

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

THE TRIPLE CROWN NEWSLETTER

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ GRYC Clubhouse at NOON, 59-03 Summerfield Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385
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Race One: Today we celebrated our March Madness Day and we had THIRTY FIVE (35) members and friends in attendance. It was a great lunchtime meeting as President Bob hit the gong at 12:10 PM and asked all present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, followed with a beautiful grace given by Father Kevin Powell, our Sky Pilot. Fr. Kevin thanked the Club for the honor of giving a heartfelt and awesome reflection of our blessings for the service that we do as Kiwanians. Bob then welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited those present to dig in and start to eat their \$10 meal. On the menu was PIZZA: Two (2) Grandma Pies; Two (2) Sicilian Pies and Four (4) Regular Large Pies from our partner Richie at Grace Pizza and it was delicious, as always. Thanks Rich for always being there for us. What a great partnership!!



Race Two: Our Club, once again, welcomed as our guests, Super Distinguished Immediate Past Lt. Governor Janice Bar; DPG Joe Corace and our Past Presidents: DPP Liz Fitzgerald, DPP (3x's) Gino Ancona, DPP Janine Mahon, DPP Bill Rennison and our DIPPY Danielle Kleiman was back from vacationing in Ireland. Danielle was then awarded her Distinguished Kiwanian Award and Pin, along with her patches for Distinguished Club, Secretary and President, and add to that the Governor's Project Award Patch and more. TEN Achievement Awards with PRIDE.



Race Three: St. Joseph's Day is coming and that will be off the charts phenomenal, thanks to Corporate Sponsor Michael Addeo and his Sicilian Godmother, President Elect Diane Cusimano. Chief of Staff, Gino Ancona went ALL OUT with the tablecloths & room décor for our March Madness Basketball celebration. To say that there was a sporty atmosphere doesn't do justice to his House Committee's work to make this all happen. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the Clubhouse a warm and welcoming place for our members and partners and the BASKETBALLS were a nice touch. Yes, you guessed it, the Club donated the B-Balls to George Silkes for his Special Needs Victory Games. That was, AFTER, Papi Chulo Rodriguez had loaded his van with items prior to the start of the meeting. Smooth as Silkes!!



(Truth be told, I borrowed this from Past International President Tom DeJulio)

Kiwanis Is Wherever A Need Is Served

Race Four: There were lots of stories and happy dollars flying around the room and we had DPP Bill Rennison as our Sheriff. Some of the GRYC and Business partners were at the meeting to enjoy their afternoon; Paul Hoffmann, Shiv Ramsamooj, Tracy Rodriguez, Carlos “Papi Chulo” Rodriguez, Joseph Then, Cat Siegel, DPG Joe Corace, DPP George Silkes, DPP Liz Fitzgerald, DPP Janine Mahon, DPP Gino Ancona, DPP Bob Monahan, Jayne Wadhawan, Dina DePaola, Sabrina Sierra, Henrietta Maier, Joan Hoffmann, Mary Benitez, Mary Miller, Xiomara Pina, Alan Bellone, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk, President Elect Diane Cusimano, Queens West SDIPLG Janice Bar, DPP Gino Ancona, Dermot Smythe, Alyssa Verrelli (his campaign manager, John Hennessey from our Corporate Sponsor Ridgewood Savings Bank, Fr. Kevin Powell, Maureen Powell, Father Mike Lopez, Jon Kablack and DPP Bob Monahan. FUN and LAUGHTER all around and happy dollars kept rolling. All together, we had 35 folks there to enjoy the food, fun and frivolity. It doesn’t get much better than that, and Ridgewood is one club that continues to pack the house and all for a \$10 fanny kicking meal.



Race Five: After everyone had enjoyed their meal, we had DPG Joe Corace, give some dollars to praise the Ridgewood 3-2-1 and PRIDE Clubs for their support of the KPTC, many times going under the radar. Joe mentioned our participation with Ronald House, their Nine and Dine Golf Outing, BINGO and so much more. Thanks, Governor Joe, for your vote of confidence in our Service Projects. Bob then had City Council Candidates, Dermot Smythe and Fr. Mike Lopez offer up some Happy Dollars and say a few words. Fr. Mike mentioned that he is a Charter Member of 3-2-1 and Dermot was donning his IRISH hat. He promised to come back on 3/19 for our St. Pat’s and St. Joe’s celebration.



Race Six: Happy Dollars were raised by President Elect Diane Cusimano and she let everyone know that she will be wearing a Nun’s Habit at some time during her administration. Out of nowhere, a picture appeared with Diane in her dream outfit. Apparently, while attending St. Michael’s Academy for HS, Diane had an incident with her School Uniform and she had to wear a nun’s outfit for a few hours until her uniformed was dry cleaned. She let the club know that she will be “coming out” as SISTER Diane in the Order of the Sisters of the Magnificat. They have a Convent in Brooklyn and might attend our next meeting. We could easily do a Whip Around for some Stop N Shop Gift Cards for the good Sisters.



Race Seven: Partnerships at the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club are critically important to our success. Jayne Wadhawan mentioned that she is also a Rotary Member and that they will be having a Bowling event and the flyer is attached. The funds from this event will benefit Homeless Vets and we immediately donated 24 coats and backpacks to her partner organization. The remaining coats will be distributed by Fr. Mike's Hungry Monk Ministry. How cool is that?! Do you know what else is really cool; during COVID, the Hungry Monk was the lifeline for thousands of community residents with food distributions, homeless services, soup kitchens and more. All without thoughts of getting COVID themselves. And this was at its' earliest stages and pre-vaccines. Kudos!! We have 10 Corporate Sponsors who infuse a lot of money into our Service Fund and then we have our COMMUNITY Partnerships like the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council, the NYPD, the NY Racing Chaplaincy, the Backstretch, Queens West Pride, Hungry Monk Ministries and Ronald McDonald House/KPTC. These mutual collaborations make a massive difference to each organization and if that's not a partnership, I'd like to know what is!!



Partnership: working together for the good of the communities that we serve. This is the CULTURE of the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club and its members.

For the CAUSE and not the APPLAUSE!!

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- **March 15th – AKTION Club Meeting from Noon to 2:00 in the Clubhouse**
- **March 19th – St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's Celebration at Noon in the Clubhouse**
- **March 26th – Board Meeting at 5:00 PM in the Clubhouse**

Race Nine: This is the time to make all necessary arrangements to get to the NEXT 3-2-1 meeting on Wednesday, March 19th. Stop with the excuses and make it happen.

ALWAYS HAVING FUN AT 3-2-1 !

Passion + Respect + Inclusion + Diversity + Equity

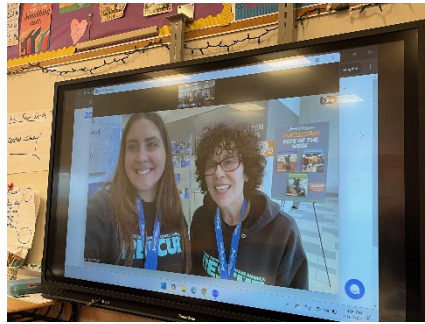
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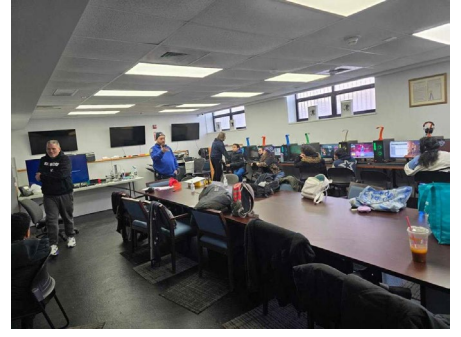
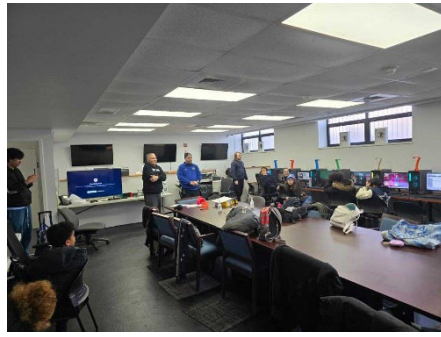
Thanks to Distinguished Past International President Tom DeJulio and First Lady, Dr. Rosemary DeJulio for introducing the 3-2-1 Club and its partner the GRYC, to Nick Katsoris who heads up the Loukoumi Good Deed Foundation. The Builders Club at IS 77 has been working with Nick for the past couple of years and they are doing amazing work. Great visit last week as representatives from the North Shore Animal League spoke with the students about pet adoption and animal shelters in anticipation for our visit to Animal Care Centers of NYC on March 29. After the presentation the Builders Club members engaged in making handmade dog toys for the shelter from Loukoumi t-shirts, and they also went through the shelter's Amazon wish list and the students selected what they wanted to purchase with the North Shore's \$500 grant. Partnerships at their Best in the West!!



DPG Joe Corace was joined by a few Kiwanians at the Long Island Ronald McDonald House to offer a delicious meal and to distribute the KPTC Teddy Bears donated by the Ridgewood 3-2-1 and PRIDE Clubs. The Teddy Bears were a fundraiser for KPTC and the 3-2-1 Club donated \$2,500 to purchase 25 cases of bears to be distributed to children at RMH, Homeless Shelters and other locations of need.

What time is it...

...It's time to Serve!



Cops and Kids going at it at the GRYC Gaming Lab during the school break. The NYPD has an e-Sports Team that loves to compete with the youth participants. This program is funded by the Queens DA's Office and is building Bridges and breaking down barriers in the NYPD PBQN Precincts.



Father Kevin Powell, our Sky Pilot was up from Florida with Maureen and dispensed some Ashes after our meet. DPG Joe Corace had a lot to say and thanked the 3-2-1 Club for all their support with KPTC and Ronald House. DPP's Gino Ancona and Danielle Kleiman took care of the door and door prizes. Another DPP Bill Rennison stepped up and did the honors of Sheriff for the meeting. Lots of fun at the 3-2-1



Oh Lord,
show us
your mercy

Wasn't there a
song back in the
day, SILENCE is
GOLDEN?



Sisters in the Hood



NO Vow of Silence here!

Is there an order with a vow of Silence?



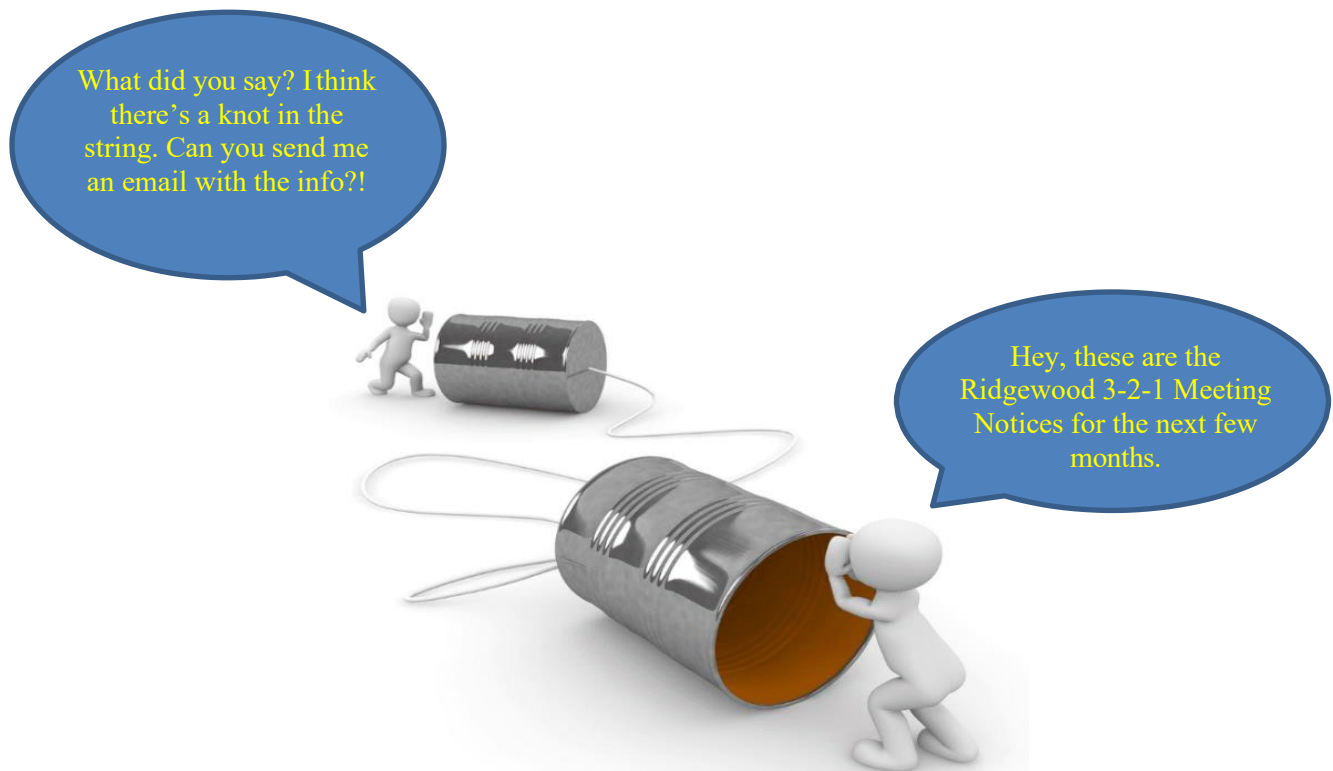
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us (this) sinner(s)!
(You decide witch)



Sister Diane is ready to pray for the poor souls of Glendale. It seems that she met a Sister at Stop N Shop and that is a selfie of the two of them at the supermarket on Myrtle Avenue. They instantly hit it off and had a beautiful conversation. As Sister Diane was sharing her story, off to the side of the room, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk could be heard uttering, "I wonder if there is an order of nuns that take a vow of 'silence'" and the place went hysterical.

The Ridgewood 3-2-1 and PRIDE Clubs practice Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as part of their Kiwanis Culture. In that SPIRIT, here's to SISTERHOOD, and holy smoke, that sister is from the hood!

Ridgewood 3-2-1 Meetings January, February & March 2025



January 8th – Law Enforcement Appreciation Day @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 PM

January 18th – AKTION Club Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 to 2:00 PM

January 22nd – Corporate Sponsor Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 PM

January 29th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 PM

February 5th – Heart Health/Valentine's for Vets Day at Clubhouse – 12:00 PM

February 15th – AKTION Club Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 to 2:00 PM

February 19th – Past President's Day for 3-2-1 Club @ Clubhouse – 12:00 PM

February 26th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 PM

March 5th – March Madness Day Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 PM

March 15th – AKTION Club Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 PM

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RACE ONE: *We have some great news!! This year our 3-2-1 member, Claire Mahon has been named an Honoree for the Annual St. Mary's Kids Walk-a-Thon. How amazing, to have Claire recognized for her hard work and dedication to the Children at St. Mary's Hospital. The Big Hearts Walk for St. Mary's Kids will take place at **Crocheron Park on Sunday, May 18th at 10 AM** (please arrive early to allow time for parking and check-in). It would be wonderful if we, as a Club, supported this great event and celebrated with Claire, DPP Janine, Brian and Colin on this special day. It just so happens that Claire is putting together a team to walk on May 18th and you can join that team to walk and/or sponsor Claire and her team efforts. I have attached the link for you to become a part of this amazing SERVICE Project. Remember to tell everyone why you are walking and raising funds - to improve the health and quality of life for children with special needs right here in the metro New York area.*

https://secure3.convio.net/smhc/site/TR/WalkforStMarys/BigHeartsWalkforStMarysKids?team_id=3870&pg=team&fr_id=1270



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