



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2013

PRESIDENT Stuart J. Nippes presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Dick Johnsen

GUESTS: Prospective member Sue Jensky on her 4th visit

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri Dec 6th: *Nippes, Daniels, Behson, Bradway, Lane*

Tues Dec 17th: *Nippes, Daniels, Lane*

DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING Wed Dec 11th @ Scarnato's in Castleton, 6:30, \$20, cookies

Booker, Pasquarelli, Weiss, Lane, Linda Ellis, Malecki, Nippes, Loveridge, Behson

17th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, December 14th:

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: *Sarsfield*

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

BELLS OF LIFE @ Crossgates Mall, Saturday, December 14th:

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

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

3:30 – 6: *Daniels, Ward, Parslow*

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES @ Botsy's Barber Shop, Rt 43 across from APHS

Fri Nov 29th Delivery: **Loveridge, Ginther, Parslow, Linda Ellis, Daniels, Bradway**

Sat Nov 30th Sales – 10 – 1: _____, _____, _____

1 – 4: **Ward, Daniels, Ginther**

4 – 7: **Linda Ellis, _____, _____**

Sun Dec 1st: 12 – 3:30: **Malecki, Brownrigg, Linda Ellis**

3:30 – 7: **Lane, Bradway, _____**

Wed Dec 4th: 4:30 – 7: **Gates, Daniels**

Thu Dec 5th: 4:30 – 7: **Patton, _____**

Fri Dec 6th: 4:30 – 7: _____, _____

Sat Dec 7th: 10 – 1: **Loveridge, Behson, _____**

1 – 4: **Fioravanti, _____, _____**

4 – 7: _____, _____, _____

Sun Dec 8th: 12 – 3:30: _____, _____, _____

3:30 – 7: _____, _____, _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Pat Lane:** We gave out Thanksgiving food baskets to 87 families, 209 children Sat at the American Legion Hall [*Pres Stu: Take note! NOT the VFW!*] We need food for Christmas when we will have more recipients. We are placing donation boxes for food and toys around town, hoping for generosity from our neighbors!
- ❖ **Eve Ward:** We received a lovely note of thanks from a grandmother who is raising all her grandchildren, and who is very grateful for our boxes each year. Notes like this make all the hard work worthwhile!

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Membership Chair Joe Behson called up Sue Jensky along with her two sponsors, Pat Lane and John Mulligan. He expressed pleasure at Sue's desire to become a Kiwanian, the first new member of President Stu's administration, and proceeded to give her the trappings of membership: temporary name tag

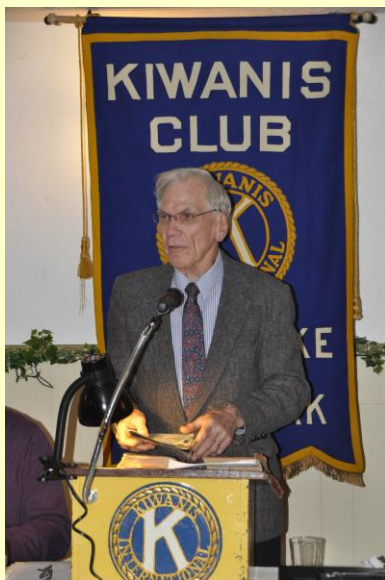


(permanent one coming); application for membership for Sue to bring in another member; literature explaining the structure and aims of the international organization; membership directory for the Sand Lake Club; and all important and unique to this club, the Kiwanis Doo-Hickey! Pat attached Sue's membership pin, which she must wear to all club functions, and preferably wear proudly at all times. Bob Pasquarelli gave Sue an overview of the scope of the international organization in 90 countries, but stressed that Sand Lake is the best in New York State! Sue was then given the opportunity to relate a brief autobiography. She grew up in Brunswick, but has moved around. She has been married for 3 years and has lived in Sand Lake for just a year. Part of her reason for joining Kiwanis is to get to know her neighbors and to give service to the community. She has a degree in accounting and works for the Federal Government in the Treasury



Department. They have no kids but have two cats. Welcome to Sand Lake Kiwanis, Sue, we're glad to have you!

PROGRAM



Chair of the Spiritual Aims Committee, Dick Johnsen is a retired Methodist pastor, who, at the age of 84, still plays tennis regularly. He proceeded to discuss the Thanksgiving holiday as seen through the Times Union column of Kristie Gustafson Barlette, who grew up in Averill Park. She takes surveys of current opinion, and asked about attitudes towards this all American holiday. 38% liked hanging out with family and friends, 38% liked eating, eating, and eating! 1% had to work on the holiday, and 2% just didn't bother to celebrate at all. 52% do not shop on Black Friday because they hate crowds. Dick decided to take his own survey, which, while not statistically accurate, proved to be quite interesting. He asked people what annoyed them. President Stu commented that nothing annoyed him on a holiday! One answer came from a man who insisted that he was so nice that there was never anything that annoyed him, to which Dick replied, "But you're divorced!" Dick himself said he was annoyed when people called this day of giving thanks "Turkey Day!" He commented that there seemed to be many more agnostics and atheists today than in the past, and that people have

substituted other things for church. Perhaps Kiwanis is someone's church? President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November to be a National Day of Thanksgiving, but later on FDR changed it to the 4th Thursday to allow for more shopping time before Christmas. Dick mentioned that he had been shy as a child, but that singing, especially being asked to sing solos, helped raise his self esteem, and gave him confidence. There are nice people all around us, and he commented on a few experiences. He once put his tennis racket on the roof of his car while loading it, and drove off! Later he received a call from a lady who found it and insisted on bringing it home to him, adding another better one! [*Commented a member: "You left the ministry and found a new racket!"*] His wife Carol was having difficulty finding the ingredients for a mince pie, and a friend brought her the jar. He found he needed more expertise and skill while building his house, and by chance, a friend offered to do the job for him! Lots of nice people! Life can be tough, but great things can happen! I love Thanksgiving!

HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ Pat Lane:** This is from Nancy Davis, for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service last night! "7 ½ Kiwanians attended!" [*Wonder who the half SLK was!*] And this one's from me: The Church of the Covenant has a pie sale on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and Peg noticed that one of the two pies left was a mince pie. She mentioned that "Pat Lane would just love that", to which the chairman said "why don't you buy it for her?" And she did! I hid it!
- \$ Jean Hamlin:** My 57 year old son had to have open heart surgery to replace a heart valve. He came through fine, and although the norm is to stay 8-10 days, he was home in two! Guess it pays to play hockey!
- \$ Bob Loveridge:** To boost our sales for Bells of Life I gave 100 bells to Young's Pharmacy and to Sunoco On-The-Go. 3 ½ hours later got a call, "Sunoco needs more bells!" I gave them another 200, and they were going fast!
- \$ Joe Behson:** For our new member Sue Jensky! First of the new year! Let's hustle!
- \$ John Mulligan:** I met Sue at an event and told her she ought to join Kiwanis....and she did! She's a hard worker!
- \$ Dick Johnsen:** I have 5 kids and 4 grandchildren, all in college, 1 to be married in March. This is in honor of Carol who's stayed with me for more than 60 years!

