



The Triple Crown Newsletter

RESULTS Of MEET For: May 1, 2019

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Race One: The meet began with another light attendance of only 70 members and visitors on hand to celebrate our Taste of Europe Food Festival chaired by 3-2-1 Member Hank Kraker. Number 11, Jackass Bob opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. In the absence of Fr. Mike, Fr. Angel and Deacon Kevin, Bob called on member Bernie Zablocki to say the blessing and what a fantastic job he did. Number 2, Gino was busy organizing the food and collecting money and a whole lot of important stuff while Number 3, Janine was his sidekick today. The club had a moment of silence for the passing of David C. Fitzgerald, Father of Dave Fitzgerald, Treasurer of our club and Father-in-law of Liz Fitzgerald, our Club President.

Race Two: Sheriff Danielle stepped in for Father Mike Lopez who had a lame excuse that he was at some training and couldn't wear the Sheriff's outfit, cowboy hat and all and ride around on our trusted steed, Galloping Gino. Today saw Bronco Bob, Hop-a-long Hank and Jackass Bob stabled and confined to their stalls. Danielle was riding around the room collecting money from everyone on the ranch. Not to worry, Fr. Mike will be the sheriff at the next meeting, which happens to be Clergy Day and Principals Day at the corral. Speaking of Deacon Kevin Powell, Kevin had a 7 hour surgery this past Monday to fix some pipe work and stuff. The surgery went well and being the bull that he is, they were able to minimize the after-surgery stuff and he was happy for that. Maureen, had a long day Monday and is grateful for all of the prayers and well wishes. Please continue to keep the Powell's in your thoughts and prayers.



Race Three: Bob then introduced the guests in the corral for the meeting. First up was our new Commanding Officer, Captain Victoria Perry of the 104th Precinct. Only her third day in the role as C.O. of the precinct and Detective Tommy Bell along with some other members of the 3-2-1, made a point to show the Captain, some fun and community service at its best. Captain Perry was seen speaking with David Volcy, GRYC Director of PS/IS 138 and Advisor to their Builder's Club, happens to be her neighbor. Small world, for sure. Joining the Captain were P.O. "G" who is joining as a member, NCO Sgt. Ed Reiman, P.O. Michael Berish, Asar Sanad and Maria Santos, ALL members of this great club. David Beal from BrainPower was introduced and, looking straight at Detective Bell, the Captain asked if there might be time for him to extend his services. Lots of laughing and fun with that one. Nick Melillo, who owns a T-shirt making business in Glendale, and does some work for the GRYC, came and had a great time. Yet, another application given out. Matt Hedegaard from Lakeshore introduced himself and spoke about the Pre-K furniture all over our classrooms that he supplied along with Michael Addeo from Ridgewood Office Products who was in the house. Chris Jardin had happy dollars to say that he is so proud of the work that is being done by the Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 and he's equally proud to be a member doing service to the community. Margie Stahl introduced Eleanor Juray from Maternal and Infant Community Health Collaboratives – (MICHC) Wyckoff Heights Medical Center where the Blessing Bags are being distributed to EVERY mother who delivers a baby there. To date, there have been over 30 Blessing Bags distributed and Ella was given another 30 to bring back to her office. In addition, the GRYC, Councilman Antonio Reynoso and the Ridgewood 3-2-1 have joined forces to create a Food Pantry at MICHC for families in need. At that point folks were given an overview of the TASTE OF EUROPE menu for today and invited to come up to eat. First in line, Kenny Dunn with Tommy Bell right on his heels. Not the first time Kenny's had the police hot on his heels. LOL



Race Four: Diane Cusimano Temkin gave HAPPY dollars to see a “strong woman” in power at the 104. Last time that happened Joellen “Cookie” Kunkel ended up being the Chief of Queens North, so great things are in store for our new Commanding Officer. JR Velepec shared with the club his experience at 5:30 AM when he got a text message from Bob and Carlos that read, “YOU SUCK”. This was quickly followed by the following photo to show that JR had won \$500 on our Baseball Pool. Of course he had to mention that when he came to collect, the money was thrown on the floor... someone recommended he use the money for dance lessons, OUCH!! Lucian Matej came to celebrate A TASTE OF EUROPE as he plans his Austrian vacation. Have fun buddy. Kenny Dunn was happy see Lisa Belfast from HOUR CHILDREN a group that works with incarcerated mothers and their children along with Sister Tesa. Great cause and they will be getting a donation of t-shirts for their summer camp.



Race Five: Linda and Steve Monte back again for the meeting. Seems that someone messed with their calendar and they were here last Wednesday too. Always love to see the Monte’s at the Club. Linda spoke about the New Amsterdam Festival at the Onderdonk House and how they were able to give 100 hot dogs and buns from the Maspeth Kiwanis Club to St. Matthias for their Soup Kitchen. Partnerships and Collaborations at their best. Eric Monte hasn’t been able to make meetings because he is busy becoming a teacher. Linda and Steve, you have much to be proud of there, the kids of NYC will gain a phenomenal educator. Hank had happy dollars to echo what Chris Jardin had said about this service club. He mentioned the awesomeness of the staff of the GRYC who are also members of 3-2-1 and all of the work that they accomplish on a daily basis. It was suggested, AGAIN, that every time the members of the club prepare “pot luck” dishes for our lunch, that all proceeds from the lunch money goes to the Hungry Monk Project. Fr. Mike, Fr. Angel, Danielle and Kevin will chair the committee to make this happen on a regular basis. Imagine what it would be like if members brought in a pot-luck dish for meetings and we didn’t have to spend money on food. Then ALL of the meal money could go to the Hungry Monk Project and WOW that could mean up to \$5,000 a year. Either way, we need other chefs to help.

Race Six: John Hennessey unable to make the meeting but someone had a goodie bag brought to the bank for him to share in the festivities. Indiana Soto and Allison Napoli joined us from PS 71 and gave a shout out to the cheer teams that are going to compete in Virginia Beach this weekend. Go teams!! At that point Hank gave a short teaser history of England and talked about May Day being so special in Europe, banks closed if on Monday, the May Pole and dances and a whole lot more. He told the crowd that St. Patrick was from England and that he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland, which sparked a debate with Kenny Dunn about how many people left England... Hank responded with a whole barrage of facts that left Kenny and Bob look like they were at the rodeo, riding the bull. Great job Hank, Long Live the Queen, no, not that one, the one in England.

Race Seven: There were happy dollars to share that a team has been formed for the St. Mary’s Children’s Hospital Walk-a-Thon. A link will be attached to help you to become a part of the team and donate to this awesome cause. Retired Crossing Guard Tina was in the house as were many of the GRYC folks. Nice to have Henrietta Maier in the corral along with Bernie and Ann Zablocki. Joe Florio, AKA Joe the Plumber sat in the way back with Papi Chulo Carlos who set up the room. LoriAnn Psarras, NEW Manager at Cross County on Metro was there, as were Jayne and Alex from Valley National Bank on 80th Street in Glendale. Gloria and Michelle found their way downstairs to share a nice meal and make sure that the alcohol won by GRYC staff made it out of the building unopened. Although we did see them trying to negotiate for one of the finer bottles of Romanian wine. At this point in the meeting, the raffle began and folks were laboring to find just the right item that they will be giving away sometime in the future. Captain Perry got a stunning horse planter, I think that’s what it was and lots of fun was had watching people trying to decide what they disliked least. Tommy Bell called on his way home to tell me he “forgot” to take his prize so we saved him something very, very special. Come and get it!! It was decided by Gino that this will be done at all meetings and there will be various ways for folks to win.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

May 4th – Kentucky Derby Pool finals.

May 15th – Next meeting and it will be Principals and Clergy Day at the corral.

May 18th – Bake sale at the Aktion Club

May 18th – Fundraiser at Force Fitness – Zumba Class to prepare for Walk-a-Thon

May 19th – St. Mary's Children's Hospital Walk-a-Thon.

Race Nine: Number 11, Bob ended the meeting a lot minutes tardy at 1:20 by hitting the gong. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 760. As you can see, there were plenty of folks at the meeting and the fun continues to happen. Next meeting's Sheriff is Father Mike Lopez, who will now have to wear the hat and shirt and won't be able to give the invocation. Hopefully Fr. Angel will be there because our Deacon Kevin Powell will be recovering from his surgery. Kevin, we are all praying for your speedy recovery and well-being.

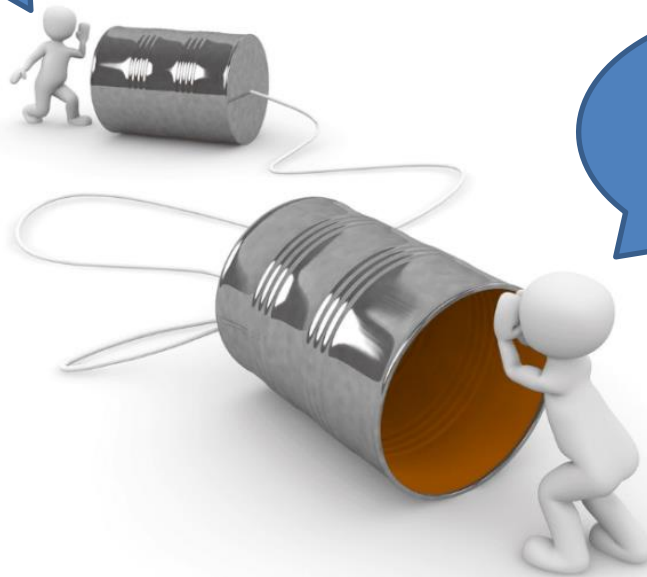
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Look at this picture carefully. Notice that everyone is smiling. There is a reason for that. The Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 and the GRYC consider themselves PARTNERS with the NYPD 104th Precinct. Community Affairs, NCO's, School Safety, Administration and every other aspect of our collaboration to serve the community is making a difference on a daily basis. Team work makes the Dream work!!

Meeting Notices for February, March, April, May & June 2019

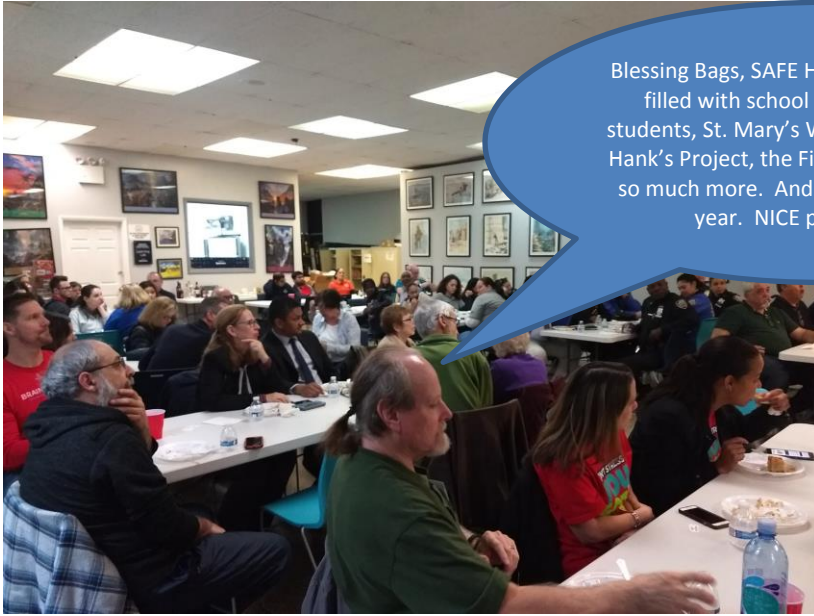
Something about the lights started flickering and sparks were flying everywhere.



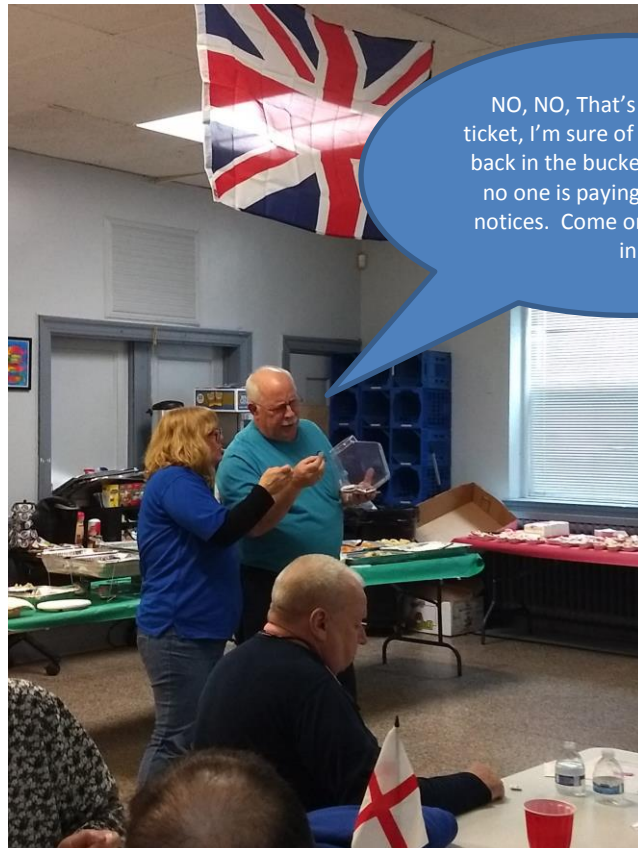
Hey did you hear what happened when Chris McDougall showed up at the meeting?

- May 15th – Principal and Clergy Day Honors**
- May 19th Walk-a-Thon at St. Mary's Hospital**
- May 29th – Interclub Day and Roundtable**
- June 5th – Program on Homeless Veterans**
- June 8th – Belmont Stakes Day at the Clubhouse**
- June 19th – Summer Solstice Day Celebration**
- July 3rd – Happy Birthday America Barbecue**

Ridgewood 3-2-1 averages over 60 members and friends per meeting. Great things are happening in Ridgewood and this is just the beginning.



Blessing Bags, SAFE HAVEN, 900 Backpacks filled with school supplies for needy students, St. Mary's Walk-a-thon, Governor Hank's Project, the First Lady's Project, and so much more. And all that in less than a year. NICE place to be in.



NO, NO, That's Tommy Bell's ticket, I'm sure of it. Let's throw it back in the bucket and hope that no one is paying attention and notices. Come on, throw it back in.

May Day, May Day. That's a big deal in Europe and even a holiday for banks if it falls on a Monday. They dance around the May Pole, eat special foods and it's almost as crazy in Europe as it is here at our meeting. Gino offered to dance around our May Pole but after a seconds thought, we opted not to clear the room before lunchtime. There was a chant of JR, JR, JR for the dancing thing!!



