

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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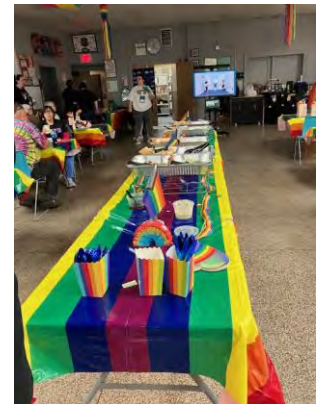
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Race One: What a festive and colorful day for our 3rd Annual PRIDE Day celebration at the highly decorated Clubhouse. Things got rolling at 12:00 PM with President Bill Rennison hitting the gong with his gavel to call the meeting to order. We had a healthy group of over 40 members and guests. This is an awesome showing for our Annual demonstration of diversity, equity and inclusion. President Bill asked those in attendance to rise for the Pledge to our Flag and then asked Fr. Kevin Powell to say Grace and what a beautiful reflection of thanks for our many blessings and the gift of life and health, while remembering those less fortunate. Amen.



Race Two: This was our Pride Day which usually has rainbow pasta but with the Chartering meeting of the QW Pride Club less than a week earlier, Gino and the committee decided to go just a bit less colorful and we had Penne ala Vodka, Baked Ziti, a House Salad, Caesar Salad, Meatballs and Sausages & Peppers and garlic knots. Our Corporate Sponsor, Michael Addeo donated our RAINBOW cookies and Butter Cookies with rainbow sprinkles from the one and only Circo's Bakery. The members were asked to come up to eat as the first order of business, and eat we did. Somehow, all of this only cost members and guests a \$10 bill. WOW, WOW and WOW!!



Race Three: After our members and friends loaded up their plates with food, DPP Gino Ancona, President Elect Danielle Kleiman and Francesca Fedkowskyj gave an informative and educational set of videos and printed materials on the LGBTQ+ communities. Gino explained the use of pronouns and gave an example by saying, "Welcome everyone to today's celebration", instead of saying the more traditional "Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen to today's celebration".



“GET STUFF DONE”

3 hours of Service; **2** hours of meeting; **1** hour of administration.

Get it!! Ridgewood **3-2-1**.

Our Member, Claire Mahon was part of a team for the St. Mary’s Hospital’s Walk-A-Thon and had plenty of help from our members and friends to sponsor her and to join in this awesome event and cause. The Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club sponsored the breakfast for the day and here is Claire serving hot dogs AFTER serving breakfast AND walking the route.



Race Four: After folks ate their scrumptious meal and had an enlightening presentation by our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, it was time for HAPPY DOLLARS and some fun and frivolity. Members and guests were answering questions and winning prizes all over the place, AND, at the same time, members and friends were giving Happy Dollars and Sad Dollars and Mixed Dollars for a variety of situations. Oh, did I say that our friend Sam Esposito gave bucks that he was back at the clubhouse to celebrate Pride Day with us. Laughing and joking are healthy ways to keep our members and friends coming back to meetings. Sam is also active in the Lions Club and many other community service groups.



Race Five: Dollars were flowing like cheap wine at a 60’s Rock Festival and THEN IT HAPPENED!! Bob spotted a tie being worn by member and friend NYPD Inspector Victoria Perry and offered \$50 to cut it off. In the picture shown, President Bill Rennison came to Inspector Perry’s defense and stated that we ALREADY had an NYPD Inspector’s tie on our banner and need not add another. Bob tried to tell Bill that we ONLY had a **Deputy Inspector’s** tie and that was D.I. Kevin Coleman’s who is a member and was in the room. At that moment, our 104 Commanding Officer upped the bidding by with BIG \$\$, followed by Chief Tolentino, Inspector Perry’s BOSS, getting into the bidding action. The money continued to fly around the room to “CONVINCE President Bill” to compromise with the members and friend’s desire to remove the tie. It was hysterical as members just kept the heat on and it came to a head, AFTER the bidding went over \$400. At that point in the action, even Diane Cusimano, President Bill’s consigliere, his trusted “Sicilian” Advisor said that she had a knife to do the “job”. Leadership at the highest level, having fun making \$\$.



In case you are wondering, High Jinks, also spelled hi-jinks, is defined in our dictionary as "boisterous or rambunctious carryings-on" or "carefree antics or horseplay," and if it sounds a bit old-fashioned, that's because it is. High jinks was in its heyday in the mid-1900s, though it still sees plenty of use today. How appropriate is the word "horseplay" for the 3-2-1 Club and how sad that others don't understand the true meaning of fun and games in Kiwanis.



Race Six: Having two similar meetings in less than a week, means a bit more work for the Editor, so in an effort to streamline things, I will add some pictures and things from our participation in the Queens West Pride Charter Meeting. Attendance was high with our members and GRYC partners for the 3-2-1 Pride meeting and the QW Pride meeting.



Race Seven: Now let's see who appear in our many photos for today: President Bill Rennison, DPP Janine Mahon, DPP Gino Ancona, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk, Fr. Kevin and Maureen Powell, Bernie Zablocki, BettyAnn Monahan, Diane Cusimano, Joseph Alfano, Dina DePaola, Francesca Fedkowskyj, David Volcy, Mary Benitez, Cat Siegel, Danielle Kleiman, Linda Manetta, Joan Hoffmann, Henrietta Maier, Shiv Ramsamooj, Diane Cusimano, Paul Hoffmann, P.O. Dilsia Bonilla, Inspector Kevin Coleman, P.O. Mike Berish, P.O. Dilsia Bonilla, Inspector Victoria Perry, Chief Maximo Tolentino, Papi Chulo and Tracy Rodriguez, Sabrina Sierra, Andy Villion, Edwing Vilsaint, Celina Rosario, Damian Naranjo, Marc Darius, Kevin Goodish, Jennifer Lamberty, JoAnn Siegel, Betalis Nunez, Joseph Then, Clark McKinney, Walter Welsh (still owes his IOU), P.O. Pat Nessler, Detective Suk Too, Detective Lenford Gouldbourne, Sgt. Michael Ramirez and Detective Razor Richardson.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- ***June 14th – Flag Day Celebration at Fairview Monument at 11:00 AM***
- ***June 20th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Meeting at the Clubhouse at 5:30 PM***
- ***June 20th – Division Meeting at the Clubhouse, Ridgewood at 7:00 PM***

Race Nine: Bill closed the meeting at 1:15 PM. We collected \$1,037 in Happy Dollars, Food and Auction Money. It was a good day!!!



Passion ✦ Respect ✦ Inclusion ✦ Diversity ✦ Equity

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Change isn't the same thing as progress.



Ridgewood 321 and their NYPD Partnership is second to none. Love is Love

Speaking of NYPD Partnerships, HWY 3 invited us to their "Rodeo" and what an awesome event it was. It was Family Day and to watch the Officers maneuvering their motorcycles around and through a course of cones entertained all who were present. Connor and Madeline got to try out the sidecar and see the Mobile Command Unit.



Inspector Perry strutting her stuff and D.I. Coleman "donates" for her tie to join his on the banner!



DPP Gino Ancona and Tracy Rodriguez attended the Richmond Hill Club Event at Maple Grove Cemetery.



Editor's Page

One of the best ways to learn about Kiwanis is to visit other clubs in your Division, District and Internationally. As I celebrate my 40th year as an active Kiwanian, it has always been my practice to look up Kiwanis Clubs in areas that my family and I are traveling to, see if there is an active Club in the area, find out the time that they meet and make an effort to join them for their meeting. That has allowed me to break bread with many clubs throughout the years and learn from them and share with them about our different experiences. Fundraising ideas, Creative Projects, Interesting Programs and a host of other avenues to learn and grow. Aruba, Arizona, California, Colorado, North Carolina, South Carolina and most recently, Historic St. Augustine in Florida.

The club has 18 members and 8 showed up for their 7:30 AM meeting in the small, Bridge of Life Church and the meeting was led by Reverend Eliut Alicea who was this year's President. The members welcomed me to their club and offered some breakfast sandwiches and coffee from a local fast food place. Simple, humble and very welcoming. Rev. Alicea hit the gong, said the pledge, a prayer and then did something that I had never seen before at a Kiwanis meeting. The President said aloud, "What time is it?" to which the members replied in a loud voice, "It is time to SERVE". Amazing and something that I would like to try at Ridgewood 3-2-1.

It was obvious that the members liked each other, gave little jabs and the laughter was infectious. They spoke of their Club's Walk-a-Thon to be held on the weekend and how they already made over \$4,000 from sponsors and participants. This is an 18 member club and they are going to be able to distribute thousands of dollars to their community service work. Most of the members wore the shirt that is shown below and we had a laugh about how much it cost from Kiwanis.

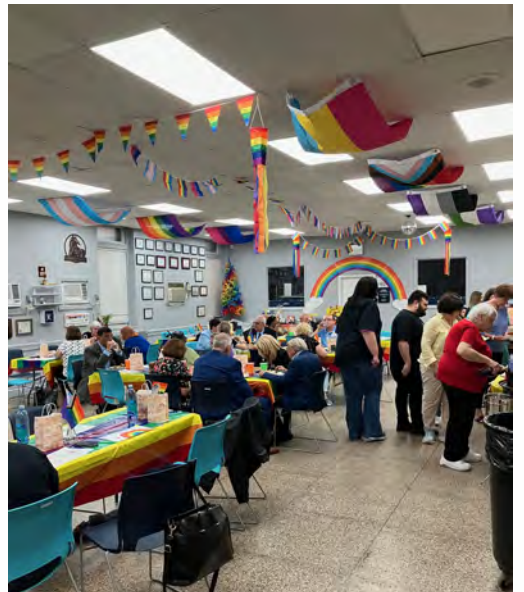
On a final note, Ridgewood 3-2-1 strives to achieve the Round Robin Patch each year by visiting each club within the Queens West Division. That is 20 clubs to visit with 4 members at each of their scheduled meeting. You would be amazed at the individuality of each club, some with 8 members, some with 40 members and some with over 70 members, and EACH one has their own flavor and activity. Many clubs have their business and Board meeting at one time, others have a dedicated meeting (Pride Day, English Day, Cereal Day) with a short program and a lot of fun things going on.

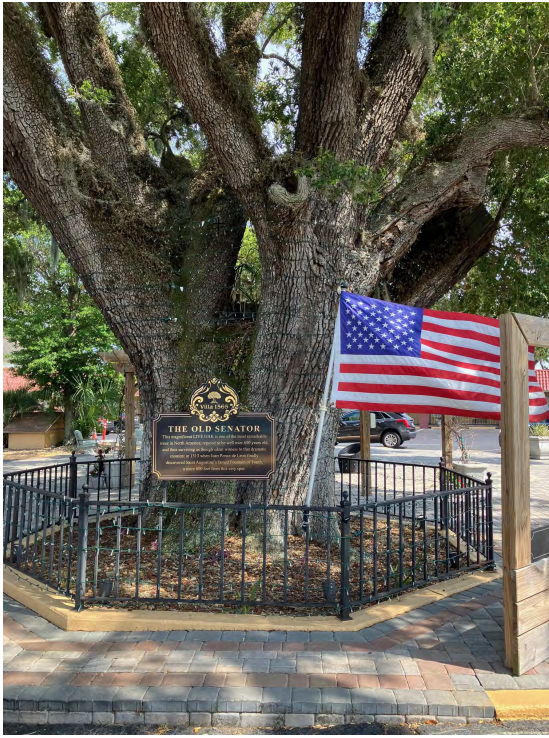
So the next time that we announce an interclub, please try to join us and see what the bigger picture looks like in Kiwanis.



Queens West Pride Club Charter Night 2023







It was not easy to wait for a wind to blow that flag out like that. LOL Very interesting to be sure.



Slow, Slower and Slowest, or is it Big, Bigger and Biggest!!



Retirement Options



Was able to purchase this and it's in a POD on its way to Summerfield Clubhouse. Peacock wouldn't cooperate, sorry!!

