



THE SANDPIPER



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

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MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

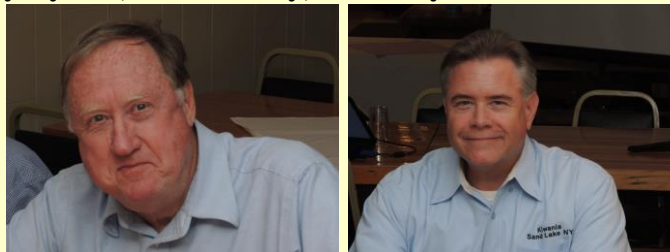
PRESIDENT Stuart J. Nippes presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Pat Lane

GUESTS: Town of Sand Lake Assessor Michael McGuire & Supervisor Flora Fasoldt



WELCOME BACK, Jerry Tysiak, Bruce Perry, & Randy Wheeler!



PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri Oct 3rd: **Patton, Daniels, Loveridge, Wagner, Behson, Ginther**

Tue Oct 14th: **Behson, Wagner**

26th MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, October 11th:

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**

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

FOOD TRAILER @ SOCCER FIELDS, Sundays of Sept & Oct:

Sunday, October 5th:

Transport TO: *Colabelli*
11 – 2: *L&L Ellis, Patton*

Transport BACK: *Nippes*
2 – 5: *Wagner, Lane, Linda Ellis*

Sunday, October 12th:

Transport TO: *Whipple*
11 – 2: *L&L Ellis, Ward*

Transport BACK: _____
2 – 5: *Hamlin, _____, _____*

Sunday, October 19th:

Transport TO: _____
11 – 2: *Lane, Patton, _____*

Transport BACK: _____
2 – 5: *Hamlin, _____, _____*

Sunday, October 26th:

Transport TO: _____
11 – 2: *Wheeler, _____, _____*

Transport BACK: _____
2 – 5: _____, _____, _____

VAN RENSSELAER DIVISION INSTALLATIONS & GOVERNOR'S VISIT, Saturday Oct 25th, Franklin Terrace, Campbell Ave, Troy, cash bar 11:30 AM, \$30 luncheon. All officers & directors should plan to attend, plus as many members as possible. Booker, L&L Ellis, Malecki, Nippes, Ward, Weiss, Lane, Mulligan, Metchick, Loveridge, McEntyre

ARC BLOOD DRIVE, Fri Oct 31st at Church of the Covenant, Averill Park:

Setup 12 N: *Davis*
Registration 1 – 3:30: *Ward*
Canteen 1 – 3:30: *Weiss*

Cleanup 6 PM: *Davis*
Registration 3:30 – 6: *Linda Ellis*
Canteen 3:30 – 6: *Lane*

BELLS OF LIFE FOR AMC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Saturday, Dec 6th at Crossgates Mall:

10 – 1: *Lane, Hamlin, Patton*
11 - 3:30: *Ward, Mulligan*
3:30 – 6: *L&L Ellis*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Eve Ward:** Sand Lake *In House* Installation next Monday October 6th, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar at 6 PM, roast beef dinner to follow. Guests are welcome, but reservations are needed.
- **Joe Behson:** Please help fill up the Bucket with change, bills, or checks for *EliMiNaTe!*
- **Joe Behson, again:** We have received the gift of a computer from Rose Dorr, and it is being reconditioned at DEI in Wynantskill to be given to a needy AP student. Thank you, Rose!
- **Pat Lane:** Prayers for healing are needed for Susan Patti whose cancer has recurred, and for Destry from DEI Computers who recently suffered a heart attack.

- **Bob Loveridge:** Last Thursday 5 SLKs toured the new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Albany Med and were most impressed. We remembered the small crowded former room. Now the unit is the



length of a football field, divided into four pods with complete care facilities in each. Babies have private rooms with "Giraffes" (ultra modern incubators) in each, plus sofa beds for parents. These are for the most seriously compromised babies, and the unit has 8 of them donated at a cost of \$50,000 each. Kiwanis gave one of



them. The Giraffe has all facilities built in -- (weight measurement, monitoring of vital signs, controlled heat and humidity, etc) -- and its cover raises, (hence the name giraffe), for easy access by nurses without sacrificing the controlled environment. All infant information is recorded on computers and a monitor displays everything. There are separate suites with



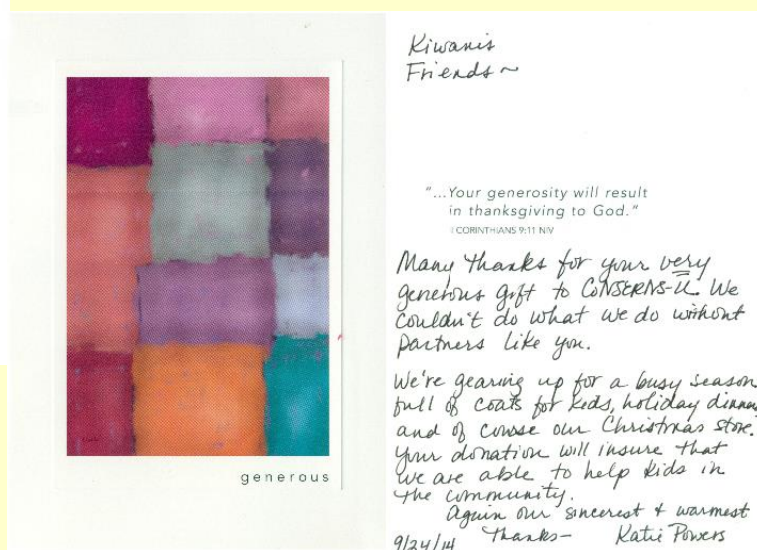
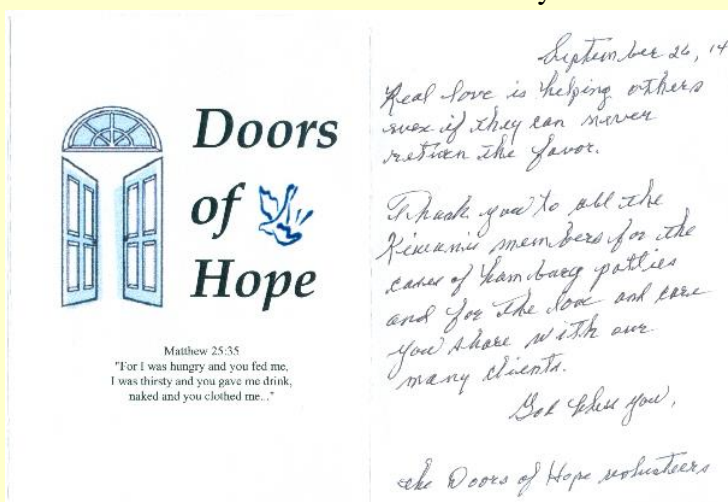
beds, showers, closets for families of infants needing long term care, and laundry facilities are also available for their use. The baby's family can stay as long as necessary to learn how to care of



their newborn. Peg Weiss presented the nurse manager with over 100 baby caps hand knitted by many volunteers.

THANK YOU

President Stuart read two thank you notes for the Doors of Hope and CoNSERNS-U



PROGRAM



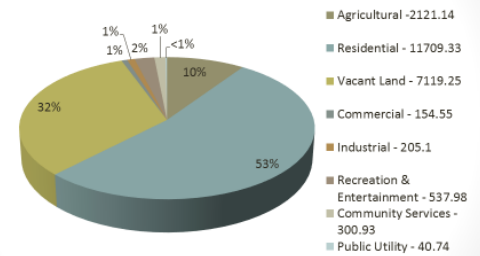
Eve Ward introduced our town's new certified assessor, Michael McGuire, who works at Trustco Bank. Mike has been with us since February 2014, and had previously served 3 years in the Peace Corps in Belize. His talk was illustrated with slides. The Town of Sand Lake has 4007



parcels comprising 22,186 acres of land, 449 on a lake, with 6722 owners.....and they all must be assessed! NY State law requires a uniform code of assessment, and Sand Lake is at 100%. Most of the town's real estate is residential (53%); only 1% is agricultural, with most of the rest divided among various commercial interests. The Assessor's Office must keep records of all, including updates, exemptions, etc. There are 3 approaches to assessment. The Market Approach compares a property to similar

ones selling in the area (non-family transfers). The Cost Approach is based on the replacement value, and the Income Approach is used to evaluate business properties. Some of the

Property Type by Acreage



About Sand Lake

- The Town of Sand Lake has 4007 properties and is comprised of 22186 acres (34.67 sq miles)
- 449 properties are located on one of our 7 lakes
- There are 6722 property owners in our Town (this includes more than one owner per parcel)
- Within the last year there were 50 valid sales within the Town of Sand Lake
 - Average Sale Price - \$221,532
 - Minimum Sale Price - \$40,500
 - Highest Sale Price - \$405,000



exemptions available are STAR (school tax relief), Senior STAR, enhanced STAR, veterans' exemptions for cold war, alternatives, and disability, Agriculture exemptions, and Business Improvement exemptions. The Office uses Google Earth,

and sometimes low flying aircraft, in addition to actually driving around and inspecting properties. If you have questions, feel free to visit the Assessor's Office; call the Town Hall for details.

Supervisor Fasoldt related a few issues that the Town Board is considering. Route 43 repaving should be finished by the end of October. The State DOT is remilling from Route 4 to the area about in front of Quinn's. Re-evaluation of zoning rules is on the agenda. The Exxon-Mobil station in West Sand Lake has been abandoned for 9

years, and cannot be sold because there is no controlled municipal water supply, and wells cannot be used on the contaminated property. The Town is considering possible uses, including a "pocket park." Also under consideration are future possible acquisitions of natural gas and municipal water for the Town.



Pat Lane thanked both Michael and Flora for their informative talks, and presented each of them with our Certificate of Appreciation.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Peg Weiss** expressed thanks for the wonderful tour of Albany's NICU—a world of difference from my time working there so many years ago! It is an amazing institution, and we are so fortunate to have access to it so close to home. And I also thank all the ladies who diligently knitted all those caps!
- \$ **Eve Ward:** Thanks to both Mike and Flora for their information!
- \$ **Pat Lane:** I had a great trip to Lancaster, PA, and stayed at Bryce's sister's B&B. We went to their theater and I found Moses! Wonderful!
- \$ **Jim Rogers:** Thanks to our leaders for a great presentation!
- \$ **Joe Behson:** Thanks for the \$ for EliMiNaTe! Keep it coming! Just \$1.80 for 3 shots saves the lives of a woman's unborn children!
- \$ **Skip Patton:** I am so proud of my Red Sox for the wonderful tribute to Derek Jeter! Even though he's a Yankee, he definitely deserved every bit of it!
- \$ **Craig Daniels:** I am happy to say I am not a tax payer in this town anymore! The closing on my house was this afternoon!
- \$ **Randy Wheeler:** I'm happy to be back at a meeting! In two weeks my program will be Dr Greg Panzanero, the forensics instructor at APHS. I will have another program in the future about our 50 mile back packing hike with the Boy Scouts. Our Troop 1701 is celebrating its Founder Year; we've produced 3 Eagle Scouts, and we've sold \$11,000 in popcorn so far!
- \$ **Bill Whipple:** One year ago I told Flora about a bad pot hole near my house, and it was fixed in two weeks! And it's one of the few that hasn't reappeared!
- \$ **President Stu:** I'm so glad that Craig is homeless! (I'm a realtor!)

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Eve, was won by **Linda Ellis!**

50/50 for \$26 was won by **Jim Colabelli!**

PROGRESSIVE 50/50 is growing slowly, worth **\$143.50** this week, and it will grow some more because although **Peg Weiss'** ticket gave her the privilege of trying to find the King of Clubs, she failed, and only came up with the **5 of Diamonds** from the 46 cards remaining!



COMING WEEKS...

- OCTOBER 6 **INSTALLATION OF SAND LAKE'S OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**
Van Rensselaer Division Lieutenant Governor Jim Prout presiding
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *John Mulligan*

- OCTOBER 13 **PROGRAM CHAIR: *Randy Wheeler***
PROGRAM: Boy Scout 50 Mile Back Pack Hike
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Pat Lane*

- OCTOBER 20 **PROGRAM CHAIR: *Craig Daniels -- TBA***
PROGRAM: Kevin Carpenter – Solar Energy
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Pete Stevens*

- OCTOBER 27 **PROGRAM: *Jerry Tysiak -- TBA***
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Joe Trupia*

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

Theodore Roosevelt