



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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## MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2014

President Linda L. Ellis, presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Joe Trupia

### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri Nov 7<sup>th</sup>: **Daniels, Behson, Ginther**

Tue Nov 18<sup>th</sup>: **Daniels, Loveridge**

27<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>:

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**

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

ARC BLOOD DRIVE Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at Church of the Covenant:

Setup 12 N: **Davis, Jensky**

Cleanup 6 PM: **Davis**

Registration 1 – 3:30: **Ward**

Registration 3:30 – 6: **Linda Ellis**

Canteen 1 – 3:30: **Weiss**

Canteen 3:30 – 6: **Lane**

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS, American Legion Hall, Sort & Pack 6 – 8 PM

Tues Nov 18<sup>th</sup>: **Ward, L&L Ellis, Lane, Behson, Lewandusky**

Wed Nov 19<sup>th</sup>: **Ward, L&L Ellis, Lane, Weiss**

Thurs Nov 29<sup>th</sup>: **Ward, L&L Ellis, Lane, Jensky**

DISTRIBUTE FOOD Sat Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>:

Setup 8 - 9 AM: **Lane, Colabelli, Jensky, Fioravanti**

Distribute 9 – Noon: **Ward, L&L Ellis, Weiss, Mulligan**

Cleanup, Delivery 12 – 1:30: **Lane, Weiss**

BELLS OF LIFE at Crossgates Mall, Sat Dec 6<sup>th</sup>:

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

1 – 3:30: *Ward, Mulligan, Parslow, Daniels*

3:30 – 6: *L&L Ellis, Loveridge*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **President Linda** reminded us that the Board of Directors had approved our Food Trailer to serve for the Powder Puff Football Game on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM. We will need volunteers to work with the Ellises.
- **Eve Ward:** Bryce and I will begin shopping for teenagers very soon. Please consider a donation toward these expenses. Cash or gift cards are very welcome.
- **Bob Pasquarelli:** Recently I had a solar power system installed on my roof, and I am now connected to the grid. It's already making more power than needed, and it's being credited!

## PROGRAM



**John Brownrigg** discussed the current state of energy production from oil and natural gas. The market price of crude oil is a world price. It's the same in China, India, or Europe as we pay in the US, and is auctioned each day to the highest bidder by type. The US represents 3% of the world's population, but demands 24% of the world's crude oil production. US demand has declined due to conservation, while world demand was up 3% per year for the last 5 years, pressured by China and India and their increasing production of goods and services. The major products from crude oil are 42-54% gasoline and 20-25% heating & diesel fuel. Others are liquefied petroleum gas, kerosene, lubricating oils, wax, sulfur and tar. There are 3 types of crude: 1) sweet/light, (highest cost, greatest yield), Nigerian, Bakken, Saudi; 2) mid-range, West Texas Intermediate; and 3) sour/heavy, (lowest cost, lowest yield), Mexican, Tar sands, Venezuelan. Each refinery is tooled to take only one type of crude, and it is very expensive to re-tool a refinery to take other types. Bakken is the type of crude oil received in Albany via rail cars of the Canadian Pacific RR from South Dakota. From Albany it is shipped down the Hudson River by barge to refineries in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, for markets along the entire East Coast. In the last ten years, we have reduced our dependency on foreign oil from 68% to less than 35%, while improving our domestic production. At the current rate, it is projected that the US will be ENERGY INDEP-ENDENT by early 2017 or possibly late 2016! This is caused by two main changes. Generating plants have shifted from 70% oil generation to 32%, thereby reducing our carbon footprint by over 80%, the result of additional, cheaper natural gas production. Also, about 8 years ago an old concept of extracting previously trapped oil and natural gas by hydrofracking was expanded in energy rich areas of North & South Dakota, Texas, and Alabama to Marcellus, NY (shale). This method is constantly being made safer each year, and has resulted in reduced costs at the gas pumps, electric meters, and heating oil. In 2013 the US was the world's top energy producer with an increased production of 21%. The Port of Albany has seen increased shipping of Bakken crude. Currently oil is shipped by rail from South Dakota through Canada down to Albany, where it is transferred to barges and shipped south to the refineries in NJ, PA, & DE. This strange transportation pattern is caused by one firm's control of the railroad lines. The Keystone Pipeline, if it had been approved, would have changed that pattern. The Port of Albany receives over 2.4 million gallons of crude per day (12 million gallons per week!), creating jobs and a tax base, while providing oil products for eastern US. But this 41% increase in national crude oil rail traffic is limited by the number of safe, double-hulled, modern rail cars that can be



produced. To date only 27% of that demand has been met. Albany has become the epicenter of the East Coast for compatible domestic crude oil, due to the availability of deep water barge facilities and railroad patterns to Albany. We have come a long way since 1859 in Titusville, PA when crude oil was first discovered. The Seneca Indians had long used that area for waterproofing canoes and tepees from the oil infused grounds. Oil replaced whale oil for energy and light, and the race was on. We, as the current guardians of future growth and development, must recognize the need for conservation, protection of the environment, and a firm, clean energy plan designed to span generations, and not terms of office. John continued to answer the many questions posed by his audience. Thank you, John, for a most enlightening program!

(Editor's aside "Thank goodness John gave me his script! I never would have been able to record all those numbers!")

## HAPPY DOLLARS

**\$ Jim Rogers:** Thanks to John for a great program! I leave next week for our Florida home, and will think of all of you when Kiwanis International celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**\$ Craig Daniels:** I will soon be moving from my rented apartment because I have found a house in Wynantskill! Thanks to Pat for wrapping all those pennies!



**\$ Pat Lane:** It took me 2 ½ hours to wrap 89 pounds of pennies, but it was wonderful because I was listening to some absolutely great music!

**\$ Joe Behson:** Margaret and I spent 3 very happy days in VT, hiking, and eating in some great restaurants!

**\$ Bill Whipple:** Very happy because all four of our kids with their families were home last week to help us celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Also happy for Buffalo's win! But I'm sad because I missed your singing for our anniversary!

**DOOR PRIZE**, provided by John Brownrigg, was won by **Jim Rogers!**

**50/50** for \$22 was won by **Bill Whipple!**

**PROGRESSIVE 50/50**, starting all over with \$38 this week, (because Bob Pasquarelli found that King last week), stumped Banker **Mike Gates:** he came up with the **Queen of Diamonds!**



**COMING WEEKS...**

NOVEMBER 3

PROGRAM: *John Mulligan, Update on Sponsored Youth*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Bryce Ginther*

NOVEMBER 10

PROGRAM: *Eve Ward*  
**Speaker Dr. Lisa Thorn**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Jean Hamlin*

NOVEMBER 17

PROGRAM: *Skip Patton -- TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Peg Weiss*

NOVEMBER 24

PROGRAM: *Drew Cook -- TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Frank Breselor*

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

*“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.”*  
**Helen Keller**

A member asked Sue Jensky to show off the back of the shirt that she was wearing:



Sue's husband, David, is a member of the Albany Fire Department!