



KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 12 Noon @ GRYC Clubhouse, 59-03 Summerfield Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385

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Race One: What a great day to start the New Year in Kiwanis. Sun shining brightly, outdoor space that allowed for social distancing and a great crowd of over 50 members were on hand to welcome Janine Mahon as the new President. Gino opened the meet officially with a clap of the gong and immediately presented Janine with her personalize gavel. Janine then asked everyone to rise from their chairs to recite the Pledge to the Flag. At the completion of the Pledge, Janine asked Deacon Kevin Powell to give the blessing. As always, Kevin was inspiring as he asked for the club to remember those in need and the gifts that we have to offer in service to others.

Race Two: The meet was, as mentioned, held outdoors in the large yard. Janine asked Bob to introduce the Distinguished guests and friends. First up, was Lt. Governor Kerrie Hansen to conduct the order of business in Installing the NEW Board of Directors and Officers. There is a copy of our Slate of Officers attached to this Volume 4 – Number 1, which signifies the start of our fourth year. It was a really smooth induction as most of our Board are repeating and moving on up. Immediate Past President is Gino Ancona, President Elect is Maricelis Romero, and our NEW President is Janine Mahon. First Vice President is David Volcy and Second Vice President is Bill Rennison. Joining this team is Hank Kraker as Secretary and Dave Fitzgerald as the Club Treasurer. Rounding out the Team are the 3-2-1 Year Board Members; Ricky Wahmann, Ariel Triunfel, JR Velepce, Joan Hoffmann, Diane Cusimano, Kenny Dunn, Margie Stahl, Liz Fitzgerald and Lucian Matej. Advisors to the Board are: DPLG John Stahl, DPG Joe Aiello and DPP Bob Monahan. Great Team and each was given a Kiwanis ONE DAY pin to signify that each Board Member commits to performing a ONE DAY EVENT for the Community as members of Ridgewood 3-2-1. Servants ALL!



**Installation Day
Kiwanis Club of
Ridgewood 3-2-1
Board of Directors
by
QW Lt. Governor
Kerrie Hansen.**



Race Three: Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams came to see if all of the hoopla about Ridgewood 3-2-1 was true. Joining the Beep was Brianna Suggs and Craig Montalbano. Craig is related to Michael Addeo and asked if this was the same club that Leo Galante belongs to? My response was that Leo is also a Distinguished Past President of the Glendale Club, Home Club of LG Kerrie Hansen. Ridgewood is now the home of a number of Distinguished Past Presidents of Glendale: Hank Kraker, Kenny Dunn, Dave Fitzgerald, Al Bellington, John Stahl and myself. I then asked Craig if he was a member of UNICO, a great organization, because he knew a whole lot of our buddies who happen to be Italian folks. He concurred that he was. BP Adams then gave a heartwarming and passionate sharing about recent times and events in NYC. His honesty was refreshing and inspiring to all in the crowd. He then recognized the NYPD Officers who were present and thanked them for their service during such uncertain and difficult times. Eric, "WE GET IT, TOO!!! Thanks for framing things out for us so eloquently. Let's hope that he runs for Mayor next year. Bob said, "Let's just switch it up right now and not wait a whole year." Applause from the crowd. The BP is now a believer!



Then the meeting was about to head downstairs to eat when Deacon Humberto Chavez and Nick Caras from the NY Race Track Chaplaincy/Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga presented a beautiful plaque to the GRYC and 3-2-1 in recognition of our support during the COVID-19 Crisis. The club provided food, meals, baby items, Blessing Bags, cloths, and many other essential items to the Backstretch community during the pandemic. To make it even sweeter, Nick and the Deacon went home with the proceeds of our raffle worth \$500, Janine's half of the 50-50 for another \$55 and the basket that was won by the 3-2-1 Club and repurposed. Not a bad day for the guys from the Chaplaincy. In addition, they promised to have our Board and Club members out to the Track and Backstretch/Chaplaincy when conditions permit. Looking forward to it.



Race Four: Then the meeting moved inside to eat the lunch prepared by Zum Stammtisch. We had three German Style 3' heroes and two American Style 3' heroes with all the dressings and salads. Werner and Hans are always awesome to the Ridgewood 3-2-1 club when we call. EVERYONE loved the food, except maybe Diane Cusimano who could only eat the dressings since she is a vegetarian. OOPS, sorry Diane for the oversight. During that time, Janine and Gino and Diane worked really hard to get everyone's attention and have Happy Dollars collected from members and guests. I was showing Deacon Chavez and Nick around the GRYC and shirked my duties as Chief of Staff to the President and didn't explain to folks the rules about HAPPY DOLLARS and NO TALKING WHEN MONEY IS UP. Fines will be issued at all meeting moving forward for those who might need to be reminded of the rules. MONEY TALKS and yapping out of turn WALKS. DPG Joe Corace was presented with Blessing First Aid Bags to raise funds for KPTC. If all goes well KPTC could raise up to \$2,000 for the Blessing Bags and their contents. Joe, Ridgewood will buy the first bag back for \$250. Bring it to the next meeting that you attend along with a nice tie. LOL



Race Five: Corporate Sponsor Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal Savings Bank personally delivered their sponsorship check to welcome Janine as the New President. Liran is an awesome member who never misses an opportunity to go above and beyond to support Ridgewood Kiwanis Club projects and programs, and is always looking to create cutting edge services for youth and families. Liran is a world class Fencing Master and when you add our Master Beekeeper, Tom Wilk to the same Club, well, you get the picture. Masterful work gents. And speaking of masterful performances, Michael Addeo delivers with an awesome Napoleon cake (Janine's favorite) to celebrate our special day. Michael is a Master dresser and gentleman, just like his dad who was a member of Ridgewood Kiwanis for many, many years. Liran Gross and Michael Addeo, both with snappy ties got to go home with them as we ran out of time. Liran and Michael are working very hard to reactivate the Fresh Pond Road Chamber of Commerce, along with member Mike Romer from Force Fitness was unable to attend today. John and Margie Stahl were at the meet to ask for and accept more diapers and wipes for the Blessing Bags that continue to go to MICIH at Wyckoff Heights Hospital.



Race Six: Times are tough but the club was able to collect over \$1,300 today. And that is without really pushing Happy Dollars and the other things that we had going on. Our business members are working really hard to recover from this damn virus and what it has done to our lives and economy. Please support our Business Members, shop local and support their quest to recover. Michael Addeo who works so closely with DOE schools has seen schools close and change instruction methods and it's been tough. Same for Diane Cusimano Mistress of the Garden, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk, Joe "The Plumber" Florio, Chris McDougall our electrician and so many others. Shop local before you computer up and shop Amazon Prime. President Janine Mahon had happy dollars for her son, Army Captain Colin Mahon who is home for a week or so and her other fine children, NYPD Officer Brian and awesome Claire working at St. Mary's Children's Hospital. Then more happy \$\$ for the successful year that Gino had and the hope to also have a distinguished and banner year. Please continue to keep Tina Forte, our best Crossing Guard ever, in your prayers as she is battling some medical issues. John Hennessey from Ridgewood Savings is not allowed to attend outside events because of the risk of COVID. Bronco Bill Rennison was in the corral and was given a set of Beatles glasses with Spalding balls in each. Seems Diane Cusimano, his sidekick as Kiwanians of the Year Awardees from Gino, bought them for him so that he could bring them home without having to say HE bought them. Thanks to both of you, and all of our other members for making the Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood, NY 3-2-1 such an awesome club.



Race Seven: Another fantastic representation of GRYC Directors and staff came to enjoy the meal and support their friend and boss, Janine. Bob made the statement that at the GRYC he is Janine's President but at Ridgewood Kiwanis, Janine is Bob's President and boss. LOL If I remember correctly, here is the roster of attendees: Ricky Wahmann, Aidan Leavens, Dina DePaola, David Volcy, Ariel Triunfel, Edwing Vilsaint, Andy Villion, Marc Darius, Danielle Kleiman, Maria Batista, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, and Patrick Wagner. DPP Liz Fitzgerald, Mary Benitez, Shiv R and Catherine "Siegel" Zahedi were back at the ranch and many of the Directors went to dine "outdoors" on the veranda. Josiah Vera, Raquel Chin, Joseph Then, Jason Demoloitz, Celina Rosario, Elvira Rodriguez, Bryana Winkleman, Christine Halloran and Paul Hoffmann were at the ranch along with Sky Pilot Kevin Powell and his bride Maureen Powell. Kati McMullin was the Sheriff and seemed to need some protection guarding that loot so she deputized NCO Pat Nessler



Joan Hoffmann, our most new Board Member was in there serving lunch and was working hard to serve the members their lunch. Diane has been making money for the club each week through her muscling sales methods. In addition, Diane made the awesome basket that raised \$500 for the Chaplaincy. Her 50-50 raised another \$110 with the club making \$55 and Janine donating her winnings to the Chaplaincy. Bernie Zablocki, yet again, found a way to get to the front of the line and then sat with 5 NYPD Officers as protection for beating Kenny Dunn to the food line. Slim and fast win most of the time. Hank Kraker was at the meeting and could be seen looking around for our buddy, JR Velepec, who was unable to make the meet. NEW Commanding Officer of the 104th Precinct, Captain Louron Hall texted and asked to be excused because he had to prepare for his Borough Meeting, but, had Community Affairs Officers Mike Berish and Asar Sanad attend, joined by NCO's Santos and Nessler. The 75th Precinct had three YCO's attend and our former Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector Victoria Perry was called to a meeting at 1 Police Plaza, so, she and Chief Maddrey had to pass on this meeting but will try to make the next. Back at the ranch was our retired buddy, Tommy Bell who seems to have trouble finding parking when he comes now. Bites not to have that official car with you!! Always great to see my buddy and reminisce about OLD times. I hope that I got everyone, but, if not, you didn't fill in an attendance slip.



Deacon Humberto Chavez, Nick Caras, NCO Maria Santos, Bob, P.O. Mike Berish, NCO Pat Nessler & P.O. Asar Sanad



Two Distinguished Past Presidents, Liz Fitzgerald and Gino Ancona



Immediate Past President Gino and President Janine have a bit of fun, the trademark of the Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood 3-2-1



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

October 14th – Janine's First Board Meeting at the Clubhouse at 6:30 PM (this is a change in schedule)

October 21st – Regular Meeting at the Clubhouse – 12 noon. Indoor and Patio dining.

Race Nine: The meeting ended a bit late because we had a lot of stuff to take care of.

The total of \$1,305 was collected in Happy Dollars, Food Money, raffle and the 50-50 collection.

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Next meeting is October 21st at the Clubhouse.