



The Sandpiper October 28, 2013



President Stu Nippes presided, with a very nice invocation by Joe Trupia.

Guests



GUESTS included prospective member Susan Marks-Jensky for her second visit, plus candidates for office in the Town of Sand Lake including Flora Fasoldt, Russ Bennett, Chris Kronau, Barbara Bitig, Barbara Glasser, William Glasser and Ron Campano.

SIGN UP SHEETS:

Interclubs and Installations: Troy Kiwanis Club Tuesday, October 29 - Kiwanians signed up are: Stuart Nippes, Janet Malecki, John Mulligan, Boob Loveridge and Dave Booker

November 9 Pasta Dinner (all you can eat!): There are still slots available to help, and as always all are welcome to support the club and the Eliminate Project by joining us for dinner. Signed up are: Linda & Lyndon Ellis – 12 noon; Rose Metchick, Janet Malecki, Pat Lane and John Brownrigg – 3 to 5:30; Eve Ward – 3:30 to 7:30; and Rose Metchick and Pat Lane – 5 to 7:30.

Doors of Hope: Friday 11/1 Whipple, Nippes, Daniels, Ginther; Tuesday 11/19 Lane, Patton, Nippes have signed up. More are always welcome.

Food Trailer at Key Club Powder Puff Game Wednesday, 11/6 at APHS, 6:00-8:00 PM: Stu Nippes and Linda and Lyndon Ellis will man the food trailer. While they have asked for no more assistance with the trailer, all members are encouraged to support our Key Club by attending the flag football game to benefit the American Cancer Society, with junior girls against senior girls, and the boys as cheerleaders. It is rumored there will be a half-time show by the cheerleaders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Stu thanked IPP Pat Lane for agreeing to chair the Youth Services Committee.

PROGRAM: Meet the Candidates night for the Town of Sand Lake, one of the nine towns included in Averill Park School District, the area covered by Kiwanis Club of Sand Lake. Each candidate was given the opportunity to speak and answer questions from the audience. Stu said, "Here we go," Bob Loveridge said "Wheeee," and Stu said "That's a buck!"

Candidates for Town Council:

Barbara Glasser: Married to Paul Glasser, Jr., and the mother of two sons, Barbara teaches Special Education classes at Algonquin Middle School. She is The RAAD chairman, and a member of the Sand Lake/Averill Park Fire Department. She is also involved in other community activities. Asked why residents should vote for her, she offered that she is a good listener, a team player, and good at organization. She would support more programs for youth to prevent drug abuse. She is not in favor of the NY SAFE Act.



Russ Bennett: Married to Deborah and father of two sons, he has lived in Sand Lake for 43 years. He has been Town Attorney for several administrations under four different political parties, and has worked at the state and county levels as well, writing some of the bills that are now laws. He is involved in the Rensselaer County Medical Reserve Corps, and a project to bring glasses to the needy in Armenia. Focusing on efficiency and elimination of waste, he has waived his salary beyond necessary expenses. Working with Supervisor Fasoldt, he has helped negotiate labor and insurance contracts. He cannot continue to serve as Town Attorney if he becomes a Town Councilman.



Ron Campano: Retired after a 37-year career with the State Police. He initiated the satellite SP offices in Sand Lake and other towns. He began visiting Averill Park High School to gain rapport in order to address the marijuana problem prevalent at that time. He worked with the school principal to get violators reported, and with the town Judges to see that suitable sentences were administered. A third offense earned the youngster a 15 day jail sentence, which turned out to be a better deterrent than a fine paid by the parent. Youthful offenders who could not be sent to jail were sentenced to work at the Town Dump, also a strong deterrent. Mr. Campano has coached several youth sports. When asked, he refused to prioritize drug abuse control vs. a balanced budget, saying both must be addressed as high priorities. He opposes the NY SAFE Act as expensive and ineffective for its intended purpose.



Chris Kronau: Has lived in Sand Lake for 57 years. She has 7 children, 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Her first job, at age 16, was as cashier at Zane's Market in Averill Park. She has been manager of a doctor's office, worked in the school district, and has held many other



positions. She was Town Clerk for 12 years, and has served on the Town Council for 4 years. She is the liason to the Sand Lake Seniors, and has strongly supported the Veterans' Memorial. She manages the Community Van, which takes seniors and the disabled to appointments. When asked about acquisition of the Sand Lake School as a community Center, she said it was not needed, and would be a heavy burden on the taxpayers.

Candidates for Town Supervisor:

William Glasser: Is a lifelong resident of Sand Lake, and was a Kiwanian in the 80's and 90's. He serves on many committees and in several organizations, including the VFW and helping with the Veterans' Park, as he feels a strong duty to the town. He feels drugs and taxes are the worst problems. The way to address high taxes is to encourage development to increase the tax base. We need to remove the drug stigma so businesses and families want to move here. The way to address the drug problem is to engage students with activities, and engage parents as well. When asked about a community center, he stated that the area other things more urgently needed. One would be town water in Averill Park to attract businesses and investors who might buy the sand Lake School.



Flora Fasoldt: Has been Supervisor for 18 months. She was Class of '98 at Averill Park High School, and she and her husband have 3 children in Averill Park schools. She has already solved several problems for the town, and has addressed some very challenging issues. Some require just persistence, but some also need technical or legal expertise. The key to getting projects done while minimizing local tax impact is to apply aggressively for state and federal grants. There have already been successful grants for sewer pumps, NYSERDA energy conservation at the Town Hall, and other projects. Public Access to Glass Lake has been restored. She referred to linkages among the three hamlets: West sand Lake, Averill Park and Sand Lake, which would be facilitated by sidewalks and recovered railroad rights-of-way. She would like to see a town park on land the town already owns near the Averill Park Fire Department, and on town land between Burden Lake Road and Orient Avenue a pocket park with parking for businesses. Improved infrastructure would increase the tax base, so she sees this as an investment. Partial tax reductions are offered for commercial expansion. She has just begun to resurrect a town IDA that has been dormant for years. She works with Sand Lake Business Association and other groups to survey what needs they see. She writes a monthly column in *The Advertiser* and mentioned a new town web site. She has taken a pay cut, and seeks volunteers to help save the town money. A town representative will be appointed to meet with other stakeholders on the drug problem.



HAPPY DOLLARS:

Jim Rogers had a \$ for the candidates, and another for assistance many years ago from Ron Campano, then a State Trooper. Jim's car had broken down on Fuller Road with his two daughters on board. Ron drove them home, then took Jim to the car repair shop.

Skip Patton was happy for his first attendance at a World Series game.

Bryce Ginther was happy for a good turnout at adopt-a-Highway Saturday, including a half dozen Key Clubbers. He was especially happy that he found a \$50 bill on the ground where Brownrigg 's team had already passed over. He then donated the \$50 to the club. Thanks, Bryce!



John Brownrigg had a happy \$ for the candidates' visit, and a \$1 challenge to the candidates: solve the drug problem if you are elected.

Kevin Sarsfield was happy for 4 days in Maine for his son Todd's wedding. There were guests from all over the world and many of the US States.

Pete Stevens offered a happy \$2.50 because he and Nancy have been married 25 years.

Jim Parslow is happy because he and Terry have been married 39 years.

Bill Glasser was happy for the opportunity to speak, and he had another happy \$ for the Veterans' spaghetti dinner on the 8th.

Sue Marks-Jensky was happy that after searching a long time in vain through the whole house for her late mother's cross and 4 bracelet charms that were a gift from her father, she finally found them in her mother's purse.

Pat Lane gave a happy \$ that her sister Florine is coming. The reason she is happy is that she'll be providing Florine with a map to Kevin Sarsfield's house.

Stu Nippes is happy for the candidates' presentations, and he urges us to vote so that the best candidates get elected. He had another happy \$ for a trip to Rochester for a State Education Conference. There were many seminars, including ones on testing. Community organizations are being urged to take over funding for special activities, which he felt was akin to double taxation, as these organizations then have to rent school buildings for their own use. Stu emphasized that we must get rid of the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

DRAWINGS:

Door Prize Joe Trupia's ticket was drawn, but as neither he nor Audrey drinks and the prize was a bottle of wine, he pulled another ticket which turned out to be Bill Glasser's.

50/50 worth \$29 was won by Flora Fasoldt, who donated it back to the Club. Thanks, Flora!

Progressive 50/50 worth \$198.50 with 42 cards left; the best Dave Booker could do was the Q♦.



NEXT WEEK:

Program Chair: Pat Lane on Youth Services Committee Update

Greeter/Invocator: Bryce Ginther

Today's Quote: "Be bold in what you stand for and careful what you fall for."

-- Ruth Boorstin, writer and poet