

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ GRYC Clubhouse, 59-03 Summerfield Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385

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The Triple Crown Newsletter



Happy New Year Bulletin - 2025

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Race One: This is a Special Newsletter to ring in the New Year – 2025. We are deeply saddened by the loss of Kathleen O’Hara, President of the Glendale Kiwanis Club and those shoes will be hard to fill. Kat was a dynamo and a fighter who stepped up to the plate and wanted the best for our communities. Rest In Peace, Well Done Good and Faithful Servant. In that spirit of service, let us ALL remember that working together will always accomplish more.

Race Two: Over the past couple of meetings, we have welcomed as our guests, Dermot Smyth and Paul Pogozelski, both, candidates running for the City Council to fill the seat held by outgoing Bob Holden. It should be mentioned that Ridgewood 3-2-1 remains the most Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Kiwanis Club in NY District and welcomes community leaders to join us at meetings for lunch and to share information.



We love our Elected Officials to come to our meetings and welcome ALL in this NEW YEAR.

Race Three: The Holiday Season was a banner time for our 3-2-1 Club. In partnership with the NYPD, GRYC and our members & friends, we donated THOUSANDS of Dollars’ worth of toys and gifts to those in need. Some were distributed to the Backstretch and Chaplaincy, some others were donated to George Silks and the Special Needs Program that he has on Long Island in the Spring, and others will be given to the Family Homeless Shelter on Summerfield Street in Ridgewood and yet others were given to the White Plains Boys & Girls Club, Claus and Elf Charity and Mount Vernon Kiwanis and Y-COP in Yonkers. There were puzzles, games, Transformers, Basketballs, Nerf items, remote control cars and more. Thanks to Past International President Tom DeJulio & First Lady Dr. Rosemary for the Westchester guidance.



What time is it...

...It's time to Serve!

Race Four: As we enter this New Year, The Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club will kick off a schedule of fundraisers and its Papi-Chulo/Mamaluke Committee. It is also my plan to keep meetings at noon and have separate and distinct themes for each meeting that are COMMITTEE driven. A committee list is attached to this email. Board meetings will be held in the evening and will be held on a day convenient to most Board Members. Lunch will remain at \$10 - \$15 depending on the menu. Chief of Staff Gino will hold a Door Prize/Auction at each meeting. It is critical to our success to raise money for our Service Projects. Truth be told, we haven't had a fundraiser since our Kentucky Derby Pools. We will have a Super Bowl Pool for \$50 and \$20, a Vegas Nite and Turkey Shoot. We are also going to have our usual Horse Racing Pools, March Madness Pools and hopefully expand on our sponsorships. We need to expand our base of participants and get more folks involved in our efforts. I'm hopeful that you will be ALL IN!! As always it is our goal to keep it FUN and engaging.

Race Five: This Wednesday, January 8th we will celebrate Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and have our New Year's Resolutions Meeting. PLEASE make every effort to attend to say thanks to any of our NYPD partners who attend our event.

Race Six: Each meeting is planned and arranged with a "THEME" and has a Committee that makes it all happen. Please look at the attached Calendar for January – March 2025 and make every effort to make each a success.

*People may doubt
what you say,
but they will
ALWAYS believe what
you DO.*



I'm telling you, there are so many opportunities to have FUN and do some service for others, it's almost sad to not take advantage of them.

Race Seven: Partnerships sometimes mean showing your appreciation for our hard working Officers on Holidays like New Years Day. I'll let the pictures do the talking here.



**NYPD
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PARTNERS**

Partnership: working together for the good of the communities that we serve. This is the CULTURE of the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club and its members. For the CAUSE and not the APPLAUSE!!

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- **January 8th – Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and New Years Resolution Meeting at the Clubhouse 12:00 Noon**
- **January 22nd – Regular Meeting at 12:00 NOON in the Clubhouse**
- **January 29th – Board Meeting at 5:00 PM in the Clubhouse**

Race Nine: This is the time to make all necessary arrangements to get to the 3-2-1 meeting on Wednesday. Stop with the excuses and make it happen.

ALWAYS HAVING FUN AT 3-2-1 !



Passion + Respect + Inclusion + Diversity + Equity

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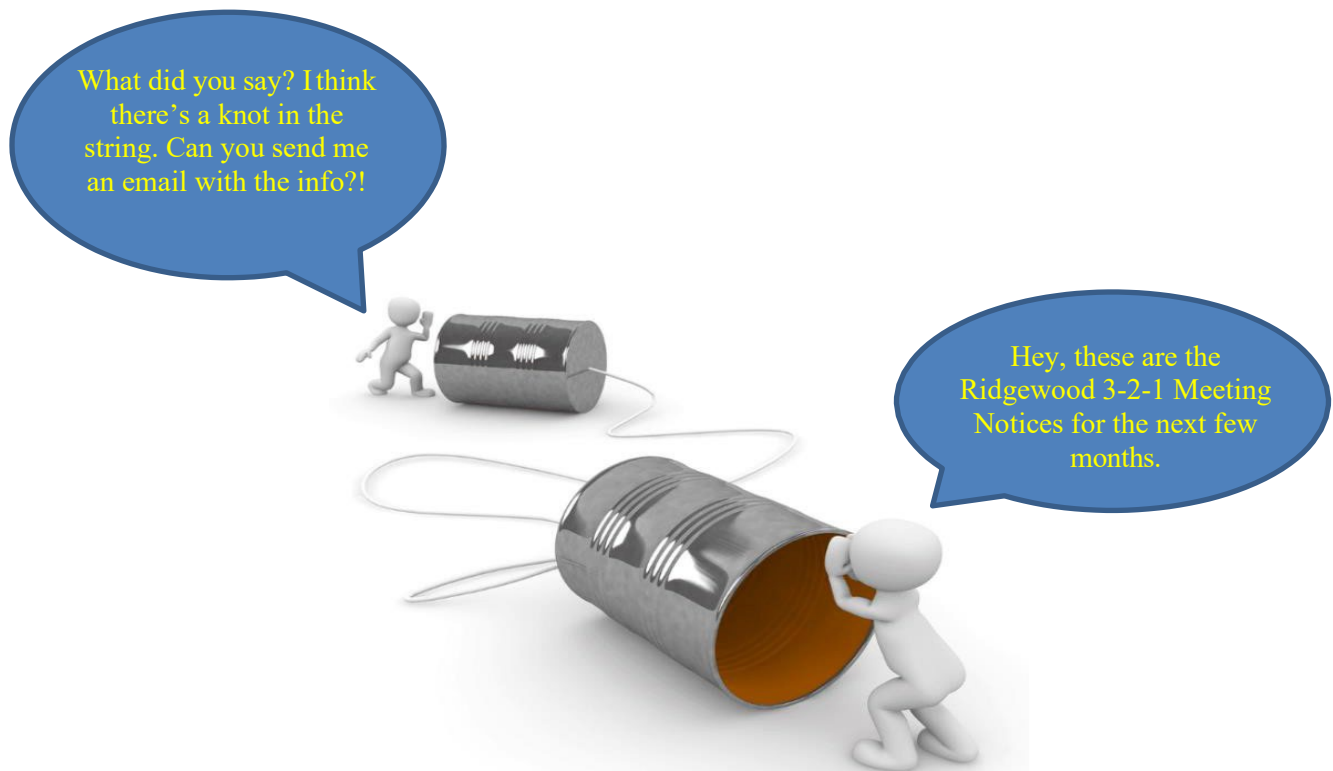
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Ridgewood 3-2-1 Meetings January, February & March 2025



- January 8th – Law Enforcement Appreciation Day @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 PM
- January 18th – AKTION Club Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 to 2:00 PM
- January 22nd – Corporate Sponsor Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 PM
- January 29th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 PM
- February 5th – Heart Health/Valentine's for Vets Day at Clubhouse – 12:00 PM
- February 15th – AKTION Club Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 to 2:00 PM
- February 19th – Past President's Day for 3-2-1 Club @ Clubhouse – 12:00 PM
- February 26th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 PM
- March 5th – March Madness Day Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 PM
- March 19th – St. Joseph's/St. Patrick's Day Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 PM
- March 25th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 PM

Valentines for Vets



Ridgewood 321 Kiwanis

In collaboration with the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council, Senator Joe Addabbo, Council, Members Joann Ariola and Bob Holden, Vietnam Veterans Chapter 32, Allied Veterans, Post 104, Unit 118 Ladies Auxiliary, Ozone Park Woodhaven Howard Beach Lions, Glendale Property Owners, OZP Block Association and Woodhaven Residents Block Association

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE NY STATE NURSING HOME AT ST. ALBANS:

Toiletries, Candy, NEW Underwear, T-shirts, Socks for Men and Women Veterans

Donations will be collected until February 10th, 2025

Drop Off Locations:

GRYC59-03 Summerfield ST

Councilmember Bob Holden's Office 5838 69 ST

Senator Joe Addabbo's Office 66-85 73rd Place

Councilmember Joann Ariola 93-06 101st Ave LIONS

Cook's Crafts 80-09 Myrtle Ave

