



## The Triple Crown Newsletter

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**Race One:** The meet began with a really light attendance of only 55 members and visitors on hand for our meeting. Number 1, Liz Fitzgerald opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and in the absence of Fr. Mike, Fr. Angel and Deacon Kevin, Bob called on IS 77 Principal Joe Miller to do the honors and lead us in Grace. What a fantastic job he did. Number 2, Gino was busy organizing our special meal and collecting money and a whole lot of important stuff while Number 3, Janine was helping out with some other stuff.

**Race Two:** Father Mike Lopez who had a lame excuse two weeks ago and had Danielle fill in for him so he didn't have to wear the Sheriff's outfit, was a no-show again today. But, he had a good reason because he was at the hospital visiting with Kevin Powell who had a setback and was in sad shape. In his absence, Bob scanned the room and found the perfect sheriff for today's meeting, Police Officer Lesa Craigg, gun and all, put on the cowgirl hat and picked up Jackass Bob and really had fun with this whole thing. Galloping Gino, Bronco Bob and Hop-a-long Hank were grazing around the room, but were not selected as Lesa's trusted steed for the day. Take a look at the picture and you will understand what I'm talking about. Speaking of Deacon Kevin Powell, Kevin had a 7 hour surgery two weeks ago to fix some pipe work and stuff, was discharged from the hospital, but developed some complications and has been back in the hospital for over a week. Maureen, has been sending daily updates and we are all praying for Kevin's recovery, and it doesn't have to be speedy, it just has to be a good recovery with no more issues. Please, please, please keep Kevin and his family in your prayers and well wishes.



**Race Three:** Bob then explained the lunch menu and the purpose of its uniqueness. Police Officer of the Year and member of our great club, Lenny O'Toole's son is also having some medical issues, some very serious medical issues and is in need of a kidney transplant. He has Stage 5 kidney disease and is on dialysis. Everyone is devastated and the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club decided to donate the LUNCH MONEY to support his cause. So in an effort to raise the most money possible, Liz, Gino and Janine came up with the idea of having cereals with bananas, blueberries, strawberries, yogurt, granola, salted almonds??, and a kid's variety of cereals and oatmeal. An anonymous donor paid for the stuff and it was a no-cost effort, allowing for all proceeds to go to the cause. We had Almond milk, regular milk, juice and Girl Scout Cookies to round out the meal. There must have been some HEAVY HITTERS in the corral today because the total collected for the lunch money was an outstanding \$650. The Board Members present had an instantaneous meeting and decided to "match" that amount to bring it up to \$1,300. Somehow, another \$200 appeared and the total amount given to the cause was \$1,500. All of that happened in a matter of 45 MINUTES and with a light attendance of only 55 members. Hank Kraker and JR Velepec said it best, "THIS CLUB IS AWESOME". I'm pretty sure that everyone will agree with that sentiment. Well done, good and faithful servants. Here is the link if anyone else would like to contribute to this great cause for Lenny O'Toole and his family.

[http://donate.kidney.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=9025&px=2912385&pg=personal#.XN00EVWgzjQ.gmail](http://donate.kidney.org/site/TR?fr_id=9025&px=2912385&pg=personal#.XN00EVWgzjQ.gmail)

Everyone was invited to get up and make their own bowl of cereal, fruits, nuts, whatever. At that point, Maria Batista strolled in and only paid for lunch for one. Liz paid for the baby. LOL

**Race Four:** After Sheriff Lesa was done with her meal, Bob tried to get her attention to get back to being the sheriff. Lesa, Lesa, LESA, good Lord I know that the response time for the rest of the 104 is better than her response to getting back to being the marshal. Diane Cusimano Temkin gave HAPPY dollars to say that she, Liz, Janine and Roseann Addeo were going to have babies so that each could receive a Blessing Bag. Seems that Margie and John 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 a month, the 3-2-1 Club has distributed through MICHC over 50 bags filled with diapers, wipes, blankets, onesies, and much more. Donations of these items are always welcomed. JR Velepec shared with the club his experience of winning the Club's Baseball Pool that led to the "YOU SUCK" saga. Seems his streak continues as he did fairly well in the Kentucky Derby Pools, resulting in a text from Carlos "Papi Chulo" to repeat the sentiment. When Bob echoed those comments, it cost him \$15 that JR immediately placed in the happy dollars feed bag. Kenny Dunn and John Stahl saw JR dipping into those KD envelopes and donating to the Lunch Money. Generosity at its best. Lucian Matej called Hank during the meeting and Lucian asked Hank where he was...reply, at the meeting waiting for you!!..LOL Lucian just back from his vacation to Austria. Linda Monte had happy bucks to say that because of all of the rain, her Girl Scouts didn't get to sell their cookies and she brought some to the meeting to unload. Three cases, going, going, gone. Linda got extra money and donated Thin Mints to the St. Matthias Food Pantry. This is the Club that just keeps giving and giving more.

**Race Five:** Maricelis was strutting around like a peacock after her Hawtree Creek ladies won First Place in the Dance Competition at Great Adventure. Then the flood gates opened as the other members began bragging about how their kids did at the Competition. Cynthia from PS/IS 128 got Second Place in the Dance category, Sabrina talked about her trip to Virginia where her Cheer Team placed FIRST in the National Competition. We missed Indiana Soto and Allison Napoli to give us a more detailed report, but they had Parent Teacher Conference at their school and were a bit busy. Beverly McBeth had dollars to welcome her old roommate and BFF Principal Joe Miller from IS 77. Who would have known it, and to think he gave the Grace before our meal. Hank had happy dollars to echo what everyone said about the Cheer and Dance Teams, then JR's phone went off and he was scrambling to shut it off. Too late, everyone heard it. Michael Addeo gave really happy dollars to see the sun, followed by Alan Bellone who was also happy to see that ball in the sky. Carmen Resto gave bucks to thank Diane for hooking her up with beautiful flowers for Mother's Day and Diane followed by saying she was still married to Bronco Bob after another hectic holiday at McKenna's Florist.

**Race Six:** Not sure what happened but seems that Mary Benitez, Papi Chulo and Tina Forte had some hysterics going on in the back of the room. Totally disrespectful and Principal Joe Miller assigned each to detention for the remainder of the month. Seems he said something about putting them out to pasture, or something like that. Bob gave out a bunch of cookies that he purchased and since it was Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, our friends from the 104 were the recipients. NCO's Santos and Romano, Community Affairs Sanad and Berish and, of course, Lesa all got a box. It was noted that Detective Tommy Bell picked me up on Tuesday for a meeting at the Borough and he did it with the SMART Car. Now that was a sight to behold. Nice lunch afterwards, however.

**Race Seven:** Nice to have Henrietta Maier in the corral along with Bernie and Ann Zablocki. LoriAnn Psarras, unable to make the meeting but sent a couple of bucks. John Hennessey unable to come, but gave bucks. Must have been a busy day at the banks as Jayne and Alex were also unable to make it to the party. At this point in the meeting, the raffle began. Edwing was selected to be the next Sheriff, but, since he has been the sheriff before, we selected another ticket. Someone named BIG AL, yes, that is what he put on his Attendance Slip was selected. Since we don't really like him, we made him the next sheriff and gave Edwing his prize. Thanks BIG AL for being a good sport, not that you had a choice. There were happy dollars to share that a team has been formed for the St. Mary's Children's Hospital Walk-a-Thon. A link will be attached to help you to become a part of the team and donate to this awesome cause. Please remember that this Sunday is the Walk. Please join us and show support for the hospital.

[http://events.stmaryskids.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=1160&pg=entry](http://events.stmaryskids.org/site/TR?fr_id=1160&pg=entry)

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Bake sale at the Aktion Club

May 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Mary's Children's Hospital Walk-a-Thon.

May 27<sup>th</sup> – Marching in the Memorial Day Parade (details to follow)

**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 \$ 1,098. As you can see, there were plenty of generous folks at the meeting and the fun continues to happen. Next meeting's Sheriff is Alan Bellone, because Father Mike Lopez and Father Angel Lugo will be chairing the Clergy Day meeting. How awesome it would be to have Deacon Kevin Powell healthy enough to join us. If not in person, maybe we can facetime him and share our well-wishes. Kevin, we are all praying for your speedy recovery and well-being.

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Yup, that's a real gun and she looks like she knows how to use it. Don't let that smile fool ya, Bob said she's making sure that no one leaves the room until their pockets are empty. Look, there's another four of them sitting at the middle table as her back-up. Give her your money already.

Are you kidding me! This is better than the Hampton Inn's breakfast with all these choices. Who cut up the bananas, strawberries and blueberry's?

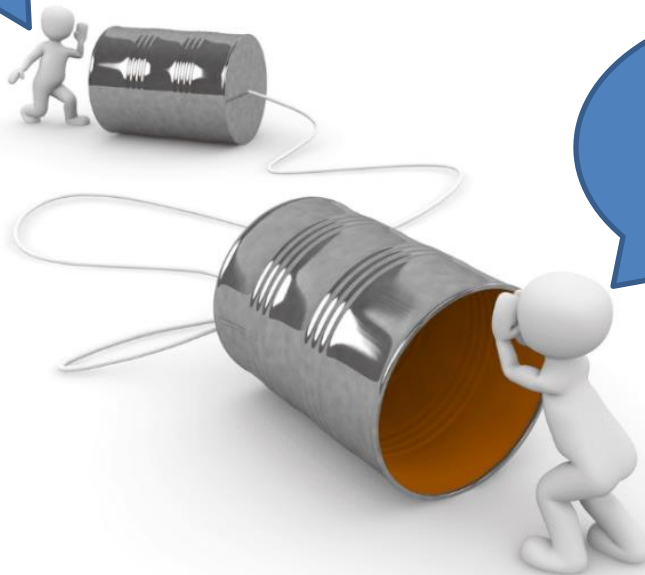


Ridgewood 3-2-1 averages over 60 members and friends per meeting. Great things are happening in Ridgewood and this is just the beginning.



## Meeting Notices for May & June 2019

I think I heard you say that we have the walk-a-thon on Sunday for St. Mary's. Let's walk and make a donation, too.



Hey, we have the walk-a-thon on Sunday for St. Mary's Children's Hospital. Wanna join me.

**May 19<sup>th</sup> Walk-a-Thon at St. Mary's Hospital**

**May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Parade on Myrtle Ave**

**May 29<sup>th</sup> – Interclub Day and Roundtable**

**June 5<sup>th</sup> – Clergy Day/Food Pantry Collection**

**June 8<sup>th</sup> – Belmont Stakes Day at the Clubhouse**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – Summer Solstice Day Celebration**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Happy Birthday America Barbecue**