



# KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

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

## The Triple Crown Newsletter



**RESULTS OF MEET For: November 4, 2020**

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**Race One:** What a great day to meet in the Clubhouse. A bit quiet because it was the day after Election Day and folks are trying to recover from months of ads and things that bombarded us. Plenty of space to allow for social distancing and a great crowd of 35 members were on hand to watch President Janine Mahon use her gavel to hit the gong and start the meeting. 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 in asking us 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 indoors in the large meeting room. Janine asked everyone to come up and get their lunch. This week the Committee decided on Chicken, Meatball, Spinach, Sausage, Eggplant Rolls, along with Garlic Knots and Salad. Awesome meal catered from Grace Pizza who individually wrapped each HALF Roll to allow for all social distancing guidelines to be followed. Just like the Elections, it got ugly at the clubhouse as Kenny Dunn made sure that Bernie "The Burglar" Zablocki didn't get to "steal" his way to the front of the chow line. Bernie Zablocki was up like a shot but still had to settle for second on the food line. Bronco Bill Rennison followed the Burglar up to the line and enjoyed the early start on meal time. Bob let everyone know that the reason Bernie tries to get an early start on eating, is because Bernie is a believer in "MASTICATION" which is the art of chewing each morsel of food 30-40 times before swallowing. The question was brought up, "How do you Masticate Mashed Potatoes?" HHMMM??? The really good part about having folks follow that routine is that guys like myself, Kenny Dunn, Tommy Bell, Tom Wilk (even on crutches) get to eat two to three times as much in the same period of time.



I hope they don't notice my sidekick with the Red Bandana!!

**WANTED**  
Bernie "The Burglar"  
NYPD 104<sup>th</sup> Precinct

**Race Three:** Bob was asked to introduce the Happy Dollars for guests and friends. First up, was Captain Louron Hall, Commanding Officer of the 104<sup>th</sup> Pct, who was joined by Community Affairs Officer Asar Sanad, YCO Michael Amato and RETIRED Detective Tommy Bell. The Captain gave dollars to acknowledge his getting to meet the "GREAT TOMMY BELL". Oh it's a long story, but let's just say, Tommy has a following after over 20 years at the 104. Nice to know that PO Mike Berish and PO Asar Sanad have time to get to 20 years and are a true blessing to our Precinct and even had time to observe & learn from Detective Bell. We are in GREAT hands at the 104. Next up, it was nice to mention that one of our newest members, Jenifer Rajkumar, won her race for Assemblywoman with nearly 70% of the vote and come January, Jenifer will be in Albany supporting our communities



Well, I would say that our Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood 3-2-1 ranks up here with the best community partners in the City.

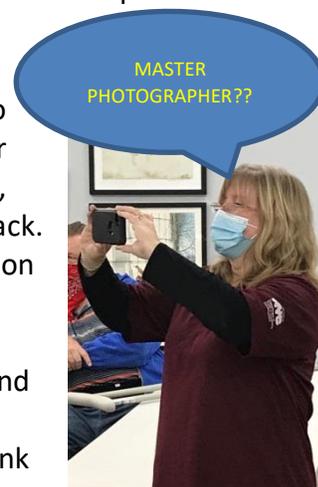
As a "Master Fencer" I really appreciate the Captain being right to the point!!



I'm truly happy to finally meet the "GREAT" Tommy Bell in person.

**Race Four:** Joan Hoffmann was congratulated for running one of the best Polling Site Locations in NYC. Joan and her team were on top of their game and managed to get over 1,400 voters through the system without any glitches or delays. Joan thanked the GRYC for allowing her to come in on Monday to set up the room and be ready immediately on Tuesday. And all of this was accomplished with many new young workers. Joan's priceless advice from the last meeting helped everyone to vote without incident. Thanks for all of your hard work to foster our Democratic System. This crew was done by 10:00 PM with all of their results reported. Diane Cusimano continued making money for the club through her muscling sales methods in her 50-50. The raffle raised another \$140 with the club making \$70 and the winner making \$70. Hank Kraker was able to make the meeting today and gave Happy Dollars for his Green Bay Packers win of two weeks ago. BettyAnn Monahan gave happy dollars to be going on vacation and for the well wishes for our family. After the meeting, PO Mike Berish was joined by a few other NYPD 104<sup>th</sup> Pct. Officers in bringing a beautiful Basket of Fruit to my office. THANK YOU to all of the fine Officers at the 104 for such a magnificent gift. Missing from the mix was DPLG John Stahl (retired NYPD) and his lovely wife, Margie, so we are holding some diapers and wipes for the Blessing Bags at Wyckoff Heights Hospital. Thanks to everyone who donated the diapers.

**Race Five:** Corporate Sponsor Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal Savings Bank was able to attend today and was introduced as our Master Fencer, along with our Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk who is recovering from surgery and was able to be with us today. At that point, Diane Cusimano mentioned that I missed a "Master" who was sitting next to her in the back. That would be "Master Plumber" Joe Florio who is a regular at the building. Not to mention that if Chris McDougall ever gets to make the meeting, we would have a "Master Electrician" in our midst, too. And then, if you really want to go there, we have a good number of our members who have "Masters Degrees" from some outstanding Colleges and Universities. Rafal Ziolkowski and John Hennessey were unable to attend and both had really good excuses for missing the meeting. John is prohibited by Ridgewood Savings Bank to be out there at meeting to be COVID safe for his staff and customers.



**Race Six:** Another fine showing of GRYC Directors and staff who took time from their incredibly busy schedules to enjoy the meal and support their friend and boss, Janine. If I remember correctly, here is the roster of attendees: IPP Gino Ancona, Ariel Triunfel, Edwing Vilsaint, Danielle Kleiman, Catherine Siegel, Shiv Ramsamooj, Maria Batista and Paul Hoffmann were at the ranch along with Sky Pilot Kevin Powell and his bride Maureen Powell. Kati McMullin was in the building running our Learning Lab Program. Bronco Bill Rennison was in "Good Humor" as he received a little gift from the Club. Bill already has the little change maker and is now ready to go next summer.



**Race Seven:** As I will be on vacation, it is my intention to send out dues notices to some members who haven't taken care of that for this new year. There are also members who haven't squared up with their Pool money and Football Donations. Carlos has volunteered to go out and collect for a small percentage of the donations and fees. HMMM, sounds better every day. If anyone has a hardship, and I am certain that some of our business members do, please let me know and we can work something out. PLEASE don't ignore this request. In addition, we have worked on the Committee List and will distribute it at the next meeting and send it to you by email.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

**November 11<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Board Meeting at the Clubhouse. (Time To Be Determined).**

**November 18<sup>th</sup> - Regular Meeting for Thanksgiving and Spirit Week.**

**Race Nine:** The meeting ended a bit late because we had a lot of stuff to take care of. The total of \$510 was collected in Happy Dollars, Food Money, raffle and the 50-50 collection.



Smaller Crowd than usual but still a ton of fun. Captain Hall gave us a detailed overview of what's happening in the 104 Precinct and you can tell that times are tough out there. The Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club is on the rise and on the move. We are reaching new members, have a ton of activities planned for the next two months and are hopeful that this damn COVID-19 Pandemic gets controlled. Let us pray and be careful.

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