



## The Triple Crown Newsletter

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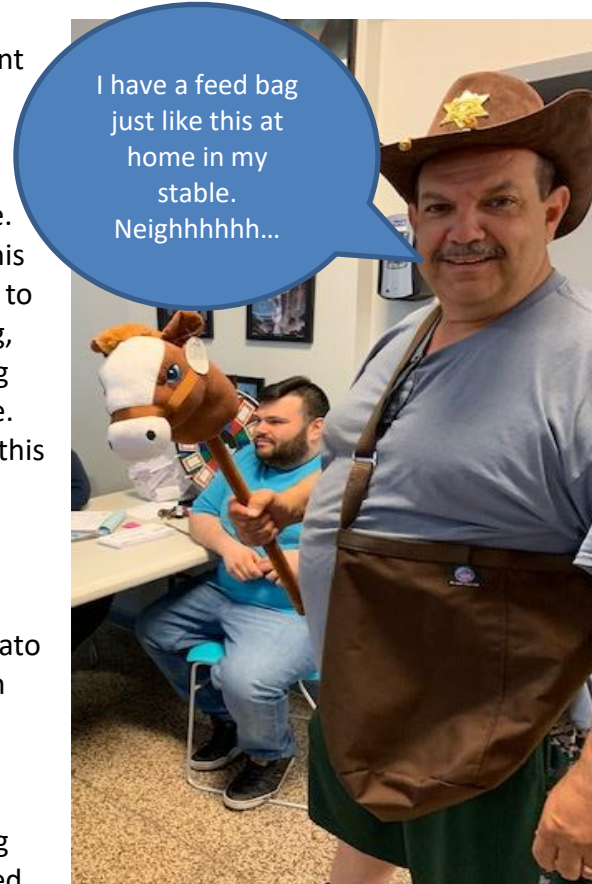
**Race One:** The meet began with a really light attendance of only 62 members and visitors on hand for our meeting. Number 1, Liz Fitzgerald opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Sky Pilot Fr. Mike did the honors and led us in Grace. Fr. Johnny Thomas was with us from Miraculous Medal Church but I didn't want to put him on the spot at his first visit. Mike did a fantastic job. Number 2, Gino was busy organizing our pizza boxes and collecting money and a whole lot of important stuff while Number 3, Janine was out over at Fairview with a CACFP audit.

**Race Two:** Father Mike Lopez had another lame excuse and begged out of being the sheriff, once again. He said that the hat wouldn't go with his robe. Alan Bellone stepped up and was the sheriff, hopping around the room on his trusted steed, Hop-along Hank. It was actually a sight to behold as we tried to figure out the total weight of those two objects. Alan was actually galloping, skipping, hopping (no one was sure what to call it!!) around the room, riding his horse and it was probably one of the funniest displays of that job to date. He went as far as to use his phone with galloping and neighing noises. Yes, this man is ill, just look at the picture.

**Race Three:** Bob then explained that we were having pizza for lunch and Linda Monte (sold 4 cases of Girl Scout cookies at the meeting) said that we should be eating more healthy. Salads all around for the next meeting. Potato Salad, German Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, and any other rich dish we can muster up. Of course we will have a healthy garden salad, too. (with Bleu Cheese Dressing) LOL

**Race Four:** Ridgewood 3-2-1 Member Captain Victoria Perry brought along 104<sup>th</sup> Pct. XO Captain David Dent to enjoy the festivities and they were joined by Community Affairs Officers Asar Sanad and Michael Berish. Officer Lenford "G" also came along for the ride and said that he enjoys the fun and laughter at the meetings. Batter Up, next new member for sure. Diane Cusimano Temkin gave HAPPY dollars to give the members a "BRIEF" description of the Belmont Stakes Party that we were going to have Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Diane mentioned the food, more food, the fun and festivities planned, the imbibing aspect of the evening, the Ice Cream bar and everything in between. Diane and her committee did a magnificent job of planning and executing this event. Did I mention that Diane made homemade, fresh Whipped Cream and wowed the crowd. It must be said that Gino went shopping for the Ice Cream and was going to buy Western Beef brand and was told it wasn't classy enough for our event. Friendly's brand was the order of business and everyone was delighted. John and Margie Stahl have gotten us into a fantastic project, giving a Blessing Bag to each mother who delivers a baby at Wyckoff Heights Hospital. To date, in a little over two months, the 3-2-1 Club has distributed through MICHC nearly 100 bags filled with diapers, wipes, blankets, onesies, and much more. Donations of these items are always welcomed. Seems Ridgewood and the surrounding area averages about 3 babies PER DAY. I wonder what's in the water and wine around town. (A little Clergy Day humor) At this point in the meeting everyone got up to get a slice of heaven, Grace Pizza. Pun intended.

**Race Five:** Hank had happy dollars to be a part of such an active and fun club. Hank and Toni are off to Lambeau Field in Green Bay to see a Sir Paul McCartney Concert after seeing him in New Orleans a few weeks ago. Kenny Dunn and JR Velepec were in the house and each had comments about our sheriff and his horse. John Hennessey was back in the house and echoed those sentiments. Michael Addeo gave really happy dollars to say how successful



his dinner and presentation for all of the Principals in Districts 24, 25 and 27 went. Congratulations Michael, you always do it right. Michael then handed a check for \$100 for St. Mary's Hospital. Fr. Mike spoke of one of his homeless men who was assaulted on Myrtle Avenue and is in the hospital. Prayers for him and for all those less fortunate than ourselves. Bob then spoke of his 91 year old father who broke his hip and is now in rehab after having surgery to repair the damage. He then told a story of how his dad fell into the street at the end of his driveway in PA. Bloodied and battered he crawled up his driveway and his concrete walkway because he was alone and couldn't stand up. Neighbors just happened to pass and helped him into the house. Then these neighbors, who were not known to them, came back with Clorox and scrubbed the driveway and walkway of the blood stains. That is what service and being a good neighbor is really all about. SERVICE is what we do at Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1.

**Race Six:** For the first time in many years, the Ridgewood Kiwanis marched in the Memorial Day Parade on Myrtle Avenue. Joining in the march were; Bill Rennison, Janine and Claire Mahon, Marybeth Reynolds and twin sons, Liam and Sean, not to leave out hubby Mike and third son Owen, Bob and BettyAnn Monahan, Hank Kraker, JR Velepec, President Liz Fitzgerald with Treasurer Dave taking a ride in the back of the NYPD cruiser, Detective Tommy Bell and P.O. Lesa Craigg were at the event, but working, so were Community Affairs Officers Asar Sanad and Michael Berish. Also making their marching debut were the "just home from winning the Championship in Cheerleading in Virginia Beach" the IS 93 GRYC RAMS, and a small contingent from the OWLS also winners in VA. Bernie Zablocki, Steve and Linda Monte came and Linda marched with the Girl Scouts. Fr. Angel Lugo and his son came to show their support and Joe Fuoco joined us in the march. Tom Wilk was there searching for some of his bees who may have lost their way to our rooftop hives and seen on the sidelines were Diane Cusimano, Eric Monte, Kevin and Maureen Powell and a host of others to show their support. Kevin almost stopped the parade with well-wishers running over to him to say hello and glad you're feeling better stuff. This was the largest contingent of Kiwanians in the parade in many years.



**Race Seven:** Nice to have Henrietta Maier in the corral along with Bernie and Ann Zablocki. Our Bank contingent was well represented today with LoriAnn from Cross County, Jayne from Valley National and John from Ridgewood Savings all back in the saddle with us. There were happy dollars to share that our team for the St. Mary's Children's Hospital Walk-a-Thon collected a GRAND TOTAL OF \$2,850. JR Velepec announced that he is sad that no one has said "YOU SUCK" to him lately. That simply means he hasn't won any of our other Pools and Grids. Seems John Hennessey has taken the prize for the Belmont Stakes Pool, along with Bernie Zablocki, Tina Forte, Hank Kraker and Diane Cusimano. The club made almost \$700 from this quick hit. Carlos "Papi Chulo" paid out the winnings for the NBA Grid and the Baseball Pool. Looking to start another Baseball Pool since we are only in June. Let's do it. Linda Monte brought another 4 cases of Girl Scout cookies and they were immediately purchased and donated to members. Captain Perry was reluctant to take any back to the Precinct stating that it is almost swimsuit time and they wouldn't be conducive to that mission. Sorry Captain, REAL kiwanians love to share, yes, even their cookies and milk. This is the Club that just keeps giving and giving more.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

**June 15<sup>th</sup> – 104 PCT NCO Build the Block at Atlas Park – 3:30 PM**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – Next 3-2-1 Meeting at 12 noon**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> – PBQN 5K Walk and Run for Fitness at Flushing Meadow Park**

**June 27<sup>th</sup> – International Convention in Orlando: Gino and Janine are our Delegates**

**Race Nine:** Number 11, Bob ended the meeting a few minutes tardy at 1:10 by hitting the gong. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 491.

**Race Ten:** There was an extra Race on this card. Saturday was the Belmont Stakes Party at the Summerfield Clubhouse. It was even more special because NY District Governor Hank Baker and his First Lady Bonnie Baker joined us for the festivities. Here is a collage of pictures with Highlights of the evening. AWESOME, AWESOME FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL MEMBERS AND THE GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY. Check out the movie link.



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Look, it's really simple mathematics. IF there are two of you listening to my reconciliation, it won't take more than one hour each. Also, I don't do penance well, one or two Hail Mary's is about the limit for me. I have a meeting to help out with here, let's do dinner and drink a bit and call it General Absolution.

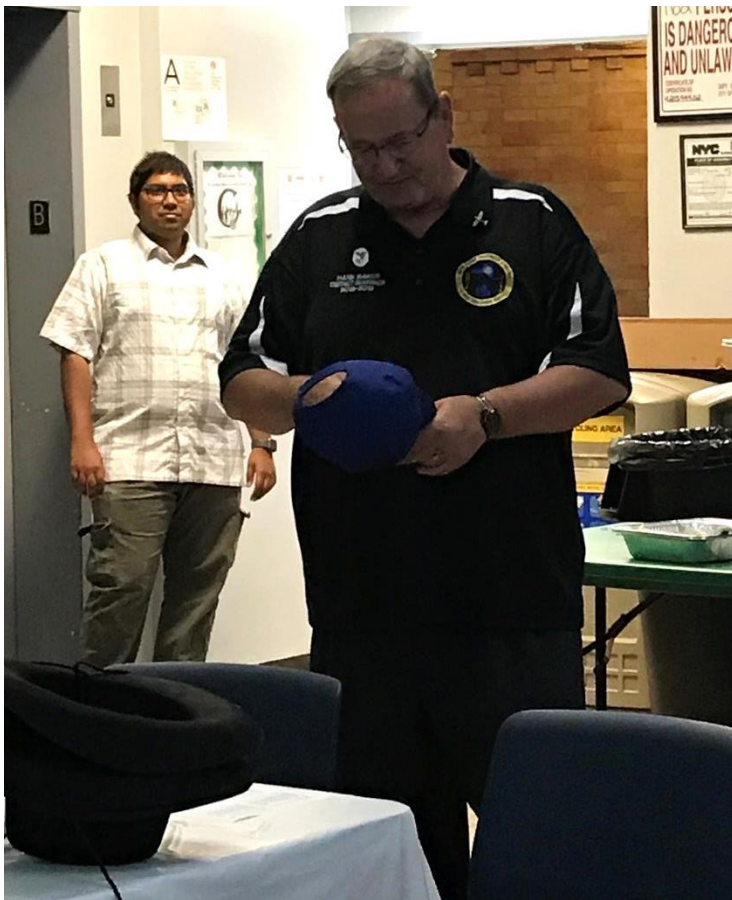
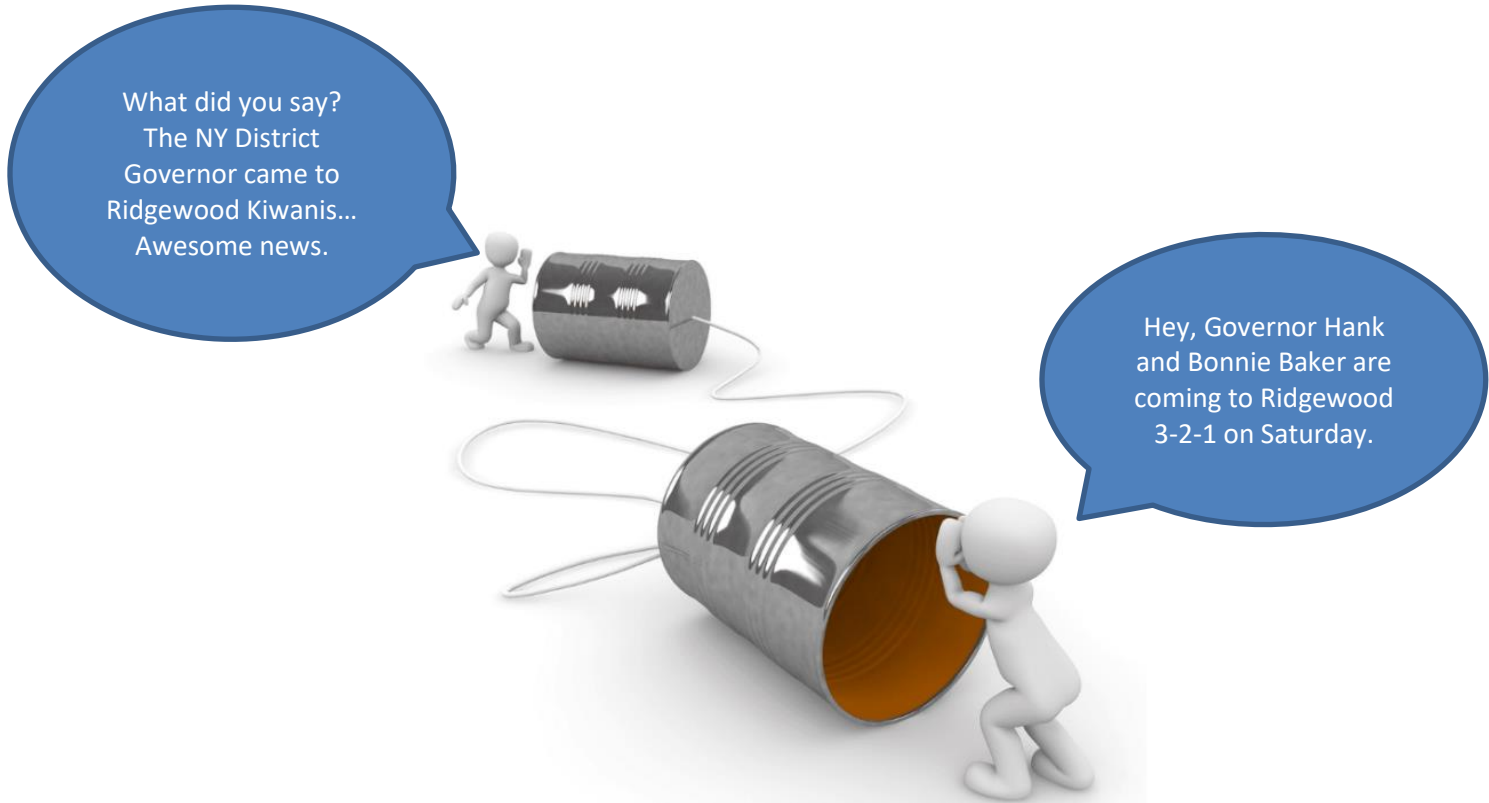
The GRYC IS 93 RAMS won Championship in VA and marched in parade; Bob with Liam, Owen & Sean; KIDDY KIDZ having some fun; Liz, Janine and Claire waiting for the parade to begin.



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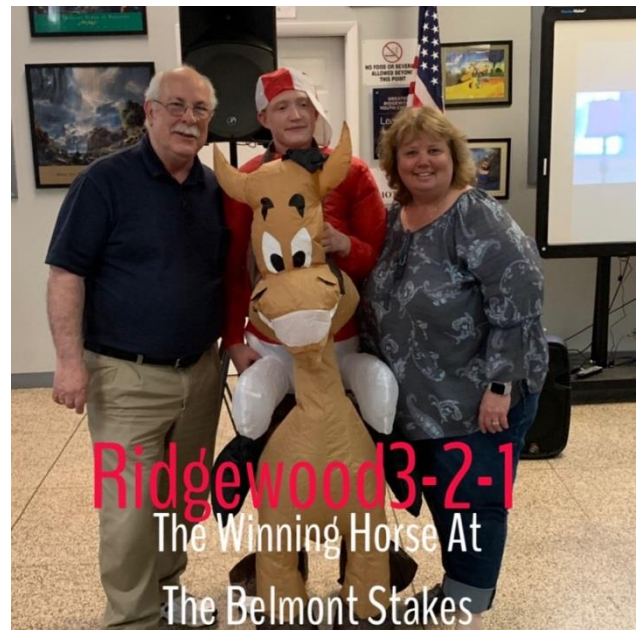


Ridgewood 3-2-1 averages over 60 members and friends per meeting. Great things are happening in Ridgewood and this is just the beginning.



***Governor Hank Baker takes his “hat” off to the Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 for their generosity and hospitality. At the Club’s Belmont Stakes Party, held at their Summerfield Clubhouse, the 3-2-1 Club donated \$1,000 to his Major Emphasis to send Military kids to Kamp Kiwanis and contributed a truckload of games, crayons, arts and crafts items, sports equipment, paper and more to First Lady Bonnie’s Major Emphasis.***

***During his tour of the building, the Governor and First Lady “picked up” a Pediatric Trauma Kit for the Holland, NY Fire Department. Thanks Hank and Bonnie for allowing the 3-2-1 Club to offer our support in true Kiwanis fashion. Service is the key to all that we do.***



***Cowboy Dave looking over hat filled with money from the L-R-C game that the members and friends enjoyed. Bob and Liz proudly stand with our Belmont Stakes entry, Ridgewood 3-2-1 with Jason in the saddle. John Hennessey holds up his trophy for winning the Belmont Pool. Diane, Steve and Linda smile for the photo. Diane was the chairwoman of the event and it was extremely successful and a ton of fun, plus some. This club is awesome and fun.***



***Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 shows Governor Hank and First Lady Bonnie Baker some love with their generous donation to Kamp Kiwanis. Above you will see a small portion of the truckload of games, crayons, arts and crafts items, sports equipment, paper and more to First Lady Bonnie's Major Emphasis. Also, the Governor received a Pediatric Trauma Kit for his "home" club to donate to the Holland, NY Fire Department. Hank and Bonnie were a bit overwhelmed by the level of service being performed by this new club. At the present time, Ridgewood 3-2-1 is the LARGEST Club in NY DISTRICT with 154 members and let's all remember, June 20<sup>th</sup> is the FIRST ANNIVERSARY of our Charter Day.***



**Celebrating at Belmont Stakes Day at Ridgewood 3-2-1 were: Gino Ancona, President Elect; Lt. Gov Anthony Pappas; Division Secretary Jackie Pappas; Bob Monahan; First Lady Bonnie Baker; District Governor Hank Baker; President Liz Fitzgerald and Club Treasurer and Cowboy Dave Fitzgerald.**



**Bob Monahan, First Lady Bonnie Baker and District Governor Hank Baker pose with some of the items donated for Kamp Kiwanis. This was enough to make a grown woman cry tears of appreciation and joy for the kids going to the Kamp. Well done 3-2-1**