



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 2015

PRESIDENT Stuart Nippes presiding

GREETING by Rose Metchick & INVOCATION by Bob Pasquarelli

GUESTS: **Bob Carton**, guest of **Jim Colabelli**

WELCOME BACK: **Jim Parslow**

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck Friday, December 4: **Lane, Patton, Behson**

BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, December 30 :

Setup :11:00-1:30 **Davis**, _____

Canteen :1:00-3:30 **Weiss**, 3:30-6:00 **Lane**

Registration 1:00-3:30 **Ward**, 3:30-6:00 **Linda Ellis**

Cleanup 6:00-7:00 **Davis**, _____

MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, December 12

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**

5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: **Weiss**



HOLIDAY FOOD & TOY DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, December 15, 7:00-9:00 PM: **Ward, Daniels**

Wednesday, December 16, 7:00-9:00 PM: **Loveridge, Ellis X2, Ward, Weiss**

Thursday, December 17, 7:00-9:00: **Tysiak, Ellis X2, War, Malecki, Mulligan**

Saturday, December 19, 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM: **Loveridge, Tysiak, Ellis X2, Ward, Weiss, Fioravanti**

BELLS OF LIFE, Crossgates Mall, Saturday, December 5

10:00-1:00 **Loveridge, Patton, Hanlon, Stevens**

1:00-3:30 **Fioravanti, Daniels, Ward, Mulligan, Parslow X2, Hamlin & Family**

3:30-6:00 **Lane Patton, Behson** (could use or 2 more)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pat Lane** announced that the Thanksgiving food distribution went well, and she thanked all who helped. Only three families didn't pick up their boxes. Food was donated by all of the schools in APCSD, supplemented by Hannaford boxes. We served 167 children in 76 families.
- **President Stu** announced that Janet Malecki has stepped down as Kiwanis Advisor to West Sand Lake K-Kids, and Eve Ward has volunteered to take that position. That means she has finally graduated from Kindergarten to 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.
- **Mike Gates** announced that citrus sales ended tonight, but if there are stragglers they need to contact him immediately as he will phone in the order Wednesday morning.



PROGRAM **Bob Pasquarelli** filled in for **Frank Breselor**.



Bob began by recounting the fun and benefit to the community and Kiwanis of the Winter Carnival that the club used to present at Crooked Lake in February. It included the Snowball Dance, Outdoor games, and a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning (once including greEn eggs and ham a la Paul



Weiss) followed by a German Fest in the evening. There were tales of dancing on the tables, an oompah band, and good attendance such that the sheriff allowed no more people in the building just as a busload of skiers arrived.

Bob asked each table to come up with suggestions for a similar February activity, pointing out that SummerFest was at its cusp and entering a downslide. We need something to put the town on the map, and bring in funds to cover our increasing obligations particularly to sponsored youth clubs. Maybe we should involve other local organizations.

One end of the stage right front table began by pointing out that when Kiwanis did Winter Carnival its members were a lot younger. One suggestion was a Boys' and Girls' Club that would provide activities for kids as well as a venue for Kiwanis events. There was discussion of school-based activities, and what might be done for kids who do not take advantage of the opportunities now offered. Community may have a different meaning now that kids with computers and cell phones are more in touch with friends at a distance than close to them.

The other end of the same table suggested an event to be held at Crooked Lake called the 3 D's: Dunk our Speedo-clad president, Drink, Dinner, and Dance. Wait, that's four D's.

The stage left rear table said the days of Winter Carnival are over. Things have changed: Sunday afternoons are spent in front of the T watching endless football (not me –Ed.), and kids have endless T channels and computers. They suggested a celebrity chef event. Each community leader (e.g. Kiwanis President) would create a signature dish to present, and would invite 15 or so guests. There would be an

entry fee for the chef and each guest. Guests would sample the dishes and vote for their favorites with dollars. There would be prizes for winning chefs. This would be fun for the community and would raise money for Kiwanis.

Also at that table was a suggestion for a fishing derby at First & Second Burden Lakes. Another good money-maker is a 50/50 or a prize raffle.

The stage left front table suggested watching the Kiwanis magazine for project ideas.

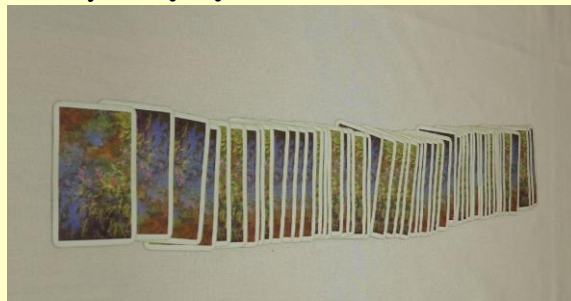
Deacon Bob thanked everyone for their ideas, and had one of his own: a K-Family cleanup day at Butler Park including all our sponsored youth clubs. Barb requested it not be in February, and Pat Lane pointed out that Kiwanis One day is April 2.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Mike Gates** was happy to have seen and photographed a Harris's Sparrow in Loudonville. People came from as far as NYC and NJ to see the homely bird that seldom is seen east of the Rockies. Considering the weather here and there, we figure the bird may be homely, but it's not dumb.
- \$ **Frank Breselor** had two happy dollars: one for Bob Pasquarelli's providing the program, and another because the Legislature passed a resolution on the gas pipeline.
- \$ **Jim Colabelli** was happy because of his guest **Bob Carton**.
- \$ **Pat Lane** was happy for help with the Thanksgiving food baskets.
- \$ **Bob Pasquarelli** was happy that **Stu** came to move the food trailer to its winter storage spot. Good thing, because Stu had the trailer hitch receiver in his truck. **Pat Lane** and her son then came to wrap the trailer for the winter.
- \$ **Stu Nippes** was happy because there were no more happy dollars (?) He also wanted us to know that the best email address for him is stuartnippes@gmail.com.

DOOR PRIZE, provided by **Frank Breselor**, was won by **Bryce Ginther**

50/50 for \$25 was won by **Jerry Tysiak**



PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$44 this week with \$19 added and 52 cards left, eluded **Pat Lane**, who could only come up with the 6 ♣.



COMING WEEKS...

NEXT MEETING: **PROGRAM CHAIR JOHN BROWNRIGG**
PROGRAM: Van Rensselaer Division Council Meeting
GREETER/ INVOCATOR /CERTIFICATE: Jean Hamlin

IN TWO WEEKS: **PROGRAM CHAIR: Peg Weiss**
PROGRAM: Club Bulletin Committee Update
GREETER/ INVOCATOR /CERTIFICATE: Jim Parslow

IN THREE WEEKS: PROGRAM CHAIR: Linda Ellis

PROGRAM:

GREETER/ INVOCATOR /CERTIFICATE: Bob Pasquarelli

IN FOUR WEEKS: HOLIDAY PARTY

GREETER/INVOCATOR: Dale hall

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Let's be grateful for those

who give us happiness;

they are the charming gardeners

who make our souls bloom.

-Marcel Proust