

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ GRYC Clubhouse, 59-03 Summerfield Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385

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The Triple Crown Newsletter



RESULTS OF MEET FOR: November 1, 2023

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Race One: This was an off week for our Club as we recovered from our Halloween Parties and partnerships. President Danielle Kleiman clapped the gong at 12:15 PM to call the meeting to order by asking those in attendance to rise for the Pledge to our Flag. After the Pledge, Danielle asked Bob Monahan to offer a blessing. Bob read a nondenominational blessing that he borrowed from another service organization and it was well received by those present. It will be attached later in the newsletter.



Race Two: The food was on time so Danielle had everyone come up to get their lunch. It was going to be a Cereal Day but was changed at the last minute to our business sponsor, GRACE PIZZA. We had trays of Penne ala Vodka and Penne with Broccoli, Garlic and Oil. Add to that, we had multiple Pizzas. YES, you guessed it, we had plenty left over because of the smaller crowd and that made NYPD's TD33 and the 104th Precinct HAPPY. After everyone loaded up their plates, we had a chance to do some introductions. Joining us today was Captain Greg Mackey from Transit Division 33, Community Affairs Officer Mike Berish and President of the 104th Precinct Community Council Jon Kablack. Each had a chance to introduce themselves and give some Happy Dollars for being at the Clubhouse. Always welcome in our home and it was nice to get a call from our member P.O. Dilsia Bonilla, who was holding down the fort at the 104 office, to say thanks for thinking about our partners. Inspector Coleman was on his way to the meeting when he was called to a scene within the 104, so he sent his apologies.

OK, I got here a few minutes late, the food is RIGHT THERE and I have to wait until Bob stops yapping. NOT FAIR, I tell you, NOT FAIR!



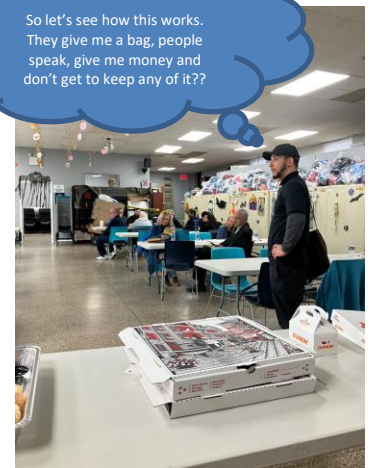
It's always great to come to this meeting. I get to see friends, relax, laugh, not have my tie cut and take food back to my troops. Havin fun at 321.



I have happy dollars to be a member of this club and a partner with the GRYC. THE GREAT OZ HAS SPOKEN!



So let's see how this works. They give me a bag, people speak, give me money and don't get to keep any of it??



Race Three: There may have been a small crowd, but they had plenty to say. Linda Monte was at the ranch and her Girl Scouts are doing a Veteran's Day Project and connecting with Jayne Wadhawan to get it done. That is the absolute power of the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club, partnerships and working together to make amazing things happen. Chris Jardin gave some heavy bucks to say that he was very excited to be making TWO MEETINGS IN A ROW. Chris is from City Island and travels a bit to get to us, BUT, he is ALWAYS in our pools and fundraisers. Thanks Chris and we love when you are at our meetings. Henrietta Maier was with us and gave some happy dollars to ask how our member Bernie Zablocki, who is a bit under the weather, was doing. Bob said that Bernie was home, recovering and getting stronger. As I am writing this newsletter a few days after the meeting, Bob, BettyAnn and Bernie went up to Hyde Park for a drive and lunch. Here's a picture of "Beef Cheeks" Bernie having lunch at the Culinary Institute of America. He had a pasta with beef cheeks (whatever the heck that is) and enjoyed every morsel. It was stated that as soon as Bernie is up to coming to the Club, we will have another DESSERT DAY in his honor. Maybe we can throw in the Cannoli Contest on that same day. YUM, YUM.



Race Four: Friends are nice to have, nice to share with and are our most precious gifts. Speaking of friends and gifts, our buddy NYPD Chief Scott Shanley had his walkout after 37 years of service to NYC. Chief Shanley was charged with creating the Counterterrorism Unit of the NYPD's Critical Response Command and has kept our City safe for many, many years. Let's not forget that he was the Commanding Officer as our Captain of the 104th Precinct many years ago. Congratulations to our friend and partner.



Race Five: Joining us for the meeting were Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez, Henrietta Maier, Jayne Wadhawan, Mary Benitez, Jon Kablack, Mike Berish, Greg Mackey, Dina DePaola (without her light saber), Xiomara Pina, Joan Hoffmann, Shiv Ramsamooj, Paul Hoffmann, John Hennessey, Linda Monte, Chris Jardin, BettyAnn Monahan, Bob Monahan, President Danielle Kleiman, Joseph Then, and then, pun intended, Joseph Carbonell and Clark McKinney stopped by to finish up the food. And think about this, DPP Janine Mahon, DPP Liz Fitzgerald, DIPPY Bill Rennison, DPP Maricelis Romero, DPP Hank Kraker, DPP Dave Fitzgerald, Diane Cusimano, Bernie Zablocki, Joe Florio, SDPLG Mike Miller, Michael Addeo, JR Velepec and another 5-6 members were all busy with other work, doctor things or out of town, otherwise we have over 90% of our members in attendance and not just 50%. Now let's go for more at our next meeting on November 15th and our Turkey Shoot this Friday, November 10th.

What time is it?

It's time to serve!!

Race Six: The Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club is hosting the next Queens West Division Meeting on Monday, November 20th at our Clubhouse. It would be nice to have a great representation of our members at this meeting. Prior to that meeting, Lt. Governor Janice Bar is trying to have our second meeting of the Division Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at 6:00 PM in the Ridgewood Clubhouse at 59-03 Summerfield St. All are welcome and this Committee will include members from the Queens West Division and will continue to explore ways to encourage and bring the DEI concept into ALL of our club service projects and meetings.

Race Seven: Ridgewood 3-2-1 is back on track with over 60 members and friends in attendance at our German Day and over 50% of our members at this past meeting. I failed to mention; Tracy “Mamaluke” Rodriguez, Linda Manetta, Fr. Kevin and Maureen Powell, Cat Siegel, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk and DPLG John Stahl and DPP Margie Stahl. They always contributed to the success of this amazing Club events and Service Projects. We also heard about Turkey Shoot scheduled for Friday, November 10th at the Clubhouse. We have a lot of stuff for the rounds and it promises to be a phenomenal and FUN Event. As mentioned, it is right before Thanksgiving, so we will also be giving out Gift Cards for Turkeys and all of the sides to create a delicious home cooked meal. We SOLD OUT our \$20 Grid Box and have already made \$2,000 for our Community Service Fund. **PLEASE PAY FOR YOUR BOXES ASAP.** We are hopeful that we can DOUBLE that figure when all is said and done. Working **TOGETHER** always works **BETTER**.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- **November 10th – Turkey Shoot at the Clubhouse starting at 7:00 PM**
- **November 15th – Board of Directors Meeting in Clubhouse at 4:30 PM**
- **November 18th – AKTION Club Thanksgiving Day Celebration 12 – 2:30 PM**
- **November 20th – Division Meeting for the DEI Committee at 6:00 PM in Clubhouse**
- **November 20th – Division Meeting for All Clubs at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse**



Race Nine: Danielle closed the meeting at 1:00 PM. There was \$375 for Happy Dollars and Food Money. It was a good day!!!

Passion ✦ Respect ✦ Inclusion ✦ Diversity ✦ Equity

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What make you think that we will have over 50 members and friends at the Turkey Shoot on Friday night?



How did you know that NO Kiwanis "Leaders" would show an interest in working together to stop the bleed of losing members in our District and International?

My gift from **Bill Rennison**
Distinguished Immediate Past President of the Year
DIPPY

Abraham Lincoln said it best when he used this Biblical verse,

"A House divided against itself, cannot stand..."

The infighting, the mean spiritedness, the self-serving culture that is becoming too prevalent in our SERVICE Organization, needs to be examined and called to task with accountability.

And that my friends is the purpose and goal of the Queens West Division Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

Look carefully at each of the images below and ask yourself, "could this be the state of Kiwanis in a few years"? I once used the picture on the left to make a card for members who missed a few meetings in a row. On the outside it said, "Haven't seen you at a meeting in a while". The inside said, "Car Troubles?"

This month I will celebrate 40 years as a Kiwanian and I'm running out of gas!



Editor's Page

Change.

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing themselves." - Leo Tolstoy

Everything begins with a belief. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Life consists of what a person is thinking about all day." Along those lines, **what we think determines who we are.** And who we are determines what we do.

People who go to the top **think differently** than others. Said differently, small thinking is self-limiting. It holds you back from achieving great things. On the other hand, **nothing expands possibilities like unleashed thinking.**

The good news: **We can change the way we think.**

Believe it or not, the #1 challenge to making personal changes is **your feelings.** And you can control your feelings by controlling your thoughts. In other words, you can control your thoughts, and your feelings come from your thoughts.

Unfortunately, because few people control their thinking, **they fail to control their lives.**

How can you change your thoughts?

- Think **big picture.** This allows you to see beyond yourself.
- Think **focused.** This allows you to remove distractions.
- Think **creatively.** This allows you to get out of your box of limitations.
- Think **realistically.** This allows you to have a foundation for change.
- Think **strategically.** This allows you to have a plan for change.
- Think **possibilities.** This allows you to look for and receive the best.
- Think **reflectively.** This allows you to gain a true perspective of yourself.

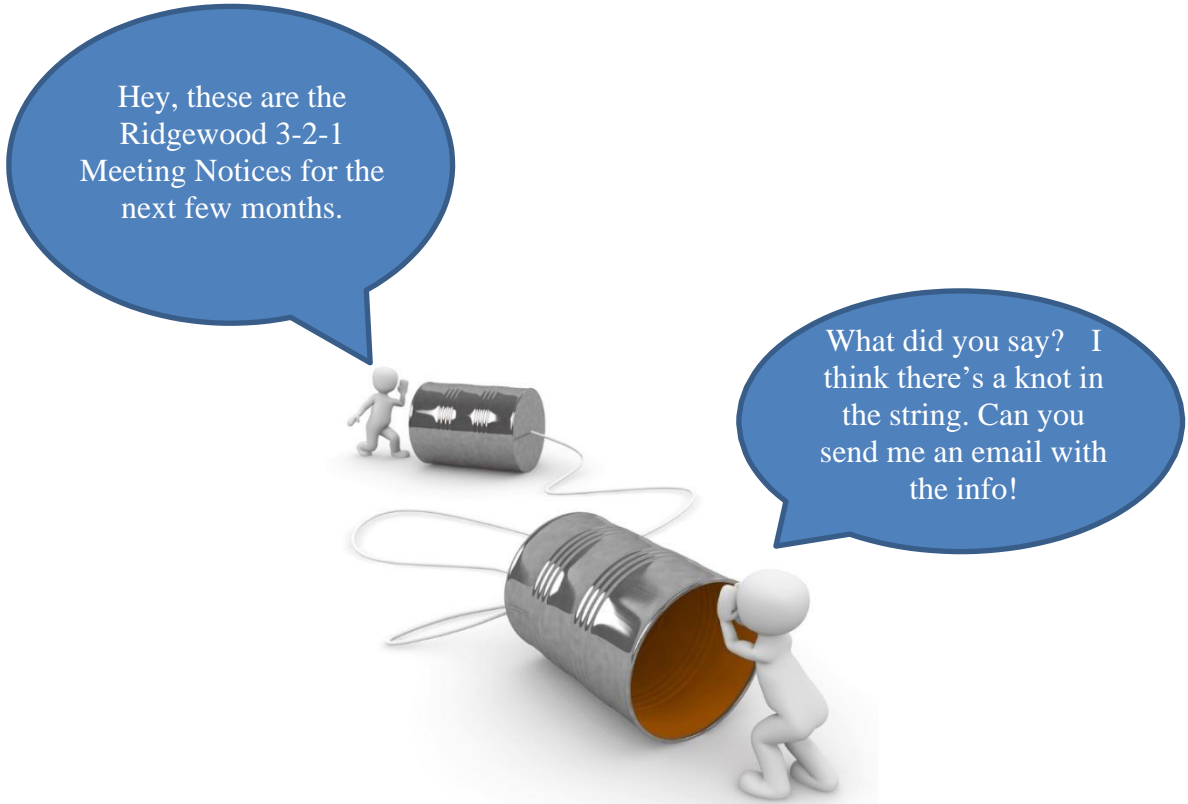
Think **responsibly.** This allows you to live with accountability for your actions and to make others accountable for their actions.

Long story short, what we think informs what we believe, for belief is a byproduct of what we've thought about long enough and decided to buy into. Our beliefs inform our expectations, which impact our attitude. Attitude to behavior, behavior to performance, and changing your performance changes your life.

If you followed along there, you see that everything is traced back to our thoughts.

To Your Change,

But remember, ***change isn't the same thing as progress.***



Hey, these are the
Ridgewood 3-2-1
Meeting Notices for the
next few months.

What did you say? I
think there's a knot in
the string. Can you
send me an email with
the info!

November 15th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board Meeting @ 4:30 PM
November 15th – Thanksgiving Celebration @ 5:30 PM
December 6th – Toy Drive Collection Day @ 12:00 PM
December 20th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board Meeting @ 4:30 PM
December 20th – Holiday Celebration & Grab Bag Day @ 5:30 PM

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January 3rd – New Year's Resolution Day
January 17th – Principal's Day & MLK Celebration Day
January 24th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM
February 7th – Valentine's and BFF Celebration Day
February 21st – President's Celebration Day
March 6th – Corporate Sponsor/Business Sponsor Day
March 20th – St. Patrick's / St. Joseph's Day Celebration
March 20th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Upcoming Events

Ridgewood 3-2-1



TURKEY SHOOT

LET'S CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS!

A whole night filled with Raffles, Prizes, and Fun!

November 10, 2023 7:00 PM
59-03 Summerfield Street
Ridgewood, NY 11385

**\$10.00 ENTRY PER PERSON
INCLUDES FOOD, SODA, AND DOOR PRIZE TICKET!**

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VENMO
RIDGEWOOD KIWANIS OR CONTACT
HANK KRAKER AT 718-866-5471**



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CHOICE OF BEVERAGE**

NO DOGGIE BAGS PLEASE

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Merit Financial Partners/Michael Falco, Esq. 69-64 Grand Ave, Maspeth, NY

OR AT THE DOOR

ADULTS: \$5.00

SENIOR CITIZENS \$3.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

SUNDAY,

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023

8:00 A.M. - 12 NOON

MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL

60-02 MASPETH AVENUE, MASPETH, NY

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MASPETH



KIWANIS CLUB CORONA-EAST ELMHURST

Cordially invite you too there

*Installation of New Officers
2023-2024*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Buccaneer Diner
93-07 Astoria Blvd.
East Elmhurst, NY 11369

Donation: \$40 per person

For RSVP call Steve 917-365-0723 or Angela: 917-445-4330

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Kiwanis of Woodside Holiday Auction



Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 7 p.m.

Donovan's Pub, 57-24 Roosevelt Avenue, Woodside, NY 11377



This is a fun evening.... Bring a friend, enjoy dinner, and bid on our holiday items.

If you are able to donate items to the auction, please bring them.

Contact Karen at 917-710-7920 for more information.

Funds raised help to send a Woodside child to Kamp Kiwanis in upstate New York over the summer. Kamp Kiwanis provides fun, physical exercise and adventure and strives to afford opportunities to participate in a creative outdoor group experience in a democratic setting and develop characteristics of leadership and fair play.



QUEENS BOULEVARD KIWANIS CLUB

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 18, 2023 - 1 pm



MANOR OKTOBERFEST
73-11 Yellowstone Boulevard
Forest Hills, New York 11375

Sit down luncheon ** soda ** water ** coffee – tea ** dessert

BASKETS

DOOR PRIZES

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Donation: \$55 per person Payable in advance by November 6, 2023 – send checks to:

Janet Harmeyer 83-20 141 Street - Apt 2N Briarwood, New York 11435

Blessing for the meeting, borrowed from the Rotary Club.

As we gather here today as members of Kiwanis, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community. Keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence. Let us continue to strive to make a better world. Amen.