



The Triple Crown Newsletter

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Race One: The meet began with a very nice attendance of about 60 members as President Gino was on hand to open his first regular meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a nice mix of folks who heard Fr. Mike Lopez offer an invocation and grace. Great job Mike and welcome back to the Sky Pilot role in Ridgewood 3-2-1.

Race Two: Gino opened at exactly 12:00 noon and announced that if you come late you will be fined a buck. He went over some more of his Gino-rules to which Liz shouted out, "I bet you're missing me already". Seems that there was a severe case of bobble-heads at that point. Our sheriff couldn't make it, so Papi Chulo stepped up to don the cowboy hat over his Patriots Hat and the feed bag. Thanks Carlos for jumping into the fray and doing this awesome job. At that point, everyone was invited up for lunch. Today's lunch was provided to the club from a buddy of Tom Wilk's named Tyson who has a barbeque joint in Bushwick called the Arrogant Swine. It was off the hook delicious and amazing how fast the NYPD table got up to indulge. Kenny Dunn knew better than to mess with the law and settled for eating 6th today. The Vegetarian food was prepared by Grace Pizza and everyone was happy and totally satisfied.



Race Three: Gino, after violating all the rules of the Presidency by sitting and eating himself, then found some time to hit the gong and start the happy dollar onslaught. He announced that it was Bosses Day and that the folks from the GRYC decided to reward their boss with a picture of a cat with ballet slippers and flowers. Diane brought perspective to the whole thing by saying that she thought the ballet slippers were loaves of Italian bread. In any event, Bob took a peppering from HIS bosses, Hank and JR because he didn't give them anything. Janine said later that there is nothing the GRYC staff can give Bob to show their appreciation of what a GREAT boss he is!!! Can't explain it, but, there was no bobble-head action going on at that comment. It was then announced to the club that Bob learned how to be a boss from his bosses, Hank and JR, so everything was their fault.

Race Four: Hop-along Hank gave happy dollars for his Packers beating up on the Cowboys and then stealing the game against the Lions. The club is \$40 richer, no matter how it happened. Lucian had some bucks to explain his over generous behavior at the Installation night for Gino. I'll drink to that!! President Elect Janine had happy dollars to say something nice, I just can't remember what the heck it was. Michael Addeo was back at the ranch, all duded up and sporting an awesome and very, very expensive tie. Seems he was wearing a collector's item Viagra tie from Pfizer Corp and we had to cough up \$222 to cut the sucker off. Detective Tommy Bell on the other hand brought a Christmas tie that played music as the other half of the cut off tie episode. The damn thing continued to play Jingle Bells after it was cut off. Jayne and Alex were back at the ranch from Valley National Bank and Alex made an announcement about an event at their branch on Fiscal Literacy. Flier for the event will be attached.



Race Five: Alan Bellone was at the meet and sat in the back with someone who was compassionate and kind. Bob actually sat and ate today with the bankers and Mike and Diane. Diane mentioned that it was the anniversary of the shooting of the first female NYPD Officer on September 21st 1984 and how the NYPD often gets flowers from her shop to remember this tragic event. She went on to say that there are so many more women on the force now, as we had Maria, Asar and Lesa all sitting on the next table along with Sgt. Reiman, Mike Berish and Tommy Bell. The NYPD contingent gave dollars to thank Diane for the sentiments for Police Officer Irma Lozada.

Race Six: Lucian received some Masonic gifts from Bob as he is the only Mason in our ranks. Seems the Boss is downsizing and gifting things to his friends. Lucian gave some bucks for the gifts. Gino announced earlier in the meeting, but, I am only getting the information told to me at this point in my writing, so, we have the Aktion Club Halloween Party on November 2nd, Art Gallery on November 23rd and the GRYC fundraiser on October 27th at Atlas Park's Haunted House. The club dropped over 50 members from our ranks due to a number of reasons. We are now at 105 members and are the 3rd largest club in NY District and the largest club in the Queens West Division. It will be a building year for Gino and we had over 60 members present at the meeting today. This club is here to stay, is strong, active and passionate about serving others at the highest level.



Race Seven: Diane Cusimano had happy dollars to receive a flower pot from Gino. Seems that he and Bob saw the thing in the catalogue and thought that it was so much bigger than what actually came in the mail. But, there were seeds in the thing and that made Diane and Gino smile. Linda Monte couldn't make it today, along with Chris McDougall, Joe Florio, and Chris Jardin. Happy Dollars were given for the Football Pool and the club is up to \$1,020 in only 6 weeks. Great fundraiser, thanks Hank and JR. Not sure if it was related, but, Chris and Joe have the Jets and they actually won this week. Rafal from Oliwa Construction said that he was coming and then got jammed up on a project. Unfortunately for him he has the Patriots along with Carlos and they won 6 straight. We missed John and Margie Stahl but we had Mary and Tina sitting together and trying to figure out what to eat first. Pizza or Ziti or Chicken, etc. Decisions, decisions.



Maureen was at the meet along with Kevin just back from their cruise and Bernie and Ann Zablocki were in the house with Bernie complaining that he was never told about having to pay dues. Michele Woerner, Liz Fitzgerald, Shiv, and Patrick came to feast on the Arrogant Swine meal. Along for the round-up were; Michaeline Von Drathen Beverly McBeth who announced her grand-daughters 2nd Birthday, Edwing Vilsaint, Dina DePaola, Vanessa Jones-Hall, Paul (hey, where's your mother's application) Hoffmann, Xiomara Pina, Jennifer Lamberty, Ricky Wahmann, fresh back from seeing his buddy Rhoda Rosen who made some more baby blankets and wheelchair lap blankets, Catherine Siegel, David Volcy, and of course our greeters, Maricelis and Ariel were present and accounted for. Henrietta Maier was unable to be present but did call to say, sorry I can't make it. Ricky sponsored his Aunt AnneMarie Dolphin into the club as our newest member. Christine, Maria and Danielle were checking things out and Maria is GLAD to be back to work after having her second child. And yes, Mary and Tina were scheming to get extra food up to their buddy Linda and, of course, a little extra for themselves. Proof is in the picture, check out Mary's walkie-talkie. The bankers made their presence known with Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal, who offered to have a meeting at his branch when construction is completed, John Hennessey who was off from work and came to celebrate his bowling success for St. Jude's Hospital, and Alex and Jayne from Valley National on 80th Street who are having a Mortgage Seminar coming up. It was a great day and if I missed giving you a shout out, make some more noise with happy \$.



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

October 20th – Queens West Division Meeting at 7:00.

October 26th – Kid's Safety Day at IS 77 on Seneca Avenue from 11 – 4.

October 27th – Haunted Mansion Fundraiser for the GRYC at Atlas Park from 1 – 4 PM. Tickets \$10 each

November 2nd – AKTION Club Haunted House and Halloween Party at Clubhouse

November 4th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board Meeting at the Clubhouse @ 6:30 PM

November 6th – Next meeting of 3-2-1, bring a potential member along. Same drill, 12 noon at Clubhouse

November 20th – Thanksgiving Meeting of 3-2-1. Yes, all the trimmings and more to be thankful for.

November 23rd – Wine and Cheese ART GALLERY and Auction Fundraiser 11 – 5 and cost is only \$10 to get in.

Race Nine: Gino ended the meeting right on time by hitting the gong. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 1,000.

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Diane Cusimano showing off her new watering can for our garden on the roof.

Tommy Bell receiving a glass Murano Clown figure. BTW, Tom isn't very fond of the funny characters, and made the mistake of saying that to me.



Note from the Editor:

As mentioned above, Ridgewood 3-2-1 removed members from the Active/Dues Paying roster to avoid paying nearly \$5,000 to Kiwanis International for those who are not active in the club any longer. The Queens West Division lost a total of 47 total members and NY District lost 194 members from our ranks. We have begun to restore some members as Honorary and have added our first new member of this 2019 – 2020 Administrative Year. Let us focus on the fact that we have 105 members in the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club and had over 65 members present at this past meeting with another 8 letting us know that they couldn't make it. That is close to 65% attending our bi-weekly meetings and having fun making money to serve our communities at the highest level imagined. Keep up the energy, come down to meetings and join committees. If you are active and engaged, you will keep our communities vibrant and encourage others to have what we have. Thanks.

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Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1

Wine & Cheese

Art Gallery Display

Date: Saturday, November 23rd

Time: 11AM-5PM

Where: The Greater Ridgewood Youth Council
59-03 Summerfield Street

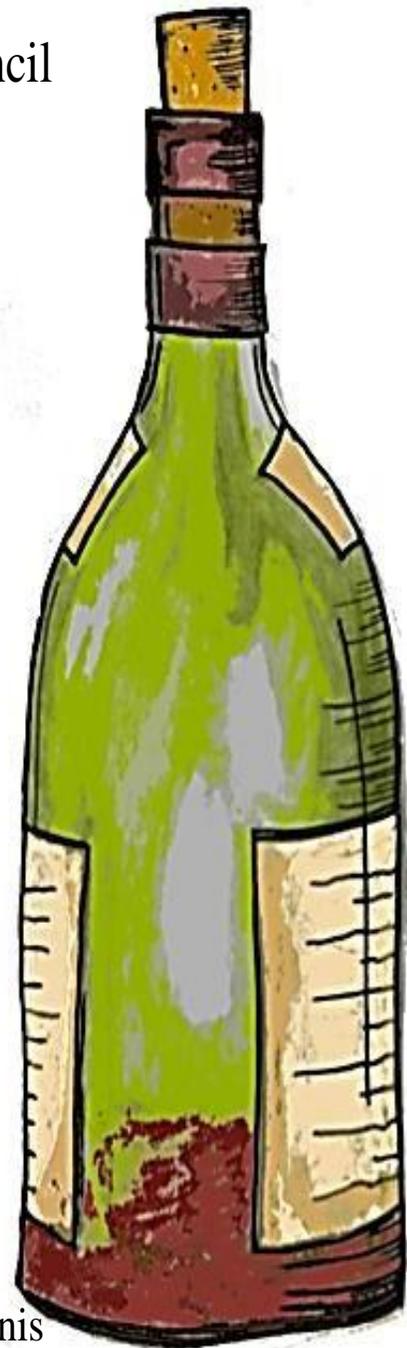
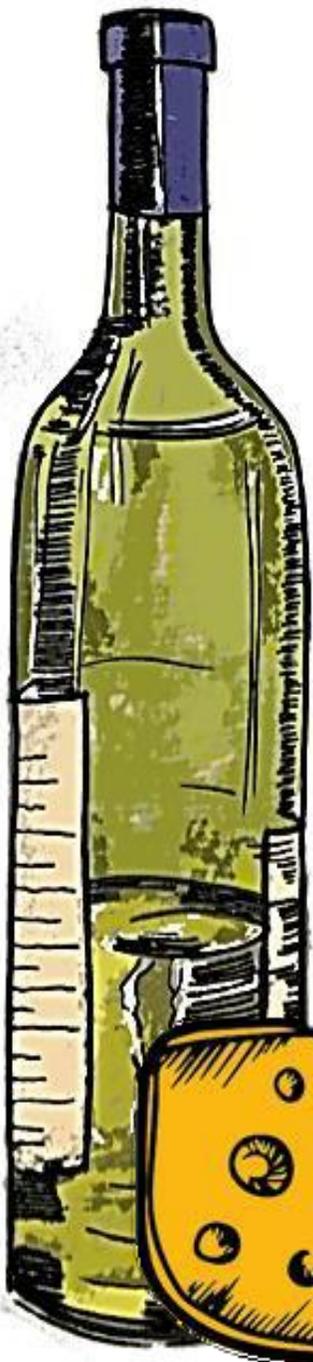
Advance Ticket Sales: \$10.00

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