

# WINDWORDS

First Quarter 2016

## GLKS NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is published quarterly and e-mailed to all members that have e-mail addresses to save postage. The news letter is mailed to those members that do not have e-mail. Post Cards will be mailed to all members if GLKS adds special events. Ken can use your help with Newspaper & Magazine clippings, cartoon, jokes, poems, short stories, recipes, safety tips, etc. Mail them to Ken Crandall, 233 Schoelles Rd, Amherst, New York 14228 or email them to him at [kcrandall192@gmail.com](mailto:kcrandall192@gmail.com).

## LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We are looking forward to a New Year of kite flying! May the sun be shining and the winds suitable for excellent flying.

Thanks to the 2015 Board of Directors for another great year of events.

Ted Shaw, Vince Baish, and Ken Crandall agreed to stay on as President, Vice President, and Treasurer, respectively. Anne Matjeka has assumed the responsibilities of Secretary. She follows in the footsteps of Tom Beatty as he was Secretary since January 2007. Tom did a great job and so we thank him for that. The other Directors, and just as important as those holding office as they do just as much work in making decisions and running events, for 2016 are Ellen Reen, Todd Sweet, Shelly Pyc, Tom Gielow. Committee chairpersons are Ken Crandall – Newsletter Editor and Ted Shaw – Web Editor.

Following are some items on which we wanted to report or remind the membership:

- Winter Project – We will again have Winter Project Days in the warmth and comfort of the heated shop in my barn. Our plan is to prepare small Tyvek kite kits for next summer's kite making workshops and to perform repairs or adjustments on member's kites. No kite making experience is required so if you want to lend a hand, learn from other's expertise, or have kites in need of repair, check the online calendar and come out to join us. Call Ted at 731-5653 for directions.
- Special Fly's - We are sometimes asked to share our kite expertise, ground displays, and/or flying displays at events for which we may be compensated. These funds go directly to our treasury and are returned to members as raffle prizes or subsidies to various functions. We would like to invite you and encourage all members to participate in these events which are important to our ability to fulfill our mission of bringing the joy of kites to everyone.
- Many photos are posted online by Dave Gawlick and sometimes by me. Dave is doing a great job at capturing the moment and getting up front and personal. Go the [Photos](#) page on the GLKS web site. Any member can post photos just ask me how.

Be sure to check the calendar at [www.flyglks.com](http://www.flyglks.com) and as published in the newsletter for other important events. The calendar on the website is updated as changes occur.

The calendar online is a Google calendar. If you are using calendar programs such as MS Outlook, you may be able to add the GLKS Google calendar events to your computer. If you maintain an online Google calendar, and perhaps other online calendars, our calendar events may be added to your calendar. You should be able to add the calendar to your smart phone also.

Happy New Year! Happy Flying!

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## DUES FOR 2016

If you have not paid your dues yet do it now. The **Early Bird Special** ends January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Make check payable to **GLKS** and mail them to our treasurer:

Kenneth Crandall  
233 Schoelles Road  
Amherst, N.Y. 14228

Early Bird Special:	\$12.00 for Individual, \$20.00 for Family. \$35 for Sponsor
After January 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$15.00 for Individual, \$25.00 for Family. \$50 for Sponsor

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Jan 3, 2016 (Sunday)	First Sunday Fly. Gratwick Park - Noon to 4 PM. Public Welcome Theme: Artic Animals
Jan 4, 2016 (Monday)	<b>Board Meeting at Polish Falcons</b> , 445 Columbia Ave. Depew, NY 14043 7 PM Sharp! All members are welcome!
Jan 17, 2016 (Sunday)	Third Sunday Fly. Gratwick Park - Noon to 4 PM. Public Welcome Theme: Your Favorite Kite
Feb 7, 2016 (Monday)	First Sunday Fly. Gratwick Park - Noon to 4 PM. Public Welcome Theme: Parafoils (Soft kites with no frame or a leading edge spar only)
Feb 8, 2016 (Sunday)	<b>Board Meeting at Polish Falcons</b> , 445 Columbia Ave. Depew, NY 14043 7 PM Sharp! All members are welcome! <i>The second Monday for this Month</i>
Feb 21, 2016 (Sunday)	Third Sunday Fly Gratwick Park - Noon to 4 PM. Public Welcome Theme: Deltas (Any triangular shape kite of a derivation of one).
Feb 28, 2016 (Sunday)	<b>Workshop</b> Teds Barn located at 3863 Lower Mountain Rd, Lockport, NY
Mar 6, 2016 (Sunday)	First Sunday Fly. Gratwick Park - Noon to 4 PM. Public Welcome Theme: Any Thing Goes (Any kite and tail combination).
Mar 7, 2016 (Sunday)	<b>Board Meeting at Polish Falcons</b> , 445 Columbia Ave. Depew, NY 14043 7 PM Sharp! All members are welcome!
Mar 13, 2016 (Sunday)	<b>Workshop</b> Teds Barn located at 3863 Lower Mountain Rd, Lockport, NY
Mar 20, 2016 (Sunday)	Third Sunday Fly. Gratwick Park - Noon to 4 PM. Public Welcome Theme: St Patrick’s Day (Anything green or Irish).

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## PAST EVENTS

### GLKS HALLOWEEN FLY

The annual Halloween Fly on Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, fell on a very cold and windy day. The part of the celebration was enjoyed most was the costume competition. Quite a few members wore very creative costumes, and it was difficult to award a prize. Nevertheless, Dawn won the prize for best costume. Shelly was second, David was third and Anne was fourth. Ann won the prize for guessing the number of candies in the jar. Todd won the prize for the best ground display. All in all, the party was a hoot.

**NOW** would be a good time to start thinking about the costume you are going to wear next year.



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## GLKS THANKSGIVING DAY FLY

The club gave away eight turkeys. Tops gift cards were given to families that did not win a Turkey so everyone was a winner.

We went to dinner at the Olympia Restaurant. There were about 18 in attendance for dinner. We have rented a heated pavilion in ????? park for the 2016 Turkey Fly.





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## GLKS CHRISTMAS PARTY December 13, 2015 -- A great success and lots of fun

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's Christmas Party a success. A special thanks to Shelly Pyc for contributing the poinsettias. We would also like to thank Russ and Mike for selling raffle tickets, Ted S. for tally up the items sold, and Ellen, Kyle and Paul for doing the auction.

And to those who contributed food or cash for the food pantry, a big Thank You! Five bags were delivered the next day to the North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry. Also thanks to those bringing items for the table auction. Carl Berger took home a \$10 gift card for selling the GLKS picture calendar he made for \$7 because this was the highest bid for any item. The auction took in more than \$80. Listening to the humor presented by Ellen as she reads off the auction winners is worth the price of admission.

Below are some of the pictures David G. took during the party. If you want to see all the Christmas pictures he took go to the GLKS Website [Photo Page](#).



This is Vince with the kites that were given away as door prizes.

Here is a list of the winners at the Christmas Party to the best of our knowledge.

Andy DiTomaso	Gomberg 10 foot Double Delta Conyne
Tom Gielow	The New Tech 53 foot "The Drake"
Vince Baish	Into the Wind 30 foot Irwin Dragon Cobra
Bill Daniels	Gomberg 6 foot Spotlight Delta
Val Dumpleton	Robert Brasington 8 foot "Evening Star"
Ken Crandall	Gomberg 6 foot Spotlight Delta
Paul Kort	HQ Symphony Rainbow 1.2m two line foil stunt kite
Dave Gawlick	Into the Wind Hata Diamond/fighter kite

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Picture of most of the members that attended the Christmas Party.



Mike Crocker won the kite raffle. His is a very happy, happy man.  
This is the Boreal "Celestial Gardens" by [Gothic Design](#)



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Valerie and Pat seemed to be having a good time.



Mission Control at the Christmas Party

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