



The Triple Crown Newsletter

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Race One: Another great day for our meeting to celebrate Latin-American Day. It was sunny and we had another nice group to honor Hispanic heritage and those who helped to build America. The event was Socially Distanced and safe. We definitely complied with all City and State guidelines and regulations. The meet was at our regular time and in the Clubhouse and our outdoor spacious deck. President Janine clapped the gong and asked everyone to rise from their seats to recite the Pledge to our Flag and then asked Deacon Kevin Powell to give the Blessing. Kevin asked for the club to remember those in need, thanked God for the gift of each other, in-person, and asked us to reflect on the gifts that we have to offer in service to others.

Race Two: The meet was held indoors in the large meeting room at the clubhouse and arranged in such a way that the no more than 4 folks were at a table. It should be noted that 90% or more of those in attendance have received their double doses of vaccines or have had COVID-19. Everyone was distanced and wearing masks, (except to eat) and all were comfortable and relaxed. Janine invited everyone up to eat our absolutely delicious meal that was donated and provided by 3-2-1 member, Fr. Mike Lopez, one of our Sky Pilots. There were individually packaged Chicken, Beef and Veggie meals with rice and beans, coupled with homemade Potato Salad prepared by Maria Batista, delicious Empanadas and to top it all off, there was Flan and Cake desserts that were out of this world. Kenny Dunn was in the corral and was compared to a thoroughbred at the Derby as he was the first on the buffet line. Two members were helped back to their feet to rejoin the line. Joining him was Hank Kraker, John and Margie Stahl at Table #1 closest to the chow line. Bronco Bill Rennison and all seemed to enjoy their delicious meal. Kraker, Stahl, Rennison and Dunn, sounds like a new Law Firm.



Race Three: Today we had Margie Stahl, who is fluent in Spanish, give a little bit of history of **Cinco de Mayo**, or the fifth of May, as a holiday that **celebrates** the Mexican army's victory over France at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862 during the Franco-Mexican War. Fr. Mike had a bit of information to add to that and even added a nickname for the day that will remain with those members present. Thank you Reverend for hosting our awesome lunch and for all of the work that you do for those in need. Hundreds of Thousands of pounds of food has been distributed by the Hungry Monk Ministry during COVID and every time that we ask Fr. Mike and Fr. Angel Lugo for support, they are there in a heartbeat. Fr. Mike also asked us to remember another of his homeless men who passed away last week. That makes three men that have been lost in our neighborhood.



Race Four: Seems like Mary Benitez and Carlos Rodriguez are trying to figure out Dina's outfit. Dina Depaola was in the house as a taco or something and won the best costume design for the event. You don't get anything, but you won, none the less. It was adorned with a medallion and made a great statement. Bernie Zablocki was at the ranch and had 2 meals and 4 desserts. As you can also see, Kenny Dunn was pretty happy with his meals. To say that, in the spirit of the Kentucky Derby, Kenny was up to the front of the food line like a thoroughbred, would be an understatement. Be assured that Medina Spirit would have had been DUNN for if they let humans compete in the race. Back at the Human Race, Kenny won at 2-1 odds and paid \$6.40 to win.



Race Five: President Janine had Happy \$\$ to celebrate Latin American Day and for the great spread that was provided. Bob gave dollars for, once again, postponing Karaoke time and promised to have it on June 2nd, our Pride/Karaoke Day at the ranch. Hank Kraker had happy dollars to remind folks about English Day on May 19th and the menu has been set and it's awesome. Diane Cusimano was M.I.A. again, so there was no 50-50. Rumor still has it that Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar, a member of 3-2-1 will be attending our Karaoke event and will be ready to show us her singing abilities. Due to local events and circumstances, only Community Affairs Officer Mike Berish, of our NYPD contingent was able to attend our meeting. It's our hope that our NYPD members will be back to enjoy English Day's Feast, sponsored by member Hank Kraker and his committee.

Race Six: The Kentucky Derby is over and the club had a total of 6 pools to raise funds for our Community Service activities. There was One - \$100 pool; One - \$50 pool and FOUR \$20 pools that raised over \$1,400 and awarded our winners nearly \$2,000 in prize money. That's a nice chunk of change. Here are the WINNERS:

\$100 Pool, Winner/Hank Kraker \$450; Place/Chris McDougall \$220; Show/Claire Mahon \$100; Last Place/Janine Mahon \$100
\$50 Pool, Winner/Diane Cusimano \$225; Place/Chris Jardin \$100; Show/Michael Addeo \$50; Last Place/Carlos Rodriguez \$50
\$20 Pool #1, Winner/Mike Miller \$80; Place/Lucian Matej \$40; Show/Maricelis Romero \$20; Last Place/Claire Mahon \$20
\$20 Pool #2, Winner/Rafal Ziolkowski \$80; Place/Janine Mahon \$40; Show/Tom Wilk \$20; Last Place/Mike Berish \$20
\$20 Pool #3, Winner/8 Grandchildren \$80; Place/Dave Fitzgerald \$40; Show/Dennis & Robert \$20; Last Place/Roe & Bob \$20
\$20 Pool #4, Winner/John Stahl \$80; Place/Aktion Club \$40; Show/GRYC \$20; Last Place/ \$20

Race Seven: A fair showing of members from the "G" as their programs have become IN-PERSON again. This is also the time that they are preparing for one of the largest SUMMER PROGRAMS in the agency's history. It is anticipated that there could be, as many as, 2,000 kids in Day Camp and over 1,100 Summer Youth Employment Programs participants. ALL HAND ON DECK. In spite of all of that, Danielle Kleiman, Dina DePaola, Edwing Vilsaint, Andy Villion, Christine Halloran, Mary Benitez, Joseph Then (acting sheriff), Maria Batista, Kati McMullin, Joan Hoffmann is recovering from surgery and was still a bit under the weather and Paul was making sure things were ok. Get well soon, Joan. Maureen Powell was hanging with her main squeeze, Sky Pilot Kevin Powell, along with DPLG John Stahl and his main squeeze, Margie Stahl. Missed Jayne Wadhawan and Alex Lagombra from Valley National but back at the ranch was Corporate Sponsor from Maspeth Federal Saving, Liran Gross. Liran is just back from his wedding and I was all smiles and looked a bit tired?? Welcome back buddy, we missed you, but totally understand. Dennis Remorca was off to Malibu where he is installing a gym/fitness center in the home of an NBA owner. Joining him in CA were Matt Almengor and James Healy, all from Remorca Fitness. Mike Porcelli came late, again but Bronco Bill Rennison was in the house and chatting with Fr. Mike. Seems that Bill does some volunteering at the Hungry Monk Ministry, too. English Day Committee Chairman, HANK KRAKER was at the ranch to talk up, you guessed it, ENGLISH DAY. It will be on May 19th and promises to be a great time. There is a rumor circulating around that the IRISH might be showing up with some fancy apparel. Not thinking kilts, are we?? Well if you want to see what we are talking about, you'll have to be there. Sheppard's Pie, Roast Beef and Fish and Chips are on the menu along with "Spotted Dick" for Mike Miller. Promises to be fun and more fun. BettyAnn Monahan will be attending as her ancestors came over to America on the Mayflower. True story!!

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

May 19th – **English Day** at the ranch. Hank Kraker has a special day planned for all in attendance.

June 2nd – Karaoke/Pride Day at the clubhouse. Big day planned by Gino and his committee.

June 9th – Board Meeting in person at the clubhouse. Start time is 4:00 PM. Any 3-2-1 members may attend and see how we do business and spend our money. Please join us.



Race Nine: The meeting ended at 1:00. The total amount of money collected in Happy Dollars, Food Money, 50-50 and Grid Boxes was \$550 and was donated to the Hungry Monk Ministry.

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OK, let's see what that Irish B_____ Monahan has in mind for English Day. I'm sure he won't win ONE prize in my English History Quiz but I'll bet a lot of money, he'll eat like a King, or is it eat like the King's Horse. I hear that Sir Paul and Sir Elton will be here.



Good Lord, is Fr. Mike still talking or am I having a bad dream??

