



KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

The Triple Crown Newsletter



RESULTS Of MEET For: November 21, 2018

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Race One: Today's meet began with an over the charts attendance with nearly 80 members and visitors on hand to celebrate some Thanksgiving festivities and food. Number 1, President Liz Fitzgerald called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag. With the delicious smells of Zum Stammtisch and Grace Pizza (for vegetarians) food taunting everyone's senses, Father Mike Lopez gave a prayer of thanks for being with a great group of people in service to the community and asked everyone to remember those less fortunate and in need of support and kindness. .

Race Two: As we continue our custom at the Club, the winner of the last meets sheriffs prize, Joann Siegel was today's marshal and paid the price of running from person to person as Bob, once again, asked for a coordinated, staggered, long walks around the room approach to collecting the happy dollars and issue fines to folks for just about anything. Fortunately, Joann was up to the task and just followed the money around the room. No fancy letters this week as Carlos was still recovering from his stint as the sheriff at the last meet. IF you missed the picture, here it is again to see how hard he has been working since that meeting. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 605.



Race Three: Madam President once again began the meet today by giving happy dollars for the fundraiser that Al Bellington and Bill Rennison ran at the Woodhaven House to benefit Sam and Dave and their families. At first glance it seems that the profit was in the range of \$6,000. Although the crowd at the event was a bit light, this was still a major fundraiser for the club. Congratulations to Al and Bill and everyone who made this possible. At that point, Bob Monahan introduced Tony DiPiazza from the Italian Federation to present checks for \$1,000 from the Fresh Pond Road Festival to the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council and St. Matthias Food Pantry and a \$500 donation to the Ridgewood Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Thanks Tony for your continued generosity.

Race Four: President Liz continued her report on the club's participation in Kiwanis activities and also on the up-coming events and happy dollars were flying around the room, non-stop. Liz talked about the interclub that Ridgewood participated in at Glendale's Thanksgiving luncheon, and spoke about the report that was given at the Queens West Division meeting regarding Trick or Treat for UNICEF, pop tops for Ronald McDonald House, the Food Panty Drive that garnered nearly 1,500 items and the Thanksgiving Lunch/Dinner to be held on Thanksgiving Day at the Summerfield Clubhouse, hosted by Fr. Mike and Fr. Angel. Linda Monte spoke about the Veteran's Day event at the Onderdonk House in Ridgewood that was held on Monday, November 12th at 10:00 AM. Linda thanked everyone who participated and supported those efforts. This week we, once again, had vegetarian food and that made Diane a happy woman. Sgt. Reiman and his NCO officers, along with P.O. Bielicka and P.O. Craigg were present to represent the 104th Pct. as Detective Tommy Bell was on a well-deserved vacation. Principal Indiana Soto was at the meeting to talk about the many things that she is thankful for at this time of the year. Thanks, hugs to you... At this point, everyone was invited up to eat.



Race Five: It was announced that the Member count for Kiwanis International and the NY District was 143. If you hadn't heard already, this made the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club the largest Chartered Club in New York State and we believe that with our additions, we are now the largest club in NY District. Now, each member has to participate in a committee or two to expand our reach and accomplishments.

Race Six: Tom Wilk spoke to the members about the December 9th GOTT Market at the Gottscheer Hall located at 657 Fairview Avenue in Ridgewood. We will be exploring ways to promote this event through different mediums. Crossing Guard Tina was present again and states that retirement suits her. Alan Bellone was missing from this meet as he is in the process of moving. Mike Porcelli came in late and had sad dollars for that. There were so many people at the meet that it just took longer to sign in and get your food ticket. We took his money anyway. Mike brought US Army Sgt. Savino with him to speak about a program for young students to improve literacy. The GRYC and 3-2-1 Club will have him back to lock in a partnership with this innovative program. Janine Mahon, Number 3 as 1st VP, had happy dollars for a bunch of things including the Trick or Treat for UNICEF where the club, in partnership with the GRYC, raised \$3,000 for this great cause and that brought a smile to PLG John Stahl's face. John and Margie collected an additional \$5,700.00 at PS 229 for the same cause. Kudo's to everyone for their participation.

Race Seven: Happy dollars were given as it was mentioned that the Club is about to submit its paperwork to reactivate 11 Builders Clubs and activate 10 New K-Kids clubs at each of the GRYC after-school programs. Ricky Wahmann is the District Builders Club Administrator and will have a phenomenal year of support from his buddies traveling around the State. Ricky and Joe Aiello went out to Staten Island to get some clubs going at 3 schools and he was well received by the Lt. Governor from that borough. Ricky went up to Villa Roma for the Tri-K and mixed it up with the District Leadership to plan out his year for Builders Clubs throughout the state. Governor Hank wrote a fantastic email bragging about his choice and the great job that he did. John Hennessey had happy dollars for the anniversary of his heart attack and he is still here. He went on to say that he also got a promotion at the Bank, so congratulations to John for both accomplishments.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- November 22nd – THANKSGIVING MEAL served by Fr. Mike at Summerfield Clubhouse for seniors and families**
- November 28th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board of Directors Meeting at Summerfield Clubhouse at 6:30 PM**
- December 3rd – Astoria/LIC Auction Interclub at Riccardo's at 6:30.**
- December 5th – Next meeting of the Regular 3-2-1 Club at Summerfield Street @ 12 noon**
- December 5th – AKTION Club meeting at IRI in Richmond Hill at 6:30. All are welcome to join in.**
- December 7th – AARP Christmas Party at the Summerfield Clubhouse at 12 noon.**
- December 13th – IS 93 Pep Rally for College Access for All @ 6:00 PM**
- December 17th – Madison York Residence Birthday Party at 12 noon.**
- December 19th – second meeting of the month is our Holiday Grab Bag Celebration.**

Race Nine: Number 1, Liz ended the meeting right on time at 1:00 by hitting the gong.

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PRESENTS FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN AT

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 12-6

657 FAIRVIEW AVE., RIDGEWOOD, NY 11385

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