



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2015

GUESTS: Speaker Joel Abelove, Rensselaer County
District Attorney (with George Raneri, left)



WELCOME BACK, George Raneri,



Mike Gates



Kevin Sarsfield and Joe Behson!

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Tue Oct 20th: **Loveridge, Nippes, Davis, Daniels, Ginther, Behson**

BLOOD DRIVE @ Church of the Covenant, Thurs Oct 22nd:

Set Up 12 – 1: **Davis**

Registration 1 – 3:30: **Linda Ellis**

Canteen 1 – 3:30: **Weiss**

Take Down 6 – 7: **Davis**

Registration 3:30 – 6: **Booker**

Canteen 3:30 – 6: **Daniels**

CAMP ROTARY CLOSING WORK PARTY, Sat Oct 24th, 9 AM – Noon:
Lane, Daniels, Ginther, Brownrigg, Behson, Patton, Fioravanti, Ward, Weiss, Colabelli

FOOD TRAILER AT A.P.H.S. SOCCER FIELDS, this Sunday Oct 25th & next Nov 1st:

Sunday Oct 25th:

TRAILER TO: *Whipple*

11 – 2: *Lane, Mulligan, Fioravanti*

TRAILER BACK: *Ginther*

2 – 5: *Daniels, Hamlin, Ginther*

Sunday Nov 1st:

TRAILER TO: *Colabelli*

11 – 2: *Linda E, Lyndon E, Loveridge*

TRAILER BACK: *Nippes*

2 – 5: *Daniels, Tysiak, Hamlin*

SPECIAL THANKS to Ron Wagner & his two sons who staffed the first shift last Sunday Oct 18th!

39th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, November 14th:

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: *Ward*

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

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS, American Legion Post, Rt 43, Averill Park:

Thurs Nov 19th Sorting 7 – 9 PM: *Lane, L&L Ellis, Ward, Hamlin, Loveridge*

Fri Nov 20th Sorting 7 – 9 PM: *Lane, L&L Ellis, Ward, Mulligan, Weiss, Stevens*

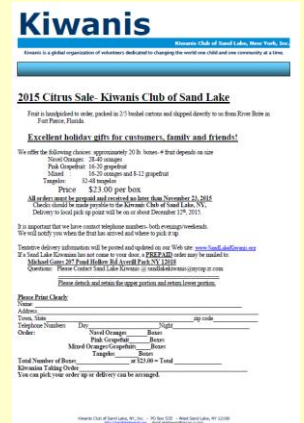
Sat Nov 21st Distribution 8 – 1 PM: *Lane, L&L Ellis, Ward, Weiss, Loveridge*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mike Gates:**



Time for Citrus Sales! I have order forms on the back table. Let's get out and sell those fresh Florida oranges, grapefruit, and tangelos! Once again, Pat is generously allowing us to use her garage as a distributing center!



PROGRAM

George Raneri, Program Chair, re-introduced himself to the Club, remarking that he was back for his annual visit so he will qualify for a perfect attendance credit! Come around more often, George; you'll enjoy yourself! He then introduced tonight's speaker, Joel Ablove, Rensselaer County's new District Attorney, who related his rise to this position. He worked his way up through the ranks, working in the Special Victims Unit and other posts in the department. He served in the Army National Guard for 8 years, left to pursue other areas, then re-enlisted after Sept. 11th. He lives in



Schaghticoke with his wife and two children, a son 18 now in college, and a daughter 12. He has been a DA for 10 months, and is committed to the job. There are two county court judges, domestic and family court, and criminal cases. There are 18 town judges throughout the county, handling felony drug cases



and other cases. He has 4 investigators working for him, (from the state police, from the Schodack police, and from the Rensselaer police dept.) They handle subpoenas and victim advocate assistance, fraud, revenue crimes (EBT: Electronic benefits cards). He has recently had more than 1200 felony cases in one week! He has a hard working staff who struggle to keep up with the case load. They see people at their worst, work with local police, county sheriffs, and Federal agents. Mr. Abelow is trying to get a law passed which will confiscate the vehicle

of convicted Felony DWI perpetrators (those who have been previously convicted of Misdemeanor DWIs). He feels that that punishment might “get their attention” since many don’t take DWI very seriously. Drug crimes and drunk driving—both are preventable. DAs prosecute all offenses in the county; ADAs help but a DA can choose to take on a case from the beginning. Joel is personally handling the recent arson death last May in Lansingburgh. The DA makes the decision of whether to prosecute a case or to plea bargain. It’s frustrating and heartbreaking work with long hours, no overtime, no extra pay, and is underfunded, but most in the department love it, or they wouldn’t be there! Joel graciously answered many questions from the members, and John Mulligan thanked him for coming and giving us a clearer picture of a DA’s job than TV does, and presented him with our Certificate of Appreciation.



HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Bob Pasquarelli:** We had a nice time in Maine this weekend with the group. Since the first morning was rainy, some of us decided to go up to Freeport to the original LLBean store. I was using my GPS but since Bean’s only has a route number for an address, we got turned around, and I had to contend with several back seat drivers using another GPS! We eventually got there, despite the conflicting directions!
- \$ **Joe Behson:** Margaret and I had a wonderful week in Costa Rica, despite the 80 parrots that held a squawking contest very early in the morning. Then in the evening there were the loud howler monkeys (gave an example) who were quite disturbing!
- \$ **George Raneri:** I want to thank Joel for coming tonight!
- \$ **Bill Glasser:** I just came to tell you all about the Veteran’s Day Ceremony on Wed Nov 11th at 11 AM at the Memorial Park. Speaker will be Shari Mantini, a flight nurse with the 32nd Aeromedical Evacuation Group, deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Storm.
- \$ Then on Fri Nov 13th the Sand Lake Veterans will be holding a Ziti Dinner from 5:30 to 7 PM at APHS. This dinner is in conjunction with a play by the Drama Club at 7 PM: “*Ten Clicks South of Whiskey*” by Ryan Smithson, author of the book “*Ghosts of War.*” It is an intense play and students are excited about paying tribute to the military. Dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for Veterans and children. Proceeds will go to the Veterans Park. There is no charge for the play, but donations will be received to benefit Soldier’s Heart, founded in 2006 to tend the invisible wounds, commonly called “PTSD” now, in previous conflicts “shell shock” or “battle fatigue”. Please come and support our veterans!
- \$ **Bob Loveridge:** Thanks to Joel for coming and presenting a great program! I will be away next week attending my brother’s wedding in Charleston, SC!
- \$ **Bill Whipple:** We just celebrated my son John’s 49th birthday, and our 51st wedding anniversary!

- \$ **Kevin Sarsfield:** My recent absence was due to our babysitting our new grandson 24/7 for a week, when the other grandma took over! Whew! We then spent some time traveling to VA, and driving all on back roads, taking 3 days to get back! Fun!
- \$ **Barb Fioravanti:** I'm very excited about the new Builders' Club at Algonquin. They just elected their officers for the year, and the kids are anxious to get started!
- \$ **Mike Gates:** I tried to save myself from having to get up and let the cat out. I built a ramp, so he could come and go at will. I wasn't so smart, though, because not only could the cat go in and out, so could mice and chipmunks!
- \$ **Dave Booker:** I too enjoyed the trip to York, ME this past weekend. Saw some new places, and made new friends. Visited a winery on Rt 101, a distillery in York, and a winery/distillery on the way home! Had tastings at all of them even brought some home!
- \$ **DA Joel Ablove:** I had a very enjoyable trip to Hershey, PA and the biggest car show in the country! Lots of classic cars!
- \$ **Peg Weiss:** I spent the weekend in Maine, and the leaf colors in VT & NH were the most vivid I think I've ever seen! The reds, yellows, and oranges were in stark contrast to the dark blue sky. I missed Eve, but I had the pleasure of showing the area to Louise Besch who had never been there before! Skip Patton thought he may have left a few lobsters when he was up earlier, but they're all gone now!
- \$ **Jean Hamlin:** I overslept Saturday, so I was late for the Trashbusters cleanup, but the kids were doing great work! Got a story to tell you: A man was driving along, and accidentally hit a cat. A lady ran out, and excitedly asked, "What did it look like?"

Jean demonstrated a dead face.



The lady said "No, no, before!"



And Jean made another face, of sheer terror!

DOOR PRIZE #1 (extra dinner) was won by **Dave Booker!**

#2 (provided by George Raneri) was won by **John Brownrigg!**

50/50 worth \$17.50, was won by **John Mulligan**, who donated it to Eliminate! Thanks, John!

PROGRESSIVE 50/50 now grown to **\$693.50**, managed to hide that King of Clubs from **Dave Booker**, who pulled the **2 of Diamonds** from the 11 remaining cards. Getting close, now!



COMING WEEKS...

NEXT WEEK OCTOBER 26: PROGRAM CHAIR: *Joe Behson*

Monica Ryan, Town of Sand Lake Zoning Board of Appeals

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Frank Lewandusky*

NOVEMBER 2

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Janet Malecki*

Rev Bob Loesch: “*One Year: Ministries of One Parish and Pastor*”

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Pat Lane*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 9

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Pat Lane*

Poestenkill’s *Bread of Life Food Pantry*

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Bob Loveridge*

NOVEMBER 16

PROGRAM CHAIR: *Bill Whipple -- TBA*

GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Dick Johnsen*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel.”

Maya Angelou