



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

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Race One: The meet began with a Standing Room Only attendance of about 80 members and guests as President Gino was on hand to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at exactly 12:00 noon. There was a really nice grace said by Sky Pilot Kevin Powell who thanked the Supreme Being for all of the gifts and grace we have at this Christmas Holyday Season. Thanks Kevin for the beautiful words.

Race Two: Gino opened with some announcements. He mentioned that our next two meetings in January will be on the 8th and the 22nd because New Year's Day is on the first Wednesday of the month. The lunch was catered from Zum Stammtisch on Myrtle and speaking of that location, Luciano Saladino from Italviaggi Travel came to join us on this glorious day. He had a fantastic time and promised to be back for more fun and pleasantries. Gino mentioned about the Aktion Club Party hosted at the Clubhouse that was co-sponsored by the Glendale Kiwanis Club and the Ridgewood 3-2-1. The members had a great time, eating up a storm and receiving gifts and hearing Kenny Voisin playing the keyboard and having some of the members performing Christmas songs. Glendale President Gary Milau and LTG Debbie Kueber and DPLG Bob Kueber joined in the festivities. Photos show that George Schwille was also in attendance and helping out. Let's not forget Assemblyman Mike Miller came to chat with the members of the Aktion Club and share in the party. Santa (AKA Joe Aiello) was also there to give out the gifts for the Aktion Club. The final announcement was the sponsoring of the 104 PCT family party at the clubhouse. This awesome event was co-sponsored by the Middle Village Kiwanis, the 104th PCT Community Council, the GRYC and Ridgewood 3-2-1. There were over 100 officers and their families who enjoyed the event. The NYPD Canine Unit, the NYPD Highway Unit, and the NYPD Mounted Units were there for the kids enjoyment. If a picture says a thousand words, what do you think was going on with Equestrian Captain Victoria Perry, Ridgewood 3-2-1 member. Please Santa bring me a pony for Christmas. Rumor is, Tommy and Bob were over the limit to ride the stallion. Brings new meaning to the Club's horse theme. LOL



Race Three: At that point, DPG Joe Aiello and NY District Governor Joe Ruggiero inducted 4 NEW members into the 3-2-1 Club. New member Andrew Trumbetti from Cross County Savings Bank brought along a check for Corporate Sponsorship, Joan Hoffmann joined son, Paul as a member of the club, Felice McClary, new Beacon Director at IS 204 and Mark Darius, new Director of the 21st Century Program at IS 204 joined the service corps. Unable to attend this meeting were; AnnMarie Dolphin and Craig Hubmeier who will join Aidan Leavens for their inductions on January 8th. Could be more folks joining in the mix and expanding our ranks. Hank kept Bob in check. No pun intended with the Corporate Sponsorship



Felice McClary



Andrew Trumbetti



Joan Hoffmann



Mark Darius

Race Four: Everyone got a chance to eat the delicious meal prepared by Werner and Stammtisch. There was a Wurst Platter, Chicken Schnitzel, Mashed Potatoes, Spätzle and gravy, two 3 Foot Heroes, Red Cabbage and Mixed Vegetables. This holiday event was sponsored by an anonymous donor, so everyone ate for free today. Michael Addeo from Ridgewood Office Products donated a beautiful cake for the luncheon and there were cookies and more cookies to go around. Poor DPLG John Stahl was preparing for a medical procedure and could just look and drool over the delectable meal. Sorry John, feel better. It did not, however, stop wife Margie Stahl from chowing down and enjoying the food. John and Margie came early and made up 30 more Blessing Bags for Wyckoff Heights Hospital and delivered them after the meeting. There were only a handful of happy dollars collected because we had our Grab Bag with over 60 members participating.



Race Five: Members present at the meeting are in the many pictures taken by President Elect Janine. There were only two NYPD NCO Officers able to break bread today; P.O. Santos and P.O. Nessler. Captain Perry and Detective Tommy Bell were busy helping to get ready for the Community Council Meeting tonight. Sgt. Reiman couldn't make it and P.O. Lesa Craigg was nowhere to be found. Think she's hiding out somewhere. P.O.'s Sanad and Berish have an All Points Bulletin out for Lesa and Joe the Plumber and Electrician Chris McDougall. Jayne and Alex from Valley National Bank couldn't make it today, but a whole lot of other Banker folks were present. Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal, Andrew Trumbetti from Cross County, John Hennessey from Ridgewood Savings Bank and Mia Carla Rodriguez from Investors Bank came as a guest of Lucian Matej. I believe the word out was; there's almost \$20 BILLION of assets sitting in this room. Let us not forget these members who came out to enjoy the afternoon; Henrietta Maier, Bernie and Ann Zablocki, BettyAnn Monahan, Master Beekeeper Tom "DPM" Wilk, Buffalo Bill Rennison, Chris Jardin and Michael Addeo. Chris came to the meeting with Candy Canes for everyone, Buffalo Bill, quietly, placed cookies on the food table for all the share and Michael brought the beautiful cake from Circo's Bakery. Thanks, for your generosity. Member Al Bellington couldn't make the meet, but, is out of the hospital after some back surgery and feeling pretty good. Get Well soon, buddy. Tina Forte felt right at home with Luciano there, as they are both fluent in Italian. BTW, Diane Cusimano and Michael Addeo also greeted Luciano in their cultural lingo. NICE TOUCH, folks. Hop-A-Long Hank Kraker was back after a couple of meetings off and won a Candle set in the Grab Bag to help keep him warm. JR Velepec with guest, Jimmy Canade along for the ride, as were Kenny Dunn, DPG Joe Aiello, and NYD Governor Joe Ruggiero. Linda Monte came to join in the festivities, as did, Rafal Ziolkowski. Alan Bellone came in for a minute to say, "hello" but had to run out to the hospital because his son has been there battling a pulmonary embolism for the past 10 days. Alan, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Lucian was really happy \$\$ to get a box of Masonic items from the GRYC. Sorry, missed taking a picture with his new Masons hat. John Hennessey happy to go home with his tie in check, and Michael Addeo was donning TWO ties for the offing. Sorry, too busy today to be cutting anything other than the Happy Holidays 3-2-1 Cake. DPG Joe "A.I.E.L.L.O." was a bit "expressive" about the rules for the Grab Bag thievery portion. Could have cost his lots of \$\$\$ for his outburst, but, we weren't collecting at the meeting. Joe, just for the record, the 3-2-1 Club has a Horse theme, not a BULL theme. Get it right next time, please.

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, TJ Ritter, Aidan Leavens, Dina DePaola, Catherine Siegel, David Volcy, Ariel Triunfel, Maricelis Romero, Beverly McBeth, Mark Darius, Felice McClary, Jacklyn Hogan, Sabrina Sierra, Kevin Goodish, Jennifer Lamberty, DIPPY Liz Fitzgerald, Carmen Resto, Paul Hoffmann, Danielle Kleiman, Maria Batista, Christine Halloran, Edwing Vilsaint, Oscar Luna, Michele Woerner, Michaeline VanDrathen, Irene Pina, Joann Siegel, Maureen Powell, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, Mary Benitez, Xiomara Pina, Clark McKinney, Coraima Rivera-Portorreale, Shiv Ramsamooj and Diane Cusimano.

Race Seven: My hope is that Tom “Don’t Pick Me” Wilk feels that this Newsletter is up to speed since I was actually in attendance. Missing two meetings in a row really bites for me since I enjoy the company, fun and spirit more than I could express in writing. As mentioned, I had a chance to go on vacation for a week to Hilton Head and Savannah and took this picture with the Big Boy. I had to do a bit of begging to be one of his elves. Man do I miss Bob “SANTA” Pullano. At this time of year, when we celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Boxing Day, let us remember that the greatest GIFT that we have is family and friends. May each of you have a blessed Holiday Season, filled with joy, love, peace, health and happiness. The service that this club performs on a daily basis, brings smiles and hope to so many people who are less fortunate than we are. Thank you for your commitment, dedication, spirit and passion to change lives. Let us remember that Destinations are where we BEGIN AGAIN.



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

January 6th - Next Board Meeting at the Clubhouse @ 6:30 PM, all members invited to attend

January 8th – Next regular Meeting of the 3-2-1 Club at 12 noon in the Clubhouse. 3 New Members inducted

January 22nd – Regular Meeting of the 3-2-1 Club at 12 noon in the Clubhouse. Principal and Clergy Day

The Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 Webpage is up. Check it out by clicking on the link below. Oddly enough, we will be updating the site on a monthly basis to include events, pictures, Newsletters, information and other items of importance. Thanks Robert P. Monahan for putting this together and highlighting how great this club really is. If you haven’t seen our Award Winning Scrapbook from last year, check it out in the Newsletter ARCHIVE section.

<https://robmonahan.wixsite.com/website-8>

Race Nine: The meeting ended a bit late, but considering all of the things that we had to cover, it was amazing. Thanks Hank for keeping me in check and it is our hope that all of you had a great time. Gino ended the meeting at 1:20 PM by hitting the gong. There were no real Happy Dollars or Food Money collected.

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OFF





*Some pictures of the
Huge crowd in
attendance for our
FREE Holiday
luncheon...*



Seems Diane offers advice on gift selection to Mike...



Nearly 60 members participated in the Grab Bag thievery.





The GRYC hosted the Kiddy Kidz and their parents to a Santa Party at the Clubhouse. Look at the love and emotion they had for 3-2-1 member, Santa (JOE A.)



Prohibition Museum in Savannah, met some interesting guys.



Bob "SANTA" Pullano was the real deal, always making you smile and feeling what the gift of giving was all about. This newsletter is dedicated to my best friend for teaching us the value of a simple smile, a gentle touch and a heartfelt gift. Please be kind to one another and spread the good news of being a servant to others and changing this fragile planet one person at a time.

One thing about trains, it doesn't matter where they're going, what matters is deciding to get on... Destinations are where we begin again. ALL ABOARD...

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