



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

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 12 Noon @ GRYC Clubhouse, 59-03 Summerfield Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385



## The Triple Crown Newsletter

**RESULTS OF MEET For: September 2, 2020**

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**Race One:** Another scheduled meet that went off without a hitch. Over 40 members were on hand to socially distance themselves from other members as Gino opened his next to last regular meeting with a clap of the gong. Everyone rose from their chairs and recited the Pledge to the Flag. As we were able to use the large indoor room, Carlos “Papi Chulo” Rodriguez did not have to hold 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. Thanks Carlos, Jason, Joseph and the rest of the members for setting up the room for social distancing. Kenny Dunn was in his usual seat and said that he wasn’t going to miss out on our Grace Pizza and Rolls lunch, individually packaged for safety reasons. Governor Joe Ruggiero was in the house and gave a “SHORT” presentation, as he described it, and the members waited to have their lunch. Did I tell you that cold pizza is a delicacy, someplace on this planet. Only kidding, very encouraging talk and Joe helped to reel in another new member. Bernie Zablocki found a way to beat Kenny to the front of the line. Pictures don’t lie, Bernie beat both Kenny and Tom Wilk to the food table. 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 for the third meeting in a row, PO Mike Berish had happy dollars for the Ridgewood 3-2-1 and GRYC partnership in the 104 Precinct’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Backpack Giveaway held the day before our gathering. Along with Mike to celebrate our partnership were Deputy Inspector Victoria Perry, P.O. Asar Sanad, P.O. “G” Goldbourne, NCO’s Pat Nessler and Maria Santos. Not to be outdone, DI Perry had happy dollars for this amazing partnership and how all of the kids had a phenomenal time at the event. There is a whole page of pictures at the end of this newsletter to highlight the event. NYS Senator Joe Addabbo, NYC Councilman Bob Holden and soon to be NYS Assemblywoman and member Jenifer Rajkumar were all part of the festivities. Over 250 backpacks were given away, filled with school supplies. Masks were encouraged and worn by mostly ALL of the families and officers. Our Corporate member, Liran Gross was at the event and donated items from Maspeth Federal Savings Bank to give away. Gino came just in time to be in the photo op and was in awe of the tremendous response from the community. Another feather in that big cap, congratulations, Prez.



**Race Four:** Happy Dollars continued as Bob welcomed Potential New Member Pastor Emanuel Grozea who attended a meeting to revitalize the Fresh Pond Road Chamber of Commerce and was asked to consider Ridgewood 3-2-1 and he showed up at the meet. Emanuel is pictured speaking with Governor Joe after the meeting and took an application. Had a great time and looks like a winner. Liran Gross and Michael Addeo are working very hard to make this FPR Chamber a reality, once again. Member Mike Romer from Force Fitness was also in attendance and gets a credit. Gino then introduced NEW members; Josiah Vera, Raquel Chin, Joseph Then, Jason Demoloitz 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:** Blessing Bags were Gino's Major Emphasis and what an unbelievable job he did. Over 1,500 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 35,000 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.



**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 and Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk. 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 23 in a row. Good try, Chris and thanks for participating in the Kentucky Derby Pool. Joe "The Rooster" Florio, better known as Joe the Plumber got stuck at, yet another job site but will try to make the next meet. 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 in the Kentucky Derby Pool where his horse scratched at the paddock area. Unbelievably bad luck, maybe in the Preakness, buddy.



**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 event and relaxed looking after taking a vacation break. Hey wait a second, Catherine got married and added a name to her resume. Christine Halloran and Paul Hoffmann were at the ranch along with Sky Pilot Kevin Powell and his bride Maureen Powell. Joan Hoffmann was dining in with our new kids on the block; Josiah Vera, Joseph Then and Bryana Winkleman. And who would ever forget Principal Indiana Soto of PS 71 back after a hectic and uncertain summer of planning for school. Thanks for taking the time to break pizza with us. Thanks to Diane for doing a 50-50 and adding more fun to the meeting. For some reason, I can’t remember... wait it’s coming to me, OH YES, it was new member Raquel Chin who won half the money, and was she ever happy to win twice in a day. Come on, one to be a member and two to win money.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – Next Board of Directors Meeting at the Clubhouse, 6:30 PM**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Gino’s Last Regular Meeting and exchange of the gavel to Janine.**

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

**October 12<sup>th</sup> – Janine’s First Board Meeting at the Clubhouse at 6:30 PM**

**Race Nine:** The meeting ended right on time. The total of \$525 was collected in Happy Dollars, Food Money and the 50-50 collection.

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ORDER OF FINISH		LENGTHS BEHIND
1	18 AUTHENTIC	
2	17 TIZ THE LAW	1 1/4
3	9 MR. BIG NEWS	3 1/4
4	16 HONOR A. P.	5
5	2 MAX PLAYER	7
6	4 STORM THE COURT	9
7	3 ENFORCEABLE	10 1/4
8	15 NY TRAFFIC	13 1/4
9	11 NECKER ISLAND	14 1/4
10	5 MAJOR FED	15 1/4
11	12 SOLE VOLANTE	16 1/4
12	14 WINNING IMPRESSION	21 1/2
13	7 MONEY MOVES	22 1/4
14	13 ATTACHMENT RATE	24
15	8 SOUTH BEND	25 1/4
16	1 FINNICK THE FIERCE	SCR
17	6 KING GUILLERMO	SCR
18	10 THOUSAND WORDS	SCR

#KYDERBY PAYOUTS WIN: 18 \*X AUTHENTIC \$18.80 \$6.00



*The Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club had a Kentucky Derby Pool that netted the Club over \$1,000 and gave away an equal amount. Lots of winners and lots more fun making money for the community fund. Thanks to all.*

*Last meeting the GRYC and Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club offered members a variety of different modes of transportation to get to the meetings. Three members took us up on the offer and parked them in the lot, making it too crowded to hold the meeting there.*

*Sean Reynolds, grandson of Bob and BettyAnn Monahan and son of Marybeth Reynolds (member) is out to catch some fish just like Papa is out to reel in some members for Ridgewood 3-2-1.*

**Enjoy the Picture Catalogue of what we had going on during the pandemic and recent events...**



**What can you say about Community Partnerships and their benefit to the families within the NYPD 104<sup>th</sup> Precinct? You say, "Awesome job Deputy Inspector Victoria Perry and the fine men and women in your Command. Over 240 Backpacks, filled with lots of School supplies, given away to neighborhood children.**

**Thanks to Len Santoro and the 104<sup>th</sup> Community Council, All of the NYPD officers and staff of the 104<sup>th</sup> Precinct, our Elected Officials, Dominick's Hot Dog Truck, the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council and most especially, the Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood, NY 3-2-1 for their generous donations in making this happen.**

Looking at the picture, you would think that DI Perry is beating the youth UP the rock climbing wall. Unfortunately they were on their way DOWN, guess who won!! Nice try Commander.



***The Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club is at half capacity at the Clubhouse for social distancing purposes. Meeting were always averaging about 70 members and now we are at 40. Things will get better, we will beat this nasty virus and life will go on in our new normal. Governor Joe gave his pitch for membership and District Committees, but only shared half of his life's story. Thanks Joe for a great year under extreme conditions.***

