



The Sandpiper November 4, 2013



The meeting was called to order by President Stu Nippes, with a fine invocation by Bryce Ginther asking wisdom for voters and for elected officials.

GUESTS: None this week.

WELCOME BACK: Jim Hoffman, Frank Breselor, Mike Gates, Bob Pasquarelli and Jerry Tysiak.



SIGNUP SHEETS:

Pasta Dinner this Saturday 11/9:

- Startup 12:00-7:00: Ellis, Ellis, Loveridge
- Serve/Setup 3:00-5:30: Malecki, Metchick, Lane, Brownrigg
- Cashiers 3:30-7:30: Ward, Sarsfield, Hamlin
- Serve/Takedown 5:00-7:30: Metchick, Lane, Fioravanti

Doors of Hope Tuesday, 11/19: Lane, Patton, Nippes, Ginther, Daniels, Breselor

Bells of Life at Crossgates Mall Saturday, 12/14

- First shift 10:00-1:00: Loveridge, Linda Ellis, Tysiak, Patton, Hamlin, Lane
- Second Shift 1:00-3:00: Loveridge, Fioravanti
- Third Shift 3:30-6:00: None

Powder Puff Football date changed from this Wednesday to Friday 6:00-8:00(Stu will email confirmation). At this time no additional assistance is needed for the food trailer, but this is a Key Club fundraiser our club should support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Citrus: Sales have begun. Mike Gates reports Peg Weiss has already sold 100 cases. St. Jude's is also selling citrus, but their price is higher than ours. Get your orders in ASAP. If you need order forms, ask Mike.

Christmas Trees: President Elect Linda Ellis will have info later.

Gap Elimination: President Stu asked School Superintendent Jim Hoffman to explain why this is an important issue. Jim explained that five years ago Governor Cuomo cut a one-time \$5 billion in aid from the State budget. One-time became an annual event, though now the cut is down to \$4 billion. Averill Park Central School District has lost \$14 million, with 25 teachers now gone. State aid is the same now as it was ten years ago. Governor Cuomo will campaign for his next term on a platform of tax reduction, and it is feared that more will come from the education budget.





BIRTHDAYS: Doug Baldrey, Craig Daniels, Nancy W. Davis, Peg Weiss and Miller Young. Craig was the only one present, so we sang just to him. Most of us in the same key!

ANNIVERSARIES: None!

PROGRAM on Sponsored Youth Committee: Pat Lane, the new chairman of the committee, reported that the holiday gift and food letters have gone home with all children in the schools. The school nurses take care of distribution for us, and Pat expressed appreciation for the great job they do. Bob Loveridge led the club in congratulating Jerry Tysiak on his good work as the prior chairman of the committee. Jerry's expertise is the foundation for the current system for food and toy distribution, which is very efficient. We already have 70 boxes of food from Hannaford, which has a prominent store display. Angelo Patti is helping move the boxes to the Post. Bob is looking into Toys for Tots with Rensselaer, and John Brownrigg has several large bags of toys from last year that arrived too late for distribution.



HAPPY DOLLARS:

Bob Pasquarelli is \$15 worth of happy for 14 days spent in Italy visiting Rome, Tuscany, Abruzzi, and many other locations. He and Joan visited wineries and cheese factories, and had cooking lessons. Bob found the reason he was having trouble getting the sausage stuffing to stay in the chicken was that he was stuffing the wrong end. In Rome they had an audience with the Pope along with 65,000 other folks!

Jim Hoffman was happy that the Averill Park Boys' Soccer team won the Division Sectional.

Pete Stevens is happy that his daughter is in Boston taking courses toward her medical doctorate.

Jerry Tysiak enjoyed a tour to Pittsburgh (?), Raleigh, and Myrtle Beach, vacationing with friend from Canada as they do each year. It was "chilly": 60's and 70's. Gimme a break!

Jean Hamlin had \$2: One for her granddaughter who has a 98% average and will be skipping 12th grade and going straight to college. The other is for whoever can create a product she envisions: a rolling manure barrel pulled behind her car that can be opened to embellish the front of tailgating cars. Any takers?

Joe Behson was happy for a trip with Margaret to Hilton Head and Savannah for visits with his granddaughter and previous State co-workers. He had a second happy \$ for his neighbor Jim Colabelli, who watched over the house while Joe was gone, successfully mastering the new security alarm.

Stu Nippes, anticipating Skip, gave him \$1 so he could be happy for the Red Sox's winning the World Series.

John Brownrigg was happy to have spent some time with Bob Reiter when Deborah left them together to talk "guy stuff." Bob is back in the Albany area, and his spirits are good. He was able to get up and walk a little.

Barb Fioravanti had a \$ to brag about the AMS Builders Club. They agreed to do Trick or Treat for Unicef, which benefits the Eliminate Project, and are planning a mitten tree for Christmas for needy families. At the meeting tomorrow Barb will suggest SLK as distributor for the mittens collected.

Pat Lane is happy that Florine has been here and gone, and that she brought with her lots of nice hand-knitted items for our Christmas families.

Stu Nippes had a BIG happy \$. He sold TC's house and found her another to buy. From his commissions he's donating \$150 to SLK and another \$150 to Eliminate. Thanks, Stu!

DRAWINGS:

Door prize: an IOU from Pat, went to Bryce Ginther.

50/50 worth \$24 went to Jim Colabelli

Progressive 50/50 with 41 cards left was worth \$218. Skip Patton got a chance to try for the King ♣, but the 2♥ was the best he could do.



NEXT WEEK:

Program Chair is Kevin Sarsfield.

Program: Jean Chenette will speak about the Center for Creative Retirement at HVCC.

Greeter/Invocator is Jean Hamlin.

Today's Quote: The man who offers an insult writes it in sand, but for the man who receives it, it's chiseled in bronze." -
- Giovannino Guareschi, Italian journalist

BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Stu Nippes. All officers and directors except one were present, so there was a quorum. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted. Committee reports were read by the Secretary and will be included in the minutes for the meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business (previously introduced):

Design contest for the food trailer: President Stu proposed offering a contest to art students at APHS to design a new paint scheme for the SLK food trailer to make it more distinctive and less shabby. We would have some requirements for design elements such as including the Kiwanis logo, and would offer a prize of some sort to the winner. A body shop would be sought to do the painting, perhaps for free or at cost; they could perhaps paint an ad on one of the lift-up

window panels. John Brownrigg agreed to approach N&L in Averill Park. Stu appointed a committee consisting of himself, Linda Ellis, Joe Behson and Barb Fioravanti to pursue this possibility and report back to the Board.

Poestenkill Discovery Day in March: The food trailer was requested for this event. Last year SLK used the school cafeteria. A motion was made and passed to participate, preferably again using the cafeteria if possible.

Other New Business:

Leave of Absence for Jim Rogers The motion was made and passed.

Proposal for K-Kids Clubs at Miller Hill and Poestenkill Elementary Schools: President Stu has investigated, and found support at the schools. If we were able to get clubs started during this year we would probably need to pay the faculty advisors' stipends, as they are not in the budget. After that we would hope that the District would approve the two additional stipends, probably \$1,000 each. In addition to a teacher for each school willing to act as Faculty Advisor, we would need a Kiwanis Advisor for each. Janet Malecki, SLK Advisor to WSL Elementary K-Kids and Wendy Prout, the Troy Kiwanian who initiated that club, might provide insight into how best to proceed. There will be a meeting next Monday at 6:00 before the regular SLK meeting to discuss the merits of this proposal and seek volunteers to be Kiwanis Advisors. All club members wishing to discuss the proposal are invited to the meeting.

OTHER NEWS:

Division News: Next Division Council Meeting will be December 11 at Castleton/Schodack.

District News: Governor Joe has set a goal of 1000 new members for the District.

International News: A new KiwanisOne.org will debut very soon with new member resources.