



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF MAY 23, 2016

President Stuart J. Nippes, presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **Bob Pasquarelli**

GUESTS: Speaker Michelle Whalen
shown here with Program Chair Angelo Patti



and Prospective Member Deborah Donnelly (3rd visit)
with sponsor Joe Behson

WELCOME BACK, Angelo Patti!

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri May 27th: *Loveridge, Daniels, Wagner, Ginther, Patti*

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, Monday, May 30th, 9:30 AM, Westfall Village:

Lane, Hamlin, Weiss, Ginther, Pasquarelli, Colabelli, Daniels, Rogers, Booker, Tysiak, Fioravanti, Brownrigg, Wagner, Metchick

TROY PRAYER BREAKFAST, Sage College, Tues June 7th, 7:30 AM, \$11
Lane, Weiss, Pasquarelli, Booker

GOLF OUTING DINNER, Burden Lake Country Club, Sat June 11th, 6 PM, \$25:
Mulligan, Metchick, Booker, Brownrigg (2), Wagner (2), Behson (2), Malecki

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, Thurs, June 23rd, Church of the Covenant
12 – 1, Set Up: _____ 6 – 7, Take Down: _____
1 – 3:30, Registration: *Ward* 1 – 3:30, Canteen: *Weiss*
3:30 – 6, Registration: _____ 3:30 – 6, Canteen: _____

LIBRARY FAIR DAY FOOD TRAILER, Sat June 25th, 10 – 3:30
TOW TO: _____ TOW BACK: _____
11 AM – 1 PM: *Mulligan, Ward, _____*
1 PM – 3 PM: *Wagner, Hamlin, Weiss*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ The annual Van Rensselaer Division Golf Outing will be on Saturday, June 11th at Burden Lake Country Club. Gather your friends for a day of fun, prizes and food!
- ✚ There will be a short Membership Committee/New Member Orientation meeting with Deb Donnelly immediately following the regular meeting tonight.
- ✚ Right after the Membership meeting, there will be a Summerfest Committee meeting. Get those sponsorships in as soon as possible!



Several representatives from Girl Scout Troop #1029 announced that they are having a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast at Applebee's on Saturday June 4th from 8 to 10 am. Tickets are \$5 for a great breakfast at the restaurant on Rt 4 near Home Depot. All proceeds benefit the girls' projects.



- ✚ Sunday, June 5th there will be a FREE concert - *American Song Fest* - with Jim Colabelli singing *Get Me To The Church On Time!* *An American Song Fest* will be presented at the Averill Park High School auditorium on Gettle Road on Sunday, June 5th at 4:00 pm. The performance will feature Broadway Show Tunes and some songs of the Twenties directed by Janine Budesheim.



Pat Lane received a thank you note from a local family. They were forced out of their rented home by an insect infestation caused by another family. Teachers at their children's school gave gift cards so they could replace bedding and clothing which had to be destroyed while the house was fumigated. Pat directed them to the COC rummage sale where they were able to purchase the needed clothing at a very low price. Pat, you put smiles on faces for Kiwanis!

PRESENTATION

With perfect timing, President Stu thanked Pat for her good deeds, and then presented her with the tab for 8 years of perfect attendance! Pat was surprised that the time had gone so quickly!



PROGRAM



Angelo Patti introduced Michelle Whalen from Homeward Bound Dog Rescue of Schenectady. They take in dogs that have been rescued from all sorts of bad situations. After the animals have been vetted by local veterinarians for diseases and injuries, they are given the needed immunizations, are spayed or neutered, and micro chipped before



they are rehabilitated by volunteer foster families, who socialize them to life with humans and other pets. All they have known is at best a cage (or worse!) Homeward Bound is a no-kill shelter, and therefore they need many volunteers both in the shelter and as foster families. They have had as many as 5000 dogs that otherwise would have been euthanized. Each prospective new home is discussed, and personalities of both dogs and owners are considered. If you are older, you might prefer an older dog that would be calmer and not need so much activity. Puppies are a lot of work, and sometimes don't work out as well with small children. Adopters are interviewed, and are asked to sign a contract to return the dog to Homeward Bound if things don't work out. Dogs are expensive to care for: there is an adoption fee to help reimburse the shelter for expenses. Some vets give shelters a discount for treatment of illnesses and injuries, but there's always a need to raise funds. HB has had flea markets, comedy shows, tag sales, etc., and any donations are gratefully received. Michelle has been with this shelter for 10 years and finds it rewarding and satisfying. She offered an informative brochure with all kinds of information. Many of our members have adopted rescue dogs, and were familiar with the procedures. Craig Daniels thanked her for her informative program, and presented Michelle with our Certificate of Appreciation for coming.



HAPPY DOLLARS

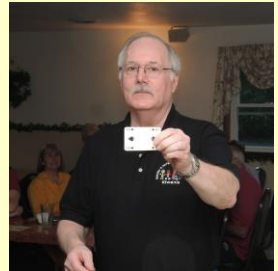
- \$ Eve Ward:** The WSL K-Kids held their annual celebration this afternoon, and it was wonderfully done! These kids have accomplished so much, notably their emphasis on autism and sharing information with the rest of their school. 8 SLKs attended the presentation.
- \$ Angelo Patti:** Pat Lane drove all the way from her home to the Averill Park Post Office with her cell phone on the top of her car!!!!!!
- \$ Barb Fioravanti:** I was so proud of my Builders Club president! She came to the K-Kids Celebration, and graciously invited all the 5th graders to join the BC when they got to 6th grade at Algonquin MS this fall! We have a rescue dog at home—very BIG, but lovable, and a rescue cat, who used to be a lady of the streets in the Bronx!
- \$ Joe Behson:** The K-Kids did a wonderful presentation, complete with a video. I mentioned to the group that all our youth organizations, K-Kids, Builders Club, and Key Club, would not be in existence if not for Kiwanis sponsorship, and that we need more members. Membership information was given to several parents. I have to mention the wonderful time Margaret and I had down in St Lucia!
- \$ Jim Rogers:** Many of you know I've been legally blind in my right eye for some time now. I will have the first of two surgeries on Wednesday, and we hope for good results!
- \$ Bob Pasquarelli:** For my two rescue dogs! They are siblings but have very different personalities. One is very spunky and cuddly, but the other one is still fearful.
- \$ Jean Hamlin:** I was invited to dinner at Pat's, and the table was set with 4 white boxes from the Legion's chicken barbecue! Looked great and tasted great!

- \$ Pete Stevens:** My dog had his own routine. He'd walk me to the bus and then meet me when I returned. All day he made the rounds of the town, eating snacks from all the old ladies who loved to feed him!
- \$ Jean Hamlin again:** We had a dog that protected the little boys, and was the best baby-sitter in town!
- \$ John Brownrigg:** I found my two rescue dogs while hiking. I advertised all over to find the owner without success. Spent much money. Got one from the Humane Society, a 40 lb pit bull, who turned out to be the most lovable of all dogs; she'd lick you to death!
- \$ Stu Nippes:** I'm happy the school election is over, and despite the fact that I did not win re-election, we have a great future with those who did! And I now have more time for other things!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Angelo Patti, was won by **John Mulligan!**

50/50 for \$22 was won by **Frank Lewandusky**, who donated it to Michelle & the dogs!

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth **\$386.50** this week, will keep growing. Ticket holder **Dave Booker** did his best, but only came up with the **2 of Spades** from the remaining 32 cards!



COMING WEEKS.....

MAY 30 NO MEETING -- MEMORIAL DAY
Parade assembles at 9:30 at Westfall Village
WEAR YELLOW SHIRTS!



JUNE 6 PROGRAM CHAIRS: Bob Loveridge & Bryce Ginther
PROGRAM: Community Services Committee Update
GREETER/INVOCATOR: Peter Stevens

JUNE 13 PROGRAM CHAIR: Summerfest Chairs
PROGRAM: Pre-Summerfest Wrap-up
GREETER/INVOCATOR: Nancy Davis

JUNE 20 PROGRAM CHAIR: Summerfest Chairs
PROGRAM: Post-Summerfest Wrap-up
GREETER/INVOCATOR: Kevin Sarsfield

JUNE 27 POST-SUMMERFEST MEMBER/GUEST PICNIC
Bring a dish to share; beverages provided

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.”
Thomas Jefferson