

# Kiwanis Klarion –January 25, 2024



## Officers 2023-2024

- President – Sue Mower
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- Vice President – Lauren Little
- Secretary – Alison Mandel
- Treasurer – Joe Klaiber
- Immediate Past President – Sherry Mandell

Meetings are 1st, 3rd and 4th Thursdays at noon, 2nd Thursday at 5:30pm  
At the Clarion Inn, Elmira

**Next Meeting – Noon – Brian Hart – Director of Social Services**

**Welcome Table – John Keenan    Invocation – Sue Mower**

## Program

This week our program was Mike Murphy, Chemung County Dept of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans Service Office has been in Chemung County since 1933. The office has served the needs of the veterans of Chemung County in a confidential, compassionate, and dedicated manner. The benefit counselors advocate vigorously for the benefits of those who request assistance. In 2022, they provided 6,948 distinct types of services to veterans, service personnel and dependents. Chemung County’s veteran populations is about 6,454 individuals representing all branches of the military. Services include compensation for service related injuries or diseases, Agent Orange claims, Gulf War/Afghanistan/Iraq claims, surviving dependent claims, VA Health Care, Education, Burial benefits, records requests etc...



## Upcoming Programs:

- Feb 1 – Brian Hart – Commissioner -Dept of Social Services
- Feb 8 – Melissa Rinker – Bring your Child Fishing Derby
- If you have ideas for programs, please let Mary Schuehler know.

## There is First Arena Ticket Scanning

- Jan 25 – Team 3 (Peris) 7:05pm
- Jan 26 – Team 4 (Schuehler) 7:05pm
- Feb 9 – EC Circle K – 7:05pm
- Feb 11- Horseheads – 1pm
- Feb 14 – Team 5 (Hoffmann) -7:05pm

Katie Smith was also at the meeting to talk about the Girl Scouts. She oversees 13 different troops from Kindergarten to high school. She is currently working with a High School troop at Horseheads High School who are working towards their Gold Award which is similar to being an Eagle Scout. Katie also had the form for Girl Scout cookies. She got several orders! Katie was the Key Club Advisor at Elmira High School before moving to Horseheads High School.



## Here's What else you Missed Today.....

### 50-50:

TJ Malone won the 50/50 of \$10. He didn't draw the King so the pot is now at \$357.

### Rays Pay Day:

John Peris would have won \$10 Next week it will be \$15.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 27 – Community Kitchen

January 28 – Applebee's Pancake Breakfast - \$10 – 8am-10am

February 11 – Fundraiser for the Elmira Animal Shelter. Breakfast 8-11am at Barb's Soup's On. \$10 per person & there will be raffle prizes any food donations can be dropped off at the Restaurant.

### Happy Dollars

**TJ Malone** – happy to win the \$10 even though he didn't draw the King!

**Brenda Leigh Johnson** – Happy for the program. She learned a lot of good information. She is the speaker at the Horseheads meeting on Tuesday about the Children's Fund. Had some money for the baby bottle.

**Ron Allison** – for the program and thanked Mike Murphy for helping Terry out with questions about veterans for the Hometown Heroes program.

**Sue Mower** – Happy for the program and all the things we are doing.

**Katie Smith** – Happy to be back at a meeting & to see everyone.

**Alison Mandel** – Happy to see Katie back at a meeting! Looking forward to the Pancake breakfast on Sunday!

NY District Mid-Winter Conference is Feb 23-25 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany! Registration is open if anyone wants to attend!

Kiwanis International Convention is in Denver, Colorado July 3-7<sup>th</sup>. Registration of open for that as well!