



## The Triple Crown Newsletter

RESULTS Of MEET For: January 22, 2020

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**Race One:** The meet began with a more intimate crowd of about 60 members and guests as President Gino was on hand to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance a few minutes tardy at 12:10. There was a really nice grace said by Sky Pilot "Angel" Mike Lopez who thanked the Supreme Being for the gift of each other, service to the community and the food prepared. Bob noticed that Danielle was back in the house with the Reverend. Welcome back to the mix, Danielle.



**Race Two:** Gino opened the meet by asking if there were any guests or visitors in the corral. Notice how professional President Gino looks at the podium. Bob gave some happy dollars to introduce City Councilman Donovan Richards who, as some of you may know, is running for the open Queens Borough President's spot. Councilman Richards spoke about himself and gave a very brief overview of the new things going up and on in the Rockaways and Rosedale that are part of his District. New Library, New Community Center, New Affordable Housing and more... Hank gave some happy bucks to say that he may consider moving to the Rockaways since there will be a NEW Library and the one in Glendale has taken years and is still not finished. BTW there's also gonna be "affordable housing" for old folks like Hank and me. Tommy Torres of the Williamsburg Sports League was in the house to talk about his job at the DOE as Assistant Principal at Grand Street Campus H.S. and his advocacy and work in the Williamsburg and Bushwick areas. Tommy asked for an application and will be a very active member of our club soon. Welcome aboard. Speaking of a small world, Walter Welsh knows Tommy from their Basketball coaching. Then to show how small things can really be, P.O. Lesa Craigg gave a few bucks to introduce her new NYPD partner at the 104, PO C. Brodie. That should be the last of her Communion money. I hope that she made Confirmation, LOL. Chaching, another member from the 104. At that point, Gino made some announcements and invited the club up for our Chinese New Year Celebration with all the trimmings and Pizza. Seems that when Marco Polo, you know that famous guy from the GEICO commercial, travelled, round-trip to China from Italy, he brought back a slice for the Royal Family. . It was a feast to behold and all of that for only \$10. Can't beat that with a stick. Carlos "Papi Chulo" took care of the lunch menu and if you have any suggestions, please reach out and let Carlos know.



**Race Three:** After everyone had an opportunity to get their food, Bob asked Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal Savings to let everyone know that the Bank was becoming a CORPORATE SPONSOR and presented a check for that level of participation. Seems Bob had two best friends that day, Councilman Richards who mentioned that there was a new Community Center being completed in Rockaway and that he would consider the GRYC to operate the location AND Liran and Maspeth Federal for their commitment to service in our communities. Thanks to all who strive for excellence and make this community a great place to work and play and live. Gino then mentioned that our next meeting is February 5<sup>th</sup> and a Program is planned for that meeting. Something about Global Day of Play or something like that, but, we do that at every meeting. Fun, fun, fun.



Liran Gross presents check from Maspeth Federal Savings for Corporate Sponsorship

**Race Four:** President Elect Janine Mahon and President Gino Ancona took a few pictures for our newsletter. Thanks, otherwise this would be more boring that I can make it each meeting. Janine gave some happy dollars for an amazing gift that her Police Officer son, Brian is giving on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> the GIFT OF LIFE, as he is giving BONE MARROW to a complete stranger to save his life. Wow, it doesn't get any better than that, folks. Bob then put it in a bit of a higher perspective by talking about how his "baby" Sara donated her marrow to brother, Robert P. Monahan some 36 years ago. Miracles do happen folks and Brian is about to share one with someone in need. Monday also happens to be Janine's other sons' birthday. Yes, that's US Army Captain Colin Mahon, stationed in South Korea with his Tank Unit. Assemblyman Mike Miller's Valentine's for Veterans Drive is underway and the GRYC is a drop-off location. Please remember those who serve and have served.



**Race Five:** Members present at the meeting are in the pictures taken by President Elect Janine. There was a full contingent of NYPD Officers able to break bread today; P.O. Lesa Craigg, Brenda Hyatt, Asar Sanad, Mike Berish, Ed Collado, C. Brodie and Detective Tommy Bell. Joe the Plumber was at the meet, breaking bread with Carlos, Mary and Linda x two; Linda Manetta and Linda Monte, wait that would be Linda M squared!! Electrician Chris McDougall was really gonna try to make it, but... MIA, AGAIN. LOL Rafal Ziolkowski of Oliwa Construction had to drive his mom to Jersey as her brother is ill and we should keep him in our thoughts and prayers. Andrew Trumbetti and Craig Hubmeier from Cross County Savings Bank joined fellow bankers John Hennessey from Ridgewood Savings and Alex Lagombra and Jayne Wadhawan from Valley National and, let's not forget our OLD/NEW Corporate member sponsor, Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal Savings. Liran also raised \$20 additional for the club as he had a raffle for Hockey Tickets. Heavy wood in the house. It should also be mentioned that Mia Carla Rodriguez from Investors Bank came to the Board Meeting and is becoming a Business Sponsor.



**Race Six:** A fantastic representation of GRYC Directors and staff came to enjoy the meal. I hope that I don't forget anyone. Ricky Wahmann, Aidan Leavens, Dina DePaola, David Volcy, Ariel Triunfel, Maricelis Romero, Mark Darius, Felice McClary, Jacklyn Hogan, Sabrina Sierra, Jennifer Lamberty, DIPPY Liz Fitzgerald, Raquel Chin, Carmen Resto, Paul Hoffmann, Danielle Kleiman, Maria Batista, Christine Halloran, Oscar Luna, Michele Woerner, Irene Pina, Maureen Powell, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, Mary Benitez, Linda Manetta, Xiomara Pina, Walter Welsh, Kevin Goodish and Diane Cusimano. Diane had a nice conversation with Councilman Richards and gave input about improving things throughout Queens. Then she brought him a plate of broccoli and some Keto stuff.



**Race Seven:** AnnMarie Dolphin back at the ranch and word out that our member, former City Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley will be joining us at our next meeting. Elizabeth is also a candidate for Queens Borough President and was been extremely generous to the GRYC in her many years as a City Councilwoman. Serf heard that you can be a dual member of two clubs and asked to become a member of Ridgewood. Serf is a long time member of the Glendale Club and is still incredibly active in our communities. Michael Addeo from Ridgewood Office Products stuck at a meeting and Bernie and Ann Zablocki, BettyAnn Monahan, Kenny Dunn, Master Beekeeper Tom "DPM" Wilk (save me dumplings), all had other appointments and duties to attend to. Buffalo Bill Rennison was an absolutely magnificent Sheriff and next meeting Jennifer Lamberty will be up to the task. Linda Monte, Kevin Powell with wife Maureen, Fr. Mike Lopez with Danielle, Jimmy Canade (guest of JR Velepec), Hank "Hop-a-long" Kraker and Henrietta Maier kept their attendance streak going, while Tina Forte, Luciano Saladino and Hilda Coll Valentin were unable to attend. Meeting after meeting, we continue to have an active and awesome diverse group of folks having fun doing community service.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Next Board Meeting at the Clubhouse @ 6:30 PM, all members invited to attend**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> - Regular Meeting of the 3-2-1 Club at 12 noon in the Clubhouse. Principal Day and Global Day of Play**

**February 19<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting of the 3-2-1 Club at 12 noon in the Clubhouse. DCA Free Tax Prep Information**

**The Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 Webpage is up. Check it out by clicking on the link below. If you have any pictures or stuff to use to update the site, please send it to me.**

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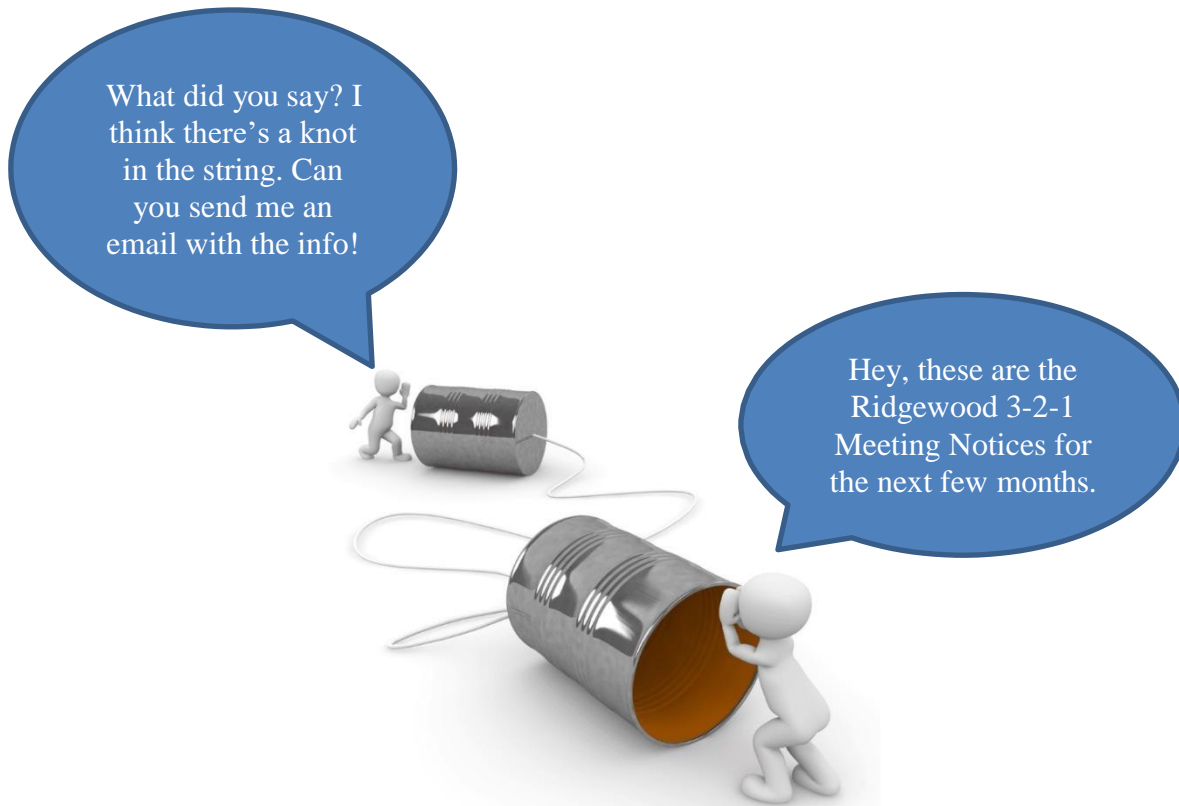
**Race Nine:** The meeting ended right on time and a small committee stayed to discuss Food costs and payments at meetings. More information to follow. The total of the Happy Dollars and Food Money collected was \$800. Super Bowl Grid made \$300 for the Club.

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**Meeting Notices for February, March, April, May & June 2020**



**February 5<sup>th</sup> – Global Day of Play/Street Games**

**February 19<sup>th</sup> – Girl Scout Presentation**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> – Mid Winter Conference Report**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Celebration/Feasts**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – April's Fools Celebration**

**April 15<sup>th</sup> – English Day & Belated Easter Egg Hunt**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kentucky Derby Day at the Ranch**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> – German Day/Maypole Day Presentation**

**May 20<sup>th</sup> – Honor Our Veterans Meeting**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Remembrance at Fairview**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ready for Summer Barbecue**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> – Triple Crown Festival Day/ Belmont Stakes**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> – Summer Solstice Day Celebration**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> – Happy Birthday America Barbecue**