



The Triple Crown Newsletter

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Race One: Another scheduled meet that went off without a hitch. Over 50 members were on hand to socially distance themselves from other members as Gino opened his last regular meeting with a clap of the gong. Everyone rose from their chairs and recited the Pledge to the Flag. Everyone saluted the flag with the pledge and at that point, Gino asked Deacon Kevin Powell to give the blessing. As always, Kevin was inspiring as he asked for the club 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 at the clubhouse. As that room filled to its socially distanced capacity, 20 members retreated to the outdoor space that had been set up with tables and chairs. Thanks Carlos, Jason, Joseph and the rest of the members for setting up the room and the corral for social distancing. Kenny Dunn was in his usual seat and said that he wasn't going to miss out on our Grace Pizza meal. We had Rigatoni, Baked Ziti, Chicken Parm, Garlic Knots, Mozzarella AND Zucchini Sticks, PLUS a magnificent SALAD for, you guessed it, Diane Cusimano and the Veggie folks. PDG Joe Corace and PDG Steve Sirgiovanni were in the house to say congrats to Gino for a fantastic year. Bernie Zablocki, yet again, found a way to beat Kenny to the front of the line. Slim and fast win most of the time. Hank Kraker was at the meeting and could be seen looking around for our buddy, JR Velepec, who was unable to make the meet.

Race Three: Gino asked for any Happy Dollars and guests and Bob introduced the NEW Commanding Officer of the 104th Precinct, Captain Louron Hall who spoke about his previous assignments within the NYPD, including his last one as C.O. of the 100th Pct. in Rockaway. Captain Hall takes over for Deputy Inspector Victoria Perry who has been promoted down to 1 Police Plaza to work with the Commissioner of Community Partnerships. How awesome that our very own, DI Perry has been tabbed for working to expand Community Relations between the NYPD and NYC citizens. What an incredible testimony to her work with everyone in the 104. There were lots of happy dollars for both Captain Hall and DI Perry. Along for the ride was PO Mike Berish, joined by NCO Sgt. Ed Reiman, YCO's Amato and Bush, NCO's Santos and Nessler from the 104. You never have enough protection for the new C.O. at a Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 meeting. Seems like someone tried to cut off his tie and had to be reminded of the NYPD presence. Joining the amazing officers of the 104 were the Youth Coordinating Officers of the 75th Precinct in East New York. Sgt. Joseph Leiva, PO's Tolentino, Sexton, Johnson and Thomas came to meet with the GRYC to collaborate with taking their Explorers and youth participants to Camp Wabenaki in Harriman State Park as part of the Adventure Based Counseling Initiative that has begun with the two precincts. In this project, youth get a chance to do service projects and then learn to fish, ride our go-carts, bikes and scooters, play sports, do STEM activities and even get in a little bit of archery. All activities are coordinated with the Police Officers and GRYC staff and it has been incredibly successful in breaking down some of the barriers that youth have had with officers. Great stuff happening and co-sponsored by Ridgewood 3-2-1.



Sgt. Leiva speaks about the 75th PCT YCO program and future partnerships with Ridgewood 3-2-1 & the GRYC

There was a great NYPD representation at the meeting along with GRYC Directors

Bob hands over some Happy Bucks for the NEW Commanding Officer, Capt. Hall

DPG's Joe and Steve along with a nice nice shot of the back of Kenny Dunn

Race Four: Happy Dollars continued as members and guests praised Gino for the incredible year that he had despite COVID-19 taking so much of it from him. Gino was in every day, preparing the delivery of the meals that the 3-2-1 Club distributed to over 32,000 First Responders and Essential Workers. Al Gentile, President of the Middle Village Club (our sponsoring Club) paid \$50 to keep his tie that Bob was trying to auction off. Al said that his wife gave him that tie and it was one of his favorites. Thanks Al and how sorry was it that Michael Addeo, your buddy and boss, wasn't wearing a tie because one of his is already on our banner. No warning from either him or PDG Joe Corace who also went home with half a tie, once before. Liran Gross and Michael Addeo, both tie-less, are working very hard to reactivate the Fresh Pond Road Chamber of Commerce, along with member Mike Romer from Force Fitness was unable to attend today. Also in attendance and back in the saddle was Andrew Trumbetti from Cross County. Bob then gave Happy Dollars for our Kiddy Kidz from the 3-2-1 Club AND the GRYC. Seems that virtually (no pun intended) all of the new Directors at the GRYC grew up in the agency and are in their early to mid-20's. When you're as old as BOB, everyone is a kid. Bob introduced NEW members; Josiah Vera, Raquel Chin, Joseph Then, Jason Demoloitz, Celina Rosario, Elvira Rodriguez and Bryana Winkleman. John and Margie Stahl were at the meet to ask for and accept more diapers and wipes for the Blessing Bags that continue to go to MICIH at Wyckoff Heights Hospital.



Race Five: Dennis Remorca from REMORCA Fitness stopped by to speak about his new Foundation and Business venture. He brought along his Business partners, Giray Atolay and Jim Healy who will be installing a BRAND NEW, personally designed Gym at the 104th Precinct as soon as they are cleared to do it. At that point, PO Mike Berish and Sgt. Ed Reiman had to restrain Captain Louron Hall from going over and hugging the three of them. Must maintain social distancing, you know. Blessing Bags were Gino's Major Emphasis and what an unbelievable job he did. Over 2,500 Blessing Bags were distributed in Backpacks to the 104 and 75 NYPD Precincts, the Backstretch and NYS Chaplaincy, Wyckoff Heights Hospital/ MICIH, Kiwanis International's Anti-Bullying Project, local schools, CBO's and community families. In addition, the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club distributed over 32,000 Blessing meals to First Responders and Essential Workers during the pandemic. How do you spell, S-U-C-C-E-S-S = GINO and 3-2-1.



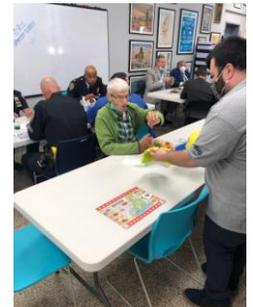
Gino comfortably speaking from the podium with Dennis Remorca and his Starbucks Almond milk honey flat white with triple shot of blonde Espresso. Hold the whipped cream.

Race Six: Times are tough. Sometimes it is a matter of how we look at things that matters. Our business members are trying to recover from this damn virus and what it has done to our lives and economy. Michael Addeo was able to make the meet, as were, Diane Cusimano Mistress of the Garden, but Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk was out and about wrapping up his many hives for the winter. If you have never seen the roof at the GRYC, our clubhouse, jump into the elevator and push "R" to see what I'm talking about. Awesome with the Rooftop Garden and Beehives working together to create this masterpiece. President Elect Janine Mahon had happy dollars for the successful year that Gino has had and is anxious about being the next PRESIDENT of this awesome club. Chris McDougall called to ask for directions back to Ridgewood but didn't quite make it to the meeting. That makes 24 in a row. Good try, Chris and thanks for participating in the Preakness Pool. Joe "The Rooster" Florio, better known as Joe the Plumber got stuck at, yet another job site, but also is in the Preakness Pool. Please continue to keep Tina Forte, our best Crossing Guard ever, in your prayers as she is battling some medical issues. John Hennessey from Ridgewood Savings is not allowed to attend outside events because of the risk of COVID. Bronco Bill Rennison was in the corral and was given, along with Diane Cusimano, a Kiwanian of the Year Award from Gino. Both are attendees at every event, are Board Members, mentor our young members and are community activists to the Nth degree. Thanks to both of you, and all of our other members for making the Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood, NY 3-2-1 such an awesome club.



Race Seven: Another fantastic representation of GRYC Directors and staff came to enjoy the meal and support their friend and peer, Gino. If I remember correctly, here is the roster of attendees: Ricky Wahmann, Aidan Leavens, Dina DePaola, David Volcy, Ariel Triunfel, Edwing Vilsaint, Andy Villion, Marc Darius, Danielle Kleiman, Maria Batista, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, and Patrick Wagner. DIPPY Liz Fitzgerald and Catherine "Siegel" Zahedi were back at the ranch and many of the Directors went to dine "outdoors" on the veranda. Christine Halloran and Paul Hoffmann were at the ranch along with Sky Pilot Kevin Powell and his bride Maureen Powell. Joan Hoffmann, our most new Board Member was in there serving lunch and won the 50-50. Diane has been making money for the club each week through her muscling sales methods. Must be working out at the gym. President Elect Janine Mahon was happy to see her daughter, Claire at the meeting. Claire is doing a fundraiser for St. Mary's Children's Hospital and is just a dedicated young woman. Here is the link for anyone who would like to participate in the fundraiser and thank you to all those who already have donated.

http://events.stmaryskids.org/site/TR/WalkforStMarys/BigHeartsWalkforStMarysKids?px=1144209&pg=personal&fr_id=1190



Rocky "the Wonder Dog"
Club mascot of the year!!

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

October 7th – Janine’s Presidential Inauguration at the Clubhouse at 12:00 PM. Using Indoor and Outdoor spaces.

October 14th – Janine’s First Board Meeting at the Clubhouse at 6:30 PM (this is a change in schedule)

October 21st – Regular Meeting at the Clubhouse – 12 noon. Indoor and Patio dining.



Race Nine: The meeting ended a bit late because we had a lot of stuff to take care of. The total of \$955 was collected in Happy Dollars, Food Money and the 50-50 collection.

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Next meeting is the Installation of New Officers with President Janine Mahon accepting the gavel for the 2020-2021 Kiwanis Year.

The Commissioner called and said he was sending over two officers to protect the President. I tried to explain Kiwanis, but he didn't want to hear it.

You really have to love this detail, guarding the PRESIDENT. Keep an eye on that gray haired guy with the green jacket, he looks like trouble to me.



***Diapers & Wipes
ALERT!!!***

***Please bring some with you
to kick off Janine's year as
El Presidente
of Ridgewood 3-2-1.***