



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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### **MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

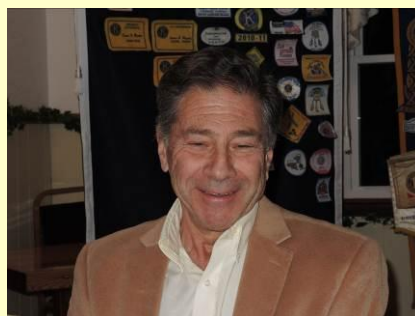
PRESIDENT Stuart J. Nippes presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Peg Weiss

**GUESTS:** VR Lt Gov Harleen and Art Hilton,  
and prospective member Sue Marks-Jensky (3<sup>rd</sup> x)



**WELCOME BACK,** Angelo Patti, Frank Breselor, and Jim Parslow!



## PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

### DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

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

### 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, Metchick*

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: *Sarsfield*

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

### BELLS OF LIFE, Crossgates Mall, Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:

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

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

3:30 – 6: *Daniels, Ward*

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DISTRIBUTION, American Legion Hall -- *Many helpers needed!!!*

Pickup @ schools Tue & Wed 11/19 & 20: APHS *Kevin Sarsfield*, AMS *Barb Fioravanti*, MHES *Jim Colabelli*, WSLES *Joe Behson*

Boxing 5:30 Wed, Thu & Fri, 11/20, 21 & 22: *Ward, Patti*, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution from Legion Hall Sat 11/23, 8 – 12: *Patti, Ward, Lane, Weiss*, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

### CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Sat 11/23 Setup 10 AM: *Daniels, Ginther, Loveridge, Colabelli*

Fri 11/29 Delivery 12:01: *Loveridge, Ginther, Parslow, Linda Ellis*

Sat 11/30 Sales 10 – 1: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 1 – 3: *Ward*, \_\_\_\_\_ 3 – 7: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Sun 12/1, 12 – 3:30: *Malecki, Brownrigg* 3:30 – 7: *Lane*, \_\_\_\_\_

Wed 12/4, 4:30 – 7: *Gates*, \_\_\_\_\_

Thu 12/5, 4:30 – 7: *Patton*, \_\_\_\_\_

Fri 12/6, 4:30 – 7: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Sat 12/7, 10 – 1: *Loveridge, Behson* 1 – 3: *Fioravanti*, \_\_\_\_\_ 3 – 7: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Sun 12/8, 12 – 3:30: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 – 7: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

### VR DIVISION COUNCIL, Wed Dec 11<sup>th</sup> @ Scarnato's in Castleton 6:30, \$20, Cookie Exchange

*Booker, Pasquarelli, Weiss, Lane, L&L Ellis, Malecki, Nippes, Loveridge*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Membership & Education Committee meeting with prospective member following regular meeting tonight.
- ✚ **Mike Gates:** Citrus Orders are due and payable by next Monday's meeting!
- ✚ **Pat Lane:** We have 93 families and over 200 kids to feed this year. Please help! **THIS SATURDAY!!**
- ✚ **Eve Ward:** We have over 40 teens to buy gifts for; donations are needed. Box was passed.



### PRESENTATIONS

Lt Governor Harleen presented President Stu with his Certificate of Election and Installation, and a Directory of the Van Rensselaer Division.



## PROGRAM

Ken James gave a presentation on the history of the American chestnut tree in the United States. Once there were an estimated 4 billion of them in eastern forests. Appalachian ridgetops appeared snow-capped with the white blossoms in spring, and it was one of the most important trees from Maine to Georgia, from the Piedmont west to the Ohio valley. One of every 400 trees was an American chestnut, giants up to 100 feet tall and up to 5 feet in diameter. Wildlife depended on the abundant crop of highly nutritious nuts, and the species was a major part of eastern rural economies, doubling as both a staple and a cash crop. Nuts themselves were stored for winter use, meat products fattened on the harvest filled smokehouses, and the dark nuts were shipped to major cities where street vendors roasted and sold them. The American chestnut was also one of the best trees for timber in the developing economy. Straight and branch-free for up to 50 feet, they often filled railroad cars with timber from just one tree. Lighter in weight and more easily worked than oak, and as rot resistant as redwood, it was used for virtually everything: telegraph poles, fences, railroad ties, shingles, fine furniture, and even musical instruments. Then, in 1904, the blight struck. A lethal fungus, accidentally imported from Asia, speedily killed most of the trees. By 1950 all that was left were huge ghosts of trees. The keystone species of 9 million acres of eastern forests has been virtually lost. Ken is part of a movement by The American Chestnut Foundation to restore this king of the forests. Traditional breeding techniques are being researched to produce a blight resistant species with several thousand trees now in the ground. He has planted many American chestnuts on his own land, and had a display of pictures of his work. He also passed around actual leaf fronds and chestnuts in the protective burrs they wear before being shelled for food. Many volunteers throughout the eastern part of the US help to reforest the land, plus many universities are actively researching anti fungal methods of reproducing the trees. Thanks to you, Ken, for a very interesting look at an unusual facet of your life!



## HAPPY DOLLARS

**Pat Lane:** Here's \$5 because I am the luckiest mother in the world! I needed a new front door, and my sons were going to install it. Then they discovered that water damage had rotted away a 3x18 ft section of the front of the house. So on the coldest day of the year, my house had almost no front wall! They recruited some friends, and set to work to fix everything—I now have my red front door, and all I had to do was feed them!

**Stu Nippes:** I'm happy that Lt Governor Harleen and Art came to our meeting!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Ken James, was won by our prospective member, **Sue Jensky!**

50/50 for \$27.50 was won by **Skip Patton!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$256.50 this week, deprived **Pat Lane** of a Home Depot payment, because she couldn't find that King of Clubs—she picked the 5 of Hearts from the 39 cards left!

## COMING WEEKS...

NOVEMBER 25

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Joe Trupia*

Speaker *Eve Ward*, Annual Holiday Senior Luncheon

GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Bob Pasquarelli*

DECEMBER 2

PROGRAM: *Dudley Dorr*

Update on House & Reception Committee Work

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Janet Malecki*

DECEMBER 9

PROGRAM: *Skip Patton – TBA*

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Ron Wagner*

DECEMBER 16

**HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY – GUESTS WELCOME!**

GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Bob Pasquarelli*

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

*“Those who trade liberty for security will have neither.”*

**John Adams**



