



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

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



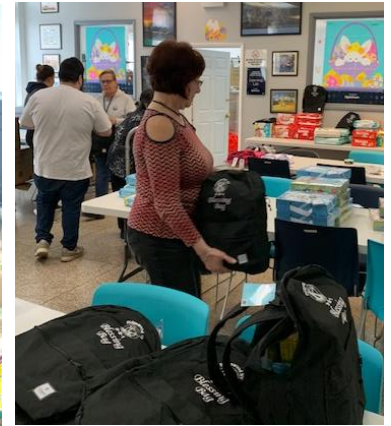
## The Triple Crown Newsletter

*RESULTS Of MEET For: April 3, 2019*

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**Race One:** The meet began with an attendance of almost 70 members and visitors on hand to celebrate our ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY (April 4, 2019) with a new food venue, wraps from Tasty's on Myrtle. Number 1, President Liz Fitzgerald then called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag. Ridgewood 3-2-1's newest DEACON Kevin Powell offered the grace, highlighting our blessings and our desire to be of service to others. How awesome to have Kevin as an ordained Deacon to share his grace with us.

**Race Two:** Two times Sheriff Christine Halloran was today's marshal and was really into the role, wearing her cowgirl hat and shirt and riding around on Bronco Bob who came out of retirement. Christine was raring and ready to collect money from everyone in the room. Seems Hop-a-Long Hank and Jackass Bob were resting on this fine day. Liz began her report on upcoming events and things that happened since the last meeting. She mentioned that today, April 3<sup>rd</sup> was Dave's birthday and how great it was to have him here on this planet. Dave had Physical Therapy and was unable to attend, but, Liz and Dave are most grateful for all of the prayers and gifts and care that was given to them while he was going through his medical stuff. We love you Dave and Liz and will always be there for you.



**Race Three:** Hank was pretty animated about what Ridgewood Kiwanis is all about to him and JR and Kenny and Lucien and Bob and John and Margie and Joe and Dave, and all the work that the Club is accomplishing and what it has achieved in just one short year. Hop-a-long went on to speak about Beatles Night, our first real fundraiser of the year and the importance of being involved and committed. Alan Bellone was at the meet and had made up the Blessing Bags for Wyckoff Heights Hospital, chaired by Margie Stahl who came to fill the bags for distribution at the hospital. Most of our members brought Diapers, Wipes and other items to stuff the bags and the Mothers who receive them should be quite pleased. It was Alan's attempt to make up for the Shamrock shirts, good call Alan. The Blessing Bags are embroidered and awesome looking. At this point it was time to eat lunch. Thanks for your cooperation with the wraps and salads. Thanks George.

**Race Four:** There was a ton of laughter, great stories and bucks that we survived our One Year Anniversary. Janine Mahon spoke about the Easter Party that was thrown for the AKTION Club at the corral and how everyone went home with a goodie-bag filled with stuff. They were delighted to have Chinese Food, desserts and more. They were given a chance to win prizes by opening eggs that were on their tables in a basket and the club members who attended all had a fantastic and rewarding time. Liz was especially greeted by one of the clients and she thought it was Dave, at first, because of the gentle contact. LOL. Bob, JR and Hank went to the Aktion Club meeting that night.

**Race Five:** Bob had happy dollars to share that his grandson Liam, sang a solo song act at his school's Variety Night in front of nearly 500 people. St. Mary's Children's Hospital sent a thank you for the new sheets, pillow cases, and more to brighten up the new rooms for in-patient chronic care children. It is an amazing space and the Ridgewood 3-2-1 is helping to make it more colorful and festive for the children and families that are utilizing this new space. Thank you JM and LF for your anonymous gift on behalf of the club. It should be noted that Gino then mentioned the Walk-A-Thon for St. Mary's in May and Janine said that she, Liz and Claire, our member who works at the Hospital, are planning to put together a TEAM 3-2-1 to raise funds for this great cause. We had a large contingent of NYPD Officers from the 104 at our meet, P.O. Asar Sanad and P.O. Michael Berish from Community Affairs, and our NCO's P.O. Santos and Oliva were in the house. Diane Temkin was rumored to say that folks from the neighborhood deliberately do wrong things to have these two lock them up. At that point, JR volunteered to show the club what Diane was talking about. Way to go JR, to sacrifice yourself like that is quite noble.



It must also be noted that the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club co-sponsored a Breakfast for the NYPD brass, City Council Members, NYS Assembly and Senate Members and others to discuss the GRYC's plans to expand the NYPD Law Explorers Program within the Queens North and Queens South Commands. It was very well received and the Club members will have a great opportunity to work with the Youth Explorers from the 104. Pictured (L to R) City Council Members Bob Holden and Jimmy VanBramer, Chief of Community Affairs Nilda Hofmann, Chief of PBQN Martin Morales, Jennifer Gutierrez, Chief of Staff for CM Antonio Reynoso, Bob Monahan, Inspector Chris Morello and D.I. John Mastronardi, CO 104 and member of the club.

**Race Six:** Lucian Matej was back along with Kenny Dunn and JR. Hank Kraker was also at that table and made it clear that the Beatles Night was important. At that point, Michael Addeo gave happy dollars to announce that he had 15 people coming to the event on April 13<sup>th</sup>. John and Margie Stahl added another table, as did Lucian, Kevin Powell, Diane and Bob Temkin, Elizabeth Crowley, Janine, Tom Wilk, and a group of folks purchased individual tickets which then brought us to nearly 250 committed to attend and have a fantastic night. This made Hop-a-long Hank very happy. Retired Crossing Guard Tina was back and told us that she missed being at the last meeting. Janine Mahon, Number 3 as 1<sup>st</sup> VP, had dollars for Kevin becoming a Deacon and that's really nice coming from a Lutheran. Bob mentioned that Kevin would be hearing "confessions" in the computer lab for \$5 a shot as a fundraiser for the Club. Bernie and Ann Zablocki were at the meet along with Henrietta Maier. Linda Monte back and spoke about the great Cultural Arts program that the Onderdonk House and the GRYC has going on. Maureen said that Kevin should split the money with the club and the rest would go towards "their" charity. LOL LoriAnn Psarras, NEW Manager at Cross County on Metro was there with her predecessor Victoria Vitetzakis who has taken charge of the Fresh Pond Road Branch. Jayne Wadhawan and Alex Lagombra from Valley National Bank submitted their applications and we are looking forward to a great partnership in service. Did I say that the Beatles Night is going to be awesome & fun.



**Race Seven:** Mike Romer owner of Force Fitness couldn't make the meet but stopped by to drop off diapers and stuff for the Blessing Bags. Thanks Mike for the effort. No parking ticket for Henrietta Maier this week and that kept her in good spirits. Gino, Maricellis, Ariel, and Jed were going to Bowl at the Lefferts Liberty Bowling Night in the evening and Wild Bill Rennison came to the meet and was a bit sad not to be the Sheriff again. Sorry Bill but thanks for recognizing Kevin Powell with some happy dollars. Tom Wilk was at the corral and is gearing up for the BEE season. Tom is our local Beekeeper and produces honey right from our hives on the roof. Tom "bee" careful, those little suckers sting. If a picture is worth a thousand words, then there's lots more below to read about our Easter Party for the Aktion Club.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Blessing Bags kick-off at Wyckoff Heights Hospital. Margie Stahl has the details.
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Committee Meeting for Beatles Night and Committee formation meeting for members.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> – Beatles Night Fundraiser at St. Pancras School in Glendale. Flier attached to newsletter.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Next 3-2-1 Meeting at the clubhouse. It is a follow-up to Beatles Night, the British Invasion.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday and Passover begins at sundown
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Happy Easter to all.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – May Day at the Club which is German Day and the Maypole Celebration.
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Kentucky Derby Pool finals.

**Race Nine:** Number 1, Liz ended the meeting a few minutes tardy at 1:10 by hitting the gong. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 530. As you can see, there were plenty of folks at the meeting and the Youth Volunteer Corps speakers and guests were really impressed at the service level of the club.



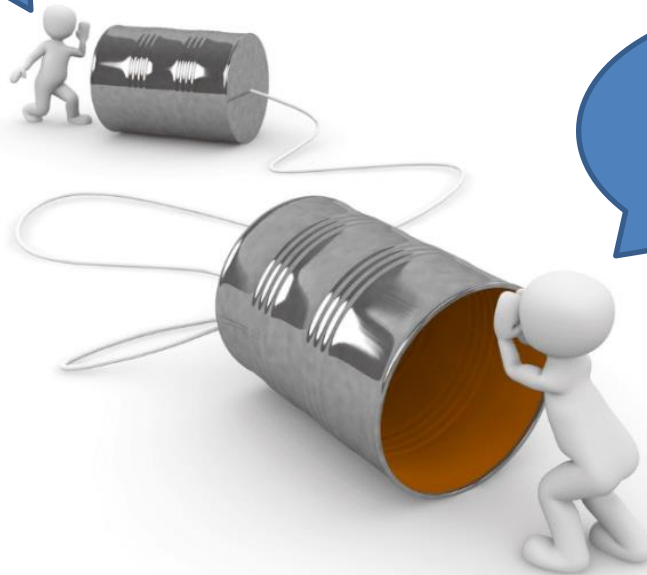
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**This is Hank's reaction to the progress made for Beatles Night – April 13<sup>th</sup>**

## Meeting Notices for February, March, April, May & June 2019

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



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

**April 17<sup>th</sup> – English Day & Easter Egg Hunt**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – German Day/Maypole Day Presentation**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – Principal and Clergy Day Honors**

**May 29<sup>th</sup> – Triple Crown Festival Day**

**June 5<sup>th</sup> – Program on Homeless Veterans**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – Summer Solstice Day Celebration**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Happy Birthday America Barbecue**

Easter Party for the AKTION Club was a phenomenal event. Easter Bunny (Claire Mahon) was a hopping success. Pictures speak for themselves.



Can you believe it Easter Bunny. I won a kite and got a goodie bag filled with swag and great stuff. The AKTION Club is really having a great time and they love this place and the Ridgewood 3-2-1 members.

