

# Kiwanis Klarion –February 29, 2024



## Officers 2023-2024

- President – Sue Mower
- President Elect- Mary Schuehler
- 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 – Angela Langendorfer – Community Foundation – Trip to Finland

Welcome Table – Peter Johnson    Invocation – TBD

### Program

Matt Guagliardo from the Chemung SPCA gave an overview of the services available at the SPCA. Every SPCA is independent. They offer dog & cat adoptions as well as vaccines, microchip, nail trimming etc. The recently renovated their clinic space and updated protocols for the vaccine clinics since Covid. They have a partnership with the Family Reading Partnerships- Bright Red Bookshelf and volunteers read books to the cats! Today they are expecting about 20 puppies from the shelter in Alabama through Best Friends Animal Society to be adopted locally. There is a movement to make the US a kill free. The Northeast has a strong spay & neuter policy.

Right now the SPCA has about 20-30 cats and about 29 dogs (including the puppies arriving today). The animals normally are at the SPCA from 14-19 days. They run free rabies clinics through the Chemung County Health Department and also have a Community Pet Pantry where people can come to get free pet food if they are in need. They are always looking for pet food, blankets & towels. They make toys out of paper towel rolls for the animals.



### Upcoming Programs:

- March 7** – Angela Langendorfer – Community Foundation on her trip to Finland
- March 14** – Night Meeting – St Patrick’s Day Event with Pat Kane – UPSTAIRS & Buffet Dinner
- March 21** – Filling Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Southside Community Center

### There is First Arena Ticket Scanning

- March 1** – Team 3 (Peris) – 7:05pm
- March 2** – Team 4 (Schuehler) – 6:05pm
- March 8** – Team 5 (Hoffmann) – 7:05pm

We also had Matt Peris & Alex Brown from Grist Iron Brewery. They are in Burdett. They talked about their operation and that they are involved in Community support. We had members volunteering at the Seneca Santa event which has raised over \$140,000 for charity since it started. They donated \$500 to Kiwanis for our help! They will be at the Seneca Grand Prix this summer & will have a Cheese Fest in March & a Pumpkin Fest in October. Their beer is available in Wegmans. This Sunday is a Country Music Jamboree. They are open every day except Wednesday.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**March 13** – We will be celebrating Elmira College Circle K's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We will have pizza & cake at their meeting. More info to follow

**May 4** – Take a Bite out of Lyme event at Rye Bar & Grill to support Lyme Disease. Proceeds will go to the local Lyme Disease organization and the NY District Kiwanis Lyme Foundation.

**May 10** – Kiwanis Governor Lucien Giancursio's visit to the Chemung Division! More details to follow!

## Happy Dollars

**John Peris** – happy for both the speakers. He has been involved in Kiwanis for 20 years but volunteering at Grist Iron was the best event! Also happy to win the 50/50.

**Ron Allison** – happy for both of the programs

**Mike Wayne** – Happy for the programs and Congratulations to the club for being named as a Distinguished Club for 22-23.

**Sue Mower** – happy for the program and for volunteering at the Seneca Santa event. She had a donation for the baby bottle.

**Alison Mandel** – happy for the program and that she has been at the SPCA to do a cleanup with EC Circle K. Also happy that at the Mid Winter Conference we won an award for Downtown Cleanup and for our Scrapbook (that Pres Sue put together) as well as being named a Distinguished Club.

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

### 50-50:

John Peris won the 50/50 of \$8 He didn't draw the King so the pot is now at \$398.

### Rays Pay Day:

Desi Cole would have won \$35. Next week it will be \$40

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

There are a couple of upcoming events at the First Arena that we have been asked to do ticket scanning - March 9<sup>th</sup> – Celtic Angels and April 26 - Femmes of Rock. We have volunteers for the March 9<sup>th</sup> event, but we will be looking for volunteers for the April event