



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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## MEETING OF NOVEMBER 11, 2013

PRESIDENT Stuart J. Nippes presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Jean Hamlin

GUESTS: Speaker Jean Chenette

WELCOME BACK, Peg Weiss!

### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tues Nov 19<sup>th</sup>: *Lane, Patton, Nippes, Ginther, Daniels, Breselor, Malecki*



### 17<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:

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

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: *Weiss, Lane*

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: *Ward*

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

### BELLS OF LIFE AT CROSSGATES MALL, Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:

10 – 1: *Loveridge, Linda Ellis, Tysiak, Hamlin, Patton, Lane, Ward, Weiss*

1 – 3:30: *Loveridge, Fioravanti, Malecki*

3:30 – 6: *Daniels*

### CHRISTMAS TREE SALES at Botsy's Barbershop:

Sat Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Setup @ 10 am: *Daniels, Ginther, Loveridge*

Fri Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Delivery @ 12:01 am: *Loveridge (12:30)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bob Pasquarelli:** Next Division Council meeting will be Tues Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at Castleton.
- **Pat Lane:** So far we have 72 families and 181 children in need for holiday giving.
- **Eve Ward:** I have 38 teenagers who need gifts. Donations will be appreciated.
- **Mike Gates:** Citrus sales so far have 170 cases ordered. Get out and sell!
- **President Stu** spoke about the requirements for us to become a Distinguished Kiwanis Club. We have filled a few of them, but we need to get more members!

## PRESENTATIONS

Perfect Attendance tabs were presented to **Bryce Ginther** for 4 years, and to **President Stu Nippes** for 2 years! Congratulations to both of you!



## PROGRAM



Kevin Sarsfield introduced **Jean Chenette** who has been the coordinator of the Hudson Valley Center for Creative Retirement for over 10 years. Before she retired she was a teacher at the West Sand Lake Elementary School, and many of her retired friends were attending classes at the Academy for Learning in Retirement in Saratoga. They told of how interesting they were, and she was determined to join them...and did, after her own retirement. The classes were great, but there was the distance, travel time, and expense. Why is Rensselaer County not responding to this need? We have a community college whose charter calls for them to be responsive to their community. She determined to convince HVCC, via some personal friends who were on the Board

there, that our county should have such a program, and volunteered to coordinate it. Her requirements were that the classes must be interesting, affordable (teachers had to volunteer their time), and take place in the daytime.

How could they say no? The first semester started with 3 courses, and she was afraid that no one would sign up. 10 years later there are 50 courses in the spring and fall semesters with over 1000 people taking classes. HVCC advertises the program, gives it 10 pages in their catalog, and does all the registration work. Classes are held in Williams Hall for easy entry from Williams Road, and run from the half hour mark to avoid congestion both in the parking lot and the hallways, since the college classes begin and end on the hour. Classes are offered on pottery, history, maps, fashion, genealogy, historic characters, musicals, baseball, cheese, first ladies, trolleys, railroads, folk music, art, Italian cooking, and bridge! Kevin teaches a class in photography. They have had trips that toured the State Capitol, Yaddo, homes in Troy's Washington Park, Edison Tech Center, Round Lake, and Oakwood



Cemetery. Buses took students to NYC, there were cruises on the Hudson aboard the *Dutch Apple*, they've walked the local preserves, and hiked the hills of Rensselaer County. For the teachers, there is the reward of the positive responses from those who have taken the classes. Jean Hamlin thanked Jean for an inspiring talk,

and several members vowed to finally take advantage of some of the classes. She presented Jean with our Certificate of Appreciation.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

**Kevin Sarsfield:** For Jean's program...I really enjoy teaching in it!

**John Brownrigg:** Good news about Bob Reiter who's looking much better. He's at Van Rensselaer Manor, and can receive visitors. Sue and I took his wife Debbie out to dinner.

**Jim Colabelli:** Friday I transported the Food Trailer at night, quite an experience! Jean made a pot of chicken soup, and I got to take home the leftovers—delicious! My grandson Tyler celebrated his 4<sup>th</sup> birthday! And I'm pleased to have Jean here; her husband Norm was my friend for many years!

**Mike Gates:** Jean's program was great! I can't wait to get older so I can learn things! And also for all the veterans today, thank you!

**Barb Fioravanti:** Chris Bradway has just volunteered to be the advisor for the Miller Hill K-Kids!

**Skip Patton:** Had a wonderful weekend attending our son's best friend's wedding way up in Maine near the New Brunswick border!

**Jean Hamlin:** Here's a new word from Minnesota: *oofah!*

**Dave Booker:** Had an email from the Rogers.....they've arrived safely in Florida, no mishaps, and no break-in of their van this year!

**Joe Behson:** I had a complimentary dinner tonight! I play pool with Booker and Trupia; I won this round, and that was my prize!

**Pat Lane:** I received greetings from Emily Gisewiecz; she's applying for pharmacy school!

**Peg Weiss:** Still jet lagged, but had a wonderful 3 weeks in Italy. The last week was in Sorrento, where we toured the cliffs of the Amalfi Coast, visited the Isle of Capri, Pompeii, Naples, and a lemon farm where they make that wonderful concoction called limoncello! And also mozzarella!

**President Stu:** This is for Bobby Love for buying the third and last extra dinner tonight, and gave it to our speaker, Jean! (The other two were bought by Dave Booker and Mike Gates.)

**DOOR PRIZE**, provided by Kevin Sarsfield, who left it home on the dining room table, was won by **Bob Loveridge!**

50/50 for \$19.00 was won by **Jim Colabelli!**

**PROGRESSIVE 50/50**, worth \$235.00 this week, defeated efforts of **Jerry Tysiak**, who could only produce the Jack of Spades from the 40 remaining cards!

## COMING WEEKS...

NOVEMBER 18      PROGRAM: **Ken James -- TBA**

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: **Peg Weiss**

NOVEMBER 25      PROGRAM: **Dick Johnsen -- TBA**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: **Frank Breselor**

DECEMBER 2      PROGRAM: **Dudley Dorr – House & Reception Committee Update**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: **Janet Malecki**

DECEMBER 9      PROGRAM: **Skip Patton -- TBA**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CEERTIFICATE: **Ron Wagner**



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**HOLIDAY PARTY – GUESTS INVITED**

GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Bob Pasquarelli*

***SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:***

*“Excuses are tools of the incompetent used to build monuments of nothing. Those who excel in them seldom excel in anything else.”*

**Ian P. Heggen**