



# THE SANDPIPER



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

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## MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

PRESIDENT Michael Gates presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Bob Pasquarelli

GUESTS: Speaker Russell Gettig, and Carol Johnsen

WELCOME BACK, Mike Gates and Dick Johnsen!



### PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck

Fri Oct 4<sup>th</sup>: Lane, Wagner, Ginther

Tues Oct 15<sup>th</sup>: Lane, Daniels

15<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>:

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

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

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: Ward

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

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

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>:

Transport TO: Colabelli

11 -2: Lane, Daniels, Ginther

Transport BACK: Colabelli

2 – 5: Hamlin, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>:

Transport TO: \_\_\_\_\_

Transport BACK: \_\_\_\_\_

11 – 2: *Lane, Ward, Wagner*

2 – 5: *Daniels, Metchick, Hamlin*

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>:

Transport TO: \_\_\_\_\_

Transport BACK: \_\_\_\_\_

11 – 2: *Lane*, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

2 – 5: *Daniels*, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>:

Transport TO: \_\_\_\_\_

Transport BACK: \_\_\_\_\_

11 – 3: *Lane, Lyndon Ellis, Linda Ellis*

2 – 5: *Daniels, Metchick*, \_\_\_\_\_

### INTERCLUBS AT INSTALLATIONS

Wed Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, Castleton: *Weiss, Lane, Loveridge, Booker*

Mon Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, Sand Lake: **Make reservations with Eve Ward!**

Thurs Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, Rensselaer: *Lane, Pasquarelli, Loveridge, Ward, Booker*

Tues Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, Hoosick Falls: *Lane, Behson, Booker, Loveridge*

Wed Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, North Greenbush: *Loveridge, Booker*

Tues Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, East Greenbush: *Behson, Loveridge, Booker*

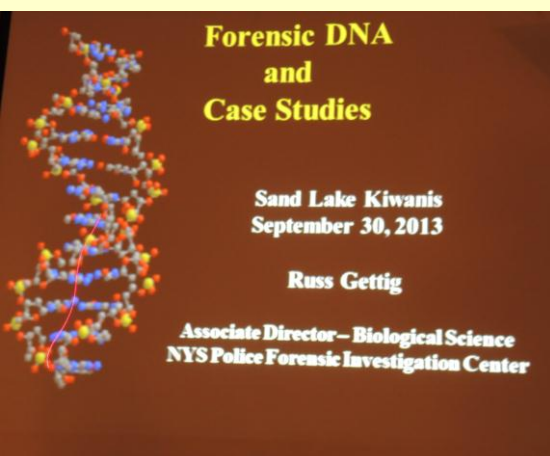
Tues Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, Troy: *Lane, Loveridge, Booker*

HIGHWAY CLEANUP, Sat Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, meet at Town Beach, 9AM:

*Brownrigg, Wagner, Ginther, Hamlin, Daniels, Patton, Mulligan, Fioravanti, Whipple, Johnsen*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you note received from Denis Sibson, Principal of Miller Hill Elementary School, for the school supplies we donated.
- Thank you note received from Chuck and Jean Vejvoda from Doors of Hope for the warm welcome last week.
- Mark your calendars: **Meet The Candidates** night October 28<sup>th</sup>!
- **John Brownrigg**: Save Boxtops for Education; our schools can use the help!  
Bob Reiter has been transferred to Rochester for more cancer treatment.



### PROGRAM

Jim Colabelli introduced **Russ Gettig**, Investigator from the NY State Police Forensic Center in Albany, which serves over 50 counties. Russ has been in this position since 1988 when he moved to this area from Pennsylvania. Only top priority evidence can be examined for serology and DNA, tools used to reconstruct crimes, identify suspects, connect separate crimes in different areas to the same perpetrator, match crimes with old cases, and can exonerate the innocent. Russ showed some

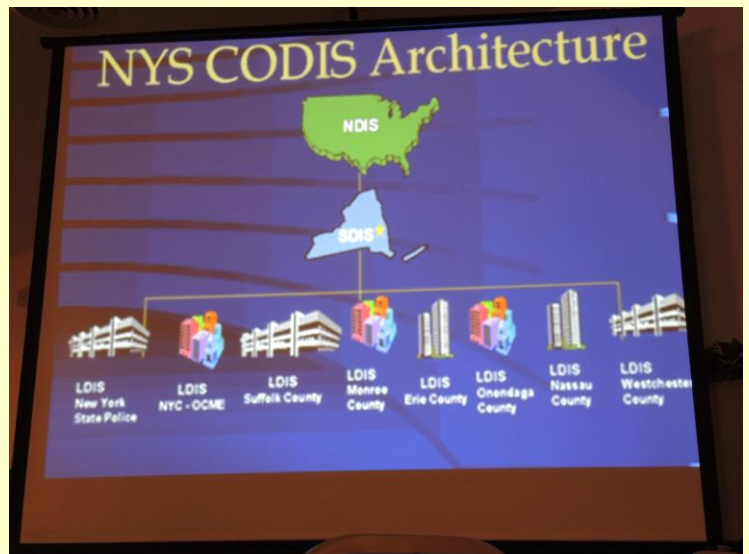
technical graphs to illustrate just how many points of match are examined, and how DNA does not lie, no matter who it points to. He testifies for either side, the prosecution or the defense. His pictures showed the layout of the labs, with workers who are completely gowned, gloved, and masked, not at all like the glamour of TV actors. DNA is so specific to each individual that it has helped to convict, and exonerate, even after many years. CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) is the FBI supervised



nationwide data base used to compare DNA samples, and is available to all agencies. DNA, found in body fluids, is collectible only from convicted felons in NYS,



but some states can collect from all arrestees, most commonly from a buccal swab (inside the mouth), and takes 3 to 4 weeks to be processed. Suspects can refuse to provide DNA, but can be compelled with a court order. Russ



showed three separate cases where conviction was not possible without the DNA evidence. Many questions were asked, showing the intense interest in the subject. Eve Ward thanked Russ for a fascinating program, and presented him with our Certificate of Appreciation.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Jim Colabelli:** I'm grateful to Russ for giving us such a great program. He "caught" a burglary ex-con that Jan had rented to!
- \$ **Joe Trupia:** We had a wonderful time in Williamsburg, VA attending a concert by a 110 piece band of seniors. The conductor was a young 35! I also met a former student!
- \$ **Dudley Dorr:** Rose and I had a great two weeks in LA and TX visiting many relatives! It was VERY hot and humid!
- \$ **Dick Johnsen:** I've been absent for the past weeks because I've been rehabbing an old family house which we'd rented, and was trashed! There's still much work to be done, but I hope to be looking for a realtor very soon!
- \$ **Joe Behson:** Margaret and I had a great week in VT, hiking and enjoying the early fall scenery!
- \$ **Mike Gates:** Here's \$7, one for each country Shelley and I visited on a wonderful cruise! They included Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, and Slovenia. *{Sorry, Mike, you spoke too fast for me to get the other two! ED}*

DOOR PRIZE, provided by Jim Colabelli, was won by **Dudley Dorr!**

50/50 for \$20.50 was won by **Jerry Tysiak!**

MEGA 50/50 worth \$141.50 this week, but **Bryce Ginther** couldn't find that King of Clubs in the remaining 45 cards.....he picked the 10 of Spades!

## COMING WEEKS...

OCTOBER 7

PROGRAM: *Mike Gates and Stuart Nippes*  
**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS DINNER**  
*Guests welcome; make reservations with Dudley or Eve!*  
 GREETER/INVOCATOR: *John Mulligan*

OCTOBER 14

PROGRAM: *Eve Ward, Update on Social Committee*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**



GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Pat Lane*

- OCTOBER 21      PROGRAM: *John Mulligan*  
**Cathy Peakes** on **ALS Disease**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Pete Stevens*
- OCTOBER 28      **MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Joe Trupia*
- NOVEMBER 4      PROGRAM: *Jerry Tysiak, Update on Youth Services*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
GREETER/INVOCATOR: *Bryce Ginther*
- NOVEMBER 11     PROGRAM: *Kevin Sarsfield -- TBA*  
GREETER/INVOCATOR/CERTIFICATE: *Jean Hamlin*

Note: Volunteer needed to take notes for the *Sandpiper* for the weeks of  
October 21 and 28 and November 4!

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

***“The world is full of willing people – some willing to work, the rest willing to let them”***  
**Poet Robert Frost**