



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

## The Triple Crown Newsletter



**RESULTS Of MEET For: October 17, 2018**

**VOLUME 2 Number 1**

**Race One:** Today's meet began with over 60 members and visitors on hand to celebrate some cool autumn weather at about 50 degrees outside! Number 2, President-Elect Gino Ancona called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag. With the delicious smell of Chinese food wafting (is that an SAT word or just a made up word) through the air, Reverend Mike Lopez said a beautiful prayer of thanks for being with a great group of people and asked everyone to remember those who are less fortunate and for the club to continue to be of service to others.

**Race Two:** As has become custom at the Club, the winner of the last meets sheriffs prize, Dina DePaola, was today's marshal and paid the price of running from person to person as Bob asked for coordinated, staggered long walks around the room approach to collecting the happy dollars and issue fines to folks for just about anything. The room was, again, set up by a very creative Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez who obviously learned yet another new letter while working around the Pre-K, the letter "M" and formed it out with the tables and chairs. Wow, even more progress. He said it stands for MOMENTUM, which is a whole lot better than mamaluke (not an SAT word and probably made up). The members continued their quest to exercise the sheriff by timing out their happy dollars from front to back and side to side.



Great fun. Dina was a great sport about it, and pointed to some contraption on her wrist and said, "they all count towards my steps, baby, so bring it on". Where else can a person get a free gym membership and have so much fun at the same time. The answer: ONLY IN RIDGEWOOD KIWANIS 3-2-1. Congrats, Dina. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 501. Thanks everyone for helping to make this another successful meet.

**Race Three:** President-Elect Gino updated the club on the up-coming events and happy dollars were flying around the room, non-stop. Linda Monte had happy dollars that we finally had vegetarian food and that Diane wasn't at the meeting, OUCH. Fr. Mike had happy dollars for Sgt. Reiman and his NCO officers, but only after Sgt. Reiman gave happy dollars for the work that Fr. Mike does with the homeless and food pantries and so much more. Tina "our, now retired, Crossing Guard" was present again and we had a guest, now a member, Ted Renz there to speak about a joint program with Wylie Goodman and the GRYC. Beverly McBeth had happy dollars for her granddaughter's birthday and that she will be a grandma yet again. Janine Mahon, Number 3 as 1<sup>st</sup> VP, had happy dollars for the Installation at Belmont and for Bob running around all day making sure things were ok, then JR got up and said that Bob wasn't the only one running around, causing Bob to give dollars for JR running around all day, too. Then Bob continued with the happy dollars for our elected officials, Bob Holden, Eric Ulrich and Antonio Reynoso who allocated their Food Pantry Initiative \$\$ to the GRYC to feed the hungry. Happy \$ were given for Mike Miller who has also given funding for Food Pantries and feeding those who need it. After announcements and the happy dollar spree, Gino invited everyone up to partake in his Chinese Food Festival with Vegetarian dishes and STEAM Chicken and Broccoli for Eric Monte (two plates & low carbs) and Bob (low carbs) with an assortment of other dishes.

**Race Four:** Madam President was unable to make the meeting today as Dave has come home and they are in the midst of making the house DAVE friendly until he heals a bit more. Dave is still receiving Physical Therapy at least twice a week and is improving with his walking and climbing stairs. Liz and Dave want everyone to know how much they appreciate the kindness that has been expressed to their family.

**Race Five:** It was announced that the final number of Charter Members enrolled in Kiwanis International and the NY District was 137. This made the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club the largest Chartered Club in New York State and one of the largest, if not the largest Chartered clubs in the United States for 2018. Kudos to everyone who joined, recruited and became a major part of this awesome accomplishment.

**Race Six:** Tom Wilk spoke to the members about the October 21<sup>st</sup> GOTT Market at the Gottscheer Hall located at 657 Fairview Avenue in Ridgewood. With School back in session, we will be sending out fliers to all of our students from PS 88, 81, 71 and IS 93 to advertise it and get it back in action. Tom said that there are close to 25 vendors and this is going to springboard us to new heights as the holiday season approaches. New GOTT Market Dates will be given at the next meet. Kathy Masi called today and will be putting together a Facebook page for on-going and future events this weekend. Kathy was waiting for the Mission Statement from Bob and she now has it and will proceed with the site. Sorry Kathy for the delay, been crazy busy for you and for us of late.

**Race Seven:** Happy dollars were given for PLG John Stahl and Margie Stahl that all 1,000 boxes were distributed for the Trick or Treat for UNICEF effort that is being co-sponsored with the GRYC. John Hennessey announced the Ridgewood Savings Bank Fall Festival this Sunday from 11 – 3 at Forest and Myrtle Avenues. It was mentioned that the Club has begun its paperwork to reactivate 10 Builders Clubs and activate 10 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. Polly Kraker gave happy dollars to speak about the Aktion Club having their Halloween Party and Haunted House here at the Summerfield Clubhouse on October 27<sup>th</sup> and they will receive Chinese food donated by Lucian Matej for their event.



Hank was heard saying, “Bob wanna punch in the face”, after Bob said, “Polly wanna a Kraker”. (Could be a new t-shirt) Nancy explained what the Aktion Club is all about and said everyone was welcome to attend and help. Lucian had happy dollars for Ted Renz’s presentation and even paid for Ted’s dues. He went on to say how instrumental Ted will be as we continue with the SAFE HAVEN program since he is so familiar with the store owners and merchants in Ridgewood. So Ted is on the SAFE HAVEN committee and it’s time for everyone to join a Committee and become even more active in projects, events, fundraisers, and sponsored youth activities. At that point, most of the attention went to the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Installation Day at Belmont Park this past Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Hank gave dollars to say that EVERYONE who attended said they had a fantastic time, until the 5<sup>th</sup> Race where a horse went down with its jockey and the horse had to be put down. Lucian said that his wife Lillian was so upset that her race track days may be over. There was a race named for Bob “Boobiekins” Pullano and a race named for Dave Fitzgerald. Dave left the rehab on Sunday and was present at the track for his “stepping out” celebration, standing to be sworn in as our Treasurer. Queens West Lt. Governor Anthony Pappas shared the install honors with DPG Joe Eppolito (all the way down from Syracuse) and DPG Joe Corace (all the way from Bensonhurst). What a fantastic day of fun and laughter, celebration and some even won money on their betting venture. Folks had the delicious smell of Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, and sausage wafting through the air and everyone went home stuffed. This was truly a day for us to celebrate our accomplishments and our potential to serve.



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**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

**October 18<sup>th</sup> – Interclub with the Maspeth Club at O’Neills**

**October 21<sup>st</sup> – Ridgewood Savings Bank Fall Festival at Myrtle and Forest Avenues @ 11:00 – 3:00**

**October 21<sup>st</sup> – GOTT Market at the Gottscheer Hall on Fairview Avenue from 12 – 6 PM**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 104<sup>th</sup> Pct Rollout for the NCO at Christ the King HS @6:00 PM**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Installation for the East River Club at Asian Fusion@ 7:30 PM**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> – Installation for the Astoria Club at Portobello’s Restaurant @ 7:00 PM**

**October 27<sup>th</sup> – AKTION Club Halloween Party at Clubhouse**

**October 29<sup>th</sup> – Queens Blvd Club Installation at Alba’s Pizzeria**

**Race Nine:** Number 2, Gino ended the meeting right on time at 1:00 by hitting the gong.



**Ridgewood 3-2-1 Officers and Board of Directors** From L-R: DPG Joe Eppolito, top of head of Ricky Wahmann, (new picture to follow) David Volcy, profile of Lucian Matej, Maricelis Romero, Secretary Hank (Polly/Nancy) Kraker, PDG Joe Corace, JR Velepec, President Liz Fitzgerald, Treasurer Dave Fitzgerald, Bob Monahan, President-Elect Gino Ancona, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Janine Mahon and Queens West Lt. Governor Anthony Pappas.



**Winners Circle Photo for Dave Fitzgerald Race**



**Winners Circle Photo for Bob "Boobiekins" Pullano Memorial Race**

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