiwanis Club sponsoring a Giffy BBQ Fri May 9th from 4-6 PM at St Michael's Church, Williams Road, near HVCC & LaSalle, \$10 eat in or take out. Contact Wendy at wehsped@aol.com for tickets.
- **Bob Loveridge:** Thanks to all who contributed to Skip-A-Meal! We'll send \$276 to the Kiwanis International Foundation!
- There will be a Board of Directors meeting tonight following the regular meeting, AND a Summerfest Committee meeting following the Board Meeting!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Joe Behson presented the following slate of officers and directors for 2014-2015:

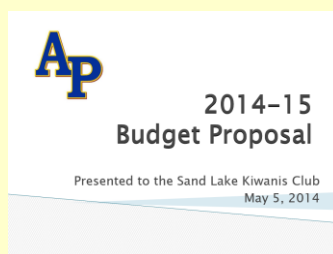
President Linda Ellis, President-Elect Lyndon Ellis, Vice President (none yet), Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli; (*Secretary is appointed by the new President*). Directors (term ending 2017): **John Mulligan, Peg Weiss, Eve Ward, & John Brownrigg** (*vote for 3*). Election will be next week at the annual meeting.

MAY BIRTHDAYS: Frank Breselor, Lyndon Ellis, George Raneri, & **Jerry Tysiak!**



MAY ANNIVERSARIES: Frank & Judy Breselor, **Skip & Nancy Patton**, and **Jerry & Cindy Tysiak!** We sang, (not too badly this time!), to Jerry, and to Jerry & Skip, and thoroughly enjoyed Eve's beautiful flag cake! {*Chocolate cake under that flag!*}

PROGRAM



Jim Hoffman presented an illustrated explanation of the newly approved budget for the Averill Park Central School District. The good news is that for the first time since the 2008/09 school year we have had NO reductions in either staff or programs! The bad news is that we still have to pay our taxes! The budget total this year is \$53,489,000+/- which is a decrease of about \$622 thousand. We should receive a slight increase in state aid this year. Increases are caused by salaries, health care, pensions, and FICA or Social Security (about \$1.6 million). There is a one year fix for building aid technicalities of about \$436 thousand. There will be propositions on the ballot to purchase 8 new buses, 1 dump truck, and 1 tractor. Jim explained in detail the ages and mileages of the vehicles that are being replaced. We have 65 passenger and 28 passenger



buses which will be traded in. Anybody want to buy a school bus? We can make you a good deal! Jim said he's often asked why people see our buses traveling with very few kids on board. Usually it's because the kids have already gotten off to go home! Voting on the budget will be on Tuesday, May 20th at the high school in the auxiliary auditorium, from 7 AM to 9 PM. There should be little or no change in your tax bill this year. Thanks Jim, we appreciate the time you put into this presentation for us!

HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ Jim Rogers:** I want to say what a fine job our Deacon Bob Pasquarelli did conducting the services for Dudley Dorr. And I'm happy to say I've presided over my last meeting as Governor of the Albany-Colonie Society of Mayflower Descendants!
- \$ Jim Hoffman:** I will be spending Memorial Day weekend attending a baby shower for my daughter who is soon to make me a grandpa for the first time! My other daughter is finishing a 5 year residency, and will be going into the practice of hand surgery! Please think happy thoughts for my brother-in-law who is gravely ill; I will be visiting him.
- \$ Joe Behson:** Margaret and I will be going to Wales for three weeks, and we should have a "whale of a tale" when we get back!
- \$ Pat Lane:** I spent last weekend in Florida at the beach wedding of my 3rd oldest grand-daughter, and I surely did not want to leave that beach!
- \$ John Brownrigg:** I'll take care of it for you, Pat. The temperature down there at 5:30 AM was the same as the high in Albany this afternoon—63! I will be visiting an old military friend in Sarasota for a couple of weeks.
- \$ Barb Fioravanti:** It was a beautiful service for Dudley, particularly the soloist! (Kelly Bird)
- \$ Sue Jensky:** You did a great job, Jim! I've received a nomination for distinguished federal executive associate!
- \$ Stu Nippes:** I'm a school board member, and I want to thank Jim and his staff for a great job on the budget—many hours of hard work! And another happy dollar for Dudley!

DOOR PRIZE, which should have been provided by **Jim Hoffman**, but he forgot! "I could bring a bus?" Then when HIS ticket was picked, he said, "I'll take one of the small ones!"

50/50 for \$25.50 was won by **Bob Pasquarelli!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$694 this week, defeated **Ken James**, who picked the **5 of Spades** from the remaining 19 cards. Not too many left to choose from!

COMING WEEKS...

MAY 12

PROGRAM: *President Stuart Nippes*
Speaker **Barbara Glasser** from RAAD
ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Eve Ward*

MAY 19

PROGRAM: *Jim Rogers, Views of Florida*
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Lyndon Ellis*

MAY 26

NO MEETING -- MEMORIAL DAY
MARCH IN PARADE – FOOD TRAILER AT MEMORIAL



JUNE 2

PROGRAM: *John Brownrigg -- Summerfest Issues*

GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Jim Parslow*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”
Sir Winston Churchill

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: Director Malecki

SECRETARY'S MINUTES approved as published

TREASURER'S REPORT Balance as of April 30th: \$33,129.46

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services (Loveridge/Ginther): Unloaded food twice at food pantry. Red Cross Blood Drive collected 22 units. Community signs advertised D8 Concert, WSL Elementary Carnival, our Pasta Dinner, the Blood Drive, and Church of the Covenant Rummage Sale. Attendance at the D8 concert was 600 – A FULL HOUSE!

Interclub (Pasquarelli): Interclub and Division Council Meeting, 7 members to Rensselaer 4/24.

Membership & Education (Behson): Inducted new corporate member; 1 member passed away. Membership now at 54: 50 active, 4 corporate; net growth of two for this year.

Senior Services (Whipple): Annual luncheon served to 80 SL Seniors.

Sponsored Youth (Fioravanti/Mulligan/Malecki): Hosted APHS Key Club Installation of Officers, presided over by Key Club LTG and Gov of Dist 18. 30 guests included principals, faculty, students (from KC, Builders, & K-Kids), and parents. Attended 4 Key Club meetings: KC collected 46 units at Blood Drive; planning fund raiser for EliMiNaTe. Builders Club still working on two benches for front of the middle school.

Ways & Means (Linda Ellis): 47 meals served at monthly pasta dinner; \$254.06 for EliMiNaTe. 2 meetings held for Summerfest planning. Food Trailer moved out of winter storage and inspected.

Young Child #1 (Loveridge): \$279 collected for Skip-A-Meal; sent to K Intl Foundation.

Youth Services (Lane): Hosted Eagle Scout candidate to make presentation to club about his request for funding his project. Hosted student Ambassador for People to People to present his request for funding of trip to Australia.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Food Trailer Design Contest – tabled until fall.
2. Jr Achievement funding request: Youth Services recommendation of \$300 approved.
3. SLBA Welcome Wagon: Brochure and letter produced; invitation to pasta dinner.
4. Funding request for Student Ambassador to People to People: Youth Services and President Nippes recommended a promise of \$200 to be given when within \$2000 of his goal.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Donation toward autism research tabled for more information on needs.
2. Discussion of Insurance for Directors & Officers from KI or private source tabled. SLK members (& retired insurance experts) Joe Distell and Bob Carpenter will be invited to come to the July Board meeting for consultation.
3. Request for funding assistance from Key Club LTG and District 18 Gov to attend Key Club International Convention in Anaheim, CA July 2-6; \$200 each (\$400 total) approved.
4. Disposition of donations in memory of Dudley Dorr: tabled pending consultation with family and older members of SLK.
5. Tent requests approved: to Bob Loveridge June 25-29; to Vacation Bible School (Bob Pasquarelli responsible SLK) July 28-Aug 1; also for Dorr Family Reunion when set.
6. \$100 approved for donation of computer system from DEA to Brookside Seniors.
7. Creation of PayPal account for club sales: Jerry Tysiak led discussion proposing a trial run for this system for the Chicken BBQ at Summerfest; if feasible, may use for other projects.
8. Approved request for Food Trailer services at APHS Baseball May 21st; Booster Club to buy food, profits to be donated to the Modified Sports Program at Algonquin MS.

DIVISION NEWS: Council meeting at Hoosick Falls Tuesday May 20th.

DISTRICT NEWS: Net membership growth in NY District is 389 as of April 30th.
2 candidates for Gov-Elect: 1 from Staten Island, 1 from Queens.

INTERNATIONAL: May is “Membership Month”