



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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### MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

President Stuart J. Nippes, presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by George Raneri



GUEST:



Linda Cioffi, speaker (on right)  
with Program Chair Barb Fioravanti.

WELCOME BACK, George Raneri, Nancy Davis, John Brownrigg

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck; no dates yet for October

**49<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER** @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

12 – 7, Kitchen/Cook: *Lewandusky, Wagner*

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

3:30 – 7, Cashier: *Sarsfield*

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

**NORTH GREENBUSH DIVISION COUNCIL/INTERCLUB.**

Tues Sept 27, 6:30, Wynantskill American Legion:

*Booker, Lane, Hamlin, Weiss, Brownrigg, Pasquarelli*

**VAN RENSSELAER DIVISION CLUB OFFICER INSTALL/TROY INTERCLUB.**

Sat Oct 1<sup>st</sup> @ noon, Franklin Terrace, \$30

*Booker, Lane, Behson, Hamlin, Weiss*

**SLKC INSTALLATION DINNER**

Lakeview, Mon Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, Social hour 6pm, dinner 6:45, \$25,

Guests invited; reservations needed, wear honors

**SOCCER FOOD TRAILER** Sundays in September & October

Oct 2 – TRAILER TO: *Colabelli* TRAILER BACK: *Colabelli*

11 – 1:30: *Lane, Loveridge, Hamlin*

1:30 – 4:30: *Wagner, Weiss, Daniels*

Oct 9 – TRAILER TO: *Colabelli* TRAILER BACK: *Colabelli*

11 – 1:30: *Lane, Daniels, Ginther*

1:30 – 4:30: *Hamlin, Wagner, \_\_\_\_\_ help needed!*

Oct 16 – TRAILER TO: \_\_\_\_\_ TRAILER BACK: \_\_\_\_\_ *help needed!*

11 – 1:30: *Mulligan, Lane, Daniels*

1:30 – 4:30: *Hamlin, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ help needed!*

Oct 23 – TRAILER TO: \_\_\_\_\_ TRAILER BACK: \_\_\_\_\_ *help needed!*

11 – 1:30: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ *help needed!*

1:30 – 4:30: *Hamlin, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ help needed!*

Oct 30 – TRAILER TO: \_\_\_\_\_ TRAILER BACK: \_\_\_\_\_ *help needed!*

11 – 1:30: *Mulligan, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ help needed!*

1:30 – 4:30: *Hamlin, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ help needed!*

**BSA CAMP ROTARY CLOSE UP**, Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, (9AM) Bring tools

*Daniels,*

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**, Thurs Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, Church of the Covenant, 1 – 6 PM

12 Noon Set Up: *Davis, \_\_\_\_\_* 7 PM Take Down: *Davis, \_\_\_\_\_*

1 – 3:30 Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 – 3:30 Canteen: *Weiss*

3:30 -6 Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 – 6 Canteen: \_\_\_\_\_

**TROY KIWANIS 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**, Sat Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, Franklin Terrace, 6 – 11 pm, \$57 online

*Lane, Booker, Brownrigg,*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ✓ **LTG Pat Lane:** Our thanks to Nancy Davis for getting up early to open the Church of the Covenant so we could have our Kiwanis Officers training session!
- ✓ **LTG Pat again:** The Town of Sand Lake is setting up a planning session to examine the revamping of Butler Park. Kiwanis should be a part of this, because we have been since the park's inception. A professional planner will be present. Watch for the date and attend!



## PRESENTATIONS

President Stu awarded four members their pin tabs for perfect attendance:



**Craig Daniels, 4 years; Ron Wagner, 16 years; Joe Behson, 22 years; & David Booker, 34 years!**  
 Congratulations and thanks to all four for their faithful service!

## PROGRAM

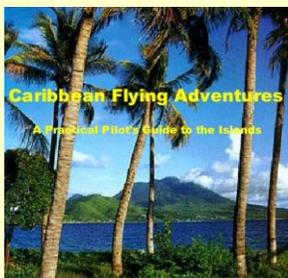
Cuba  
 A flying adventure



Linda & Stud      November 5-10, 2015



Barb Fioravanti introduced her friend and fellow pilot Linda Cioffi who gave us an illustrated tour of her trip to Cuba. Linda is a commercial pilot who owns her own single engine Cessna 182 (named Stud!) and



has also flown it to Alaska and Australia. For this trip last year, she joined a group called Caribbean Flying Adventures, and with 13 other aircraft took off from Key West, headed south. At about 2000 feet elevation after takeoff she heard a strange noise, followed by the failure of her communications! She didn't want to leave the group, but wisdom prevailed, and she returned to



Key West. The problem turned out to be with the alternator, which was repaired in short order, and she was once again on her way south, with her passenger, wife of one of the other pilots. Weather travels differently in the tropics, and she had to learn its vagaries, but the scenery was beautiful. They approached their destination, an airport in Varadero, a town east of Havana as the airport



at the capital city had no facilities for so many private aircraft! This one however had a 12,000-foot runway! Upon landing, they were swarmed by media, quite excited by their arrival. With language difficulties, however, she wasn't quite sure what all



the fuss was about. They were all put on a big bus, their luggage cared for, and taken to a VIP lounge, given white roses, and royally welcomed! Their visas were checked, and they were given a daily itinerary and a tour guide. They saw many sights, among which were Al Capone's Restaurant, and many old

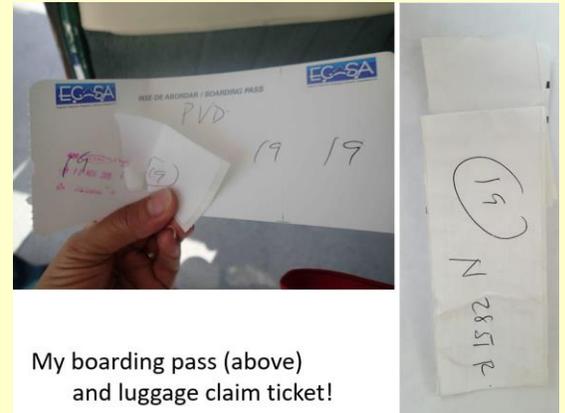


American cars from the 50s & 60s. There is no gasoline in Cuba, only diesel, so all these cars have been converted. Linda's favorite was a 1957 Studebaker, all polished! If any of these cars need a part in order to pass the state inspection, owners borrowed it from a friend, and returned it after it passed inspection! The beaches are beautiful, and the coral reefs come right up to the shorelines. They went snorkeling, and toured the Sugar Museum, sugar cane being the major



crop. She saw steam engines with Wilkes Barre, PA marked on them, so they knew where they came from! There were many banana plantations, and they visited the spot where in May 1980 the Cuban flag was first flown. Cuba is a communist dictatorship, where everyone is taken care of: jobs,

health care, housing, etc. After Russia left the island, people were allowed to have their own small businesses, very small, but no advertising is allowed. There is very limited internet access—very SLOW—and very little cell phone activity. It made the Americans think a lot about life in the 50s—people actually interacted with each other, and didn't walk around with their noses in a cell phone! They were very



My boarding pass (above) and luggage claim ticket!

social and friendly, and appeared fairly happy. They do need government permission to move to a different location, however,



since necessary jobs must be kept filled. People report on each other, so they are very careful about what they say, especially to visitors. There is a mix of religions, and some churches are left, (beautiful sculptures and stained glass windows), but services are sporadic. There are wonderful outdoor markets with a variety of vegetables and fruits, but no refrigeration for the meats! Flies swarmed, but didn't seem to bother the locals. Their meats are cooked for hours—no medium rare steaks here—so apparently that takes care of the germs! When it came time for departure, the entry process was reversed, again with buses.



They are not used to handling individually owned planes, so each person was given their "ticket" and "boarding pass"—hand written!—and individually interviewed. But a full water bottle was okay! Finally, after a few more women officials kept asking her questions about her flying, Linda learned that she was famous! She is the very FIRST WOMAN pilot to fly to Cuba—ever! Her achievement never made our local news, but was noted in the Nashville, Tennessee paper. George



Raneri thanked Linda for her wonderful presentation, especially her animated comments, and presented her with our Certificate of Appreciation, hoping she'd return before too long.



## HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **John Brownrigg:** I've been away for a while, but I wanted you to know that Gary Meislin's son told me that Gary was buried in his Kiwanis Summerfest tee shirt! His was a Jewish funeral with about 25 attendees, 11 of whom were Kiwanians. While gone, I participated in a "Ruck Run" of 24.5 miles, and was part of the sendoff group for an Honor Flight of WWII vets going to Washington, DC. Remember what these guys fought for, and what we have, and VOTE!
- \$ **Jim Rogers:** I want to thank John and Pat Mulligan for being such great hosts for our Steak and Lobster dinner! Lots of hard work in a lovely location! And a great achievement: Joanne and I were at the top of Whiteface Mountain (31 degrees!) early in the morning, and about noon time our daughter and grandson reached the summit (on foot) and officially became 46ers! They have now climbed all the high peaks in the Adirondacks! *{Congratulations from the Club, Jim!}*
- \$ **Janet Malecki:** I want to add my thanks to the Mulligans for providing us with a wonderful location for our Steak & Lobster Dinner. We appreciate all the hard work!
- \$ **Nancy Davis:** I happily received a visit from my son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter from Maine!
- \$ **Jim Colabelli:** Thanks to Linda for a wonderful program! And to John & Pat for hosting our Steak & Lobster Roast! Jan and I spent 5 days at Cape May, NJ. We had a very pleasant 4.5-hour drive down, but the return trip was choked with traffic and took us 7.5 hours to come home! But it was worth it—Cape May is a beautiful place. I'm also thankful for the newly paved Burden Lake Road—really nice!
- \$ **Craig Daniels:** I had a great visit from my son and grandson from North Carolina!
- \$ **Kevin Sarsfield:** You all know I love golf, and one of the greats of the game, Arnold Palmer died yesterday. He will be missed. A friend of mine, fighting a nasty case of prostate cancer, needed cheering. I requested for him an autograph from Arnold Palmer, and the Great One not only sent an autograph, but a personalized autographed photo!
- \$ **John Mulligan:** Thanks to all who came to my house for dinner last week!
- \$ **Barb Fioravanti:** I am very sad to have had to miss that Steak & Lobster dinner. My thanks to Linda for giving us a great program! And Pat Lane has agreed to take over my Builders Club! I know she'll do a great job, and have a good time, too!
- \$ **Bryce Ginther:** After taking the training, I spent a week in New Jersey helping to rebuild a home destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. It was hard work, but I've been asked to come again to another location needing assistance.
- \$ **John Brownrigg:** My thanks to Mulligan and Whipple for returning the club's grill CLEAN! He then tried to give away the leftover beverages!
- \$ **Jean Hamlin:** I wasn't feeling well this morning, but after this meeting, I feel great!
- \$ **Stuart Nippes:** One Happy Dollar for Linda's great program, and one for this club—my last meeting as your president!

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Barb Fioravanti, was won by **Pete Stevens!**

50/50 for \$20 was won by **Jim Colabelli!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$569 this week, defeated **Bryce Ginther's** efforts to find that elusive King of Clubs, so the pot will keep growing. Bryce picked the **4 of Clubs** from the remaining 22 cards!



COMING WEEKS.....

- OCTOBER 3           PROGRAM CHAIRS: *Pres Stu Nippes & Pres-Desig Jean Hamlin*  
PROGRAM: **Installation of 2016-2017 Officers & Directors, and  
Retirement of 2015-2017 Officers & Directors**  
Members requested to wear their honors  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Bob Pasquarelli*  
Social Hour at 6 pm; dinner at 6:45; guests invited w/ reservations
- OCTOBER 10           PROGRAM CHAIR: *David Booker*  
PROGRAM: **Club Youth Protection Guidelines Training**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Barb Fioravanti*
- OCTOBER 17           PROGRAM CHAIR: *Jim Parslow*  
PROGRAM: *TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Bob Loveridge*
- OCTOBER 24           PROGRAM CHAIR: *Stuart Nippes*  
PROGRAM: *TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *John Brownrigg*

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

*“Aging is a physical process, but age is a state of mind.”*           **Ted Smith**