

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: February 1, 2023

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Race One: Things got rolling at exactly 12:05 PM with the President Bill Rennison hitting the gong with his gavel to call the meeting to order. We had a respectable crowd of 40 members, friends & guests to enjoy our afternoon February gathering. President Bill asked those in attendance to rise for the Pledge to our Flag and asked Fr. Kevin Powell to say Grace and what a warm one it was, thanking God for the food, people and the gift of life and health.

Race Two: The food arrived early and was hot and ready to go. Without too much hesitation, Bill told the club that it was time to eat our PIZZA variety, Two Veggie, Two Sausage, Two Pepperoni, Two Grandma and Two Regular Pies were delivered by Grace Pizza on Myrtle Avenue in Glendale.

Race Three: After our members and friends had a chance to get their meals, President Bill hit the gong, got everyone's attention, and made a few announcements. Then he asked our Speaker, Greg Vasicek to come to the podium to speak about Play4Autism, a locally based Foundation to service those on the Autism Spectrum. He gave President Bill a Certificate to thank him for our club's generous donation.



Greg shared a few pics of the kids using our donations.

“GET STUFF DONE”

3 hours of Service; **2** hours of meeting; **1** hour of administration.

Get it!! Ridgewood **3-2-1**.

Race Four: After the presentation, Greg answered some questions and the floor was opened up for some Happy Dollars. Lots of our members had bucks to thank Greg for his work with the Autistic community. As you know, this is our President’s Major Emphasis for the year and we, as a club, will be doing more programs and activities to support Bill’s efforts. Bob had happy dollars to say that Autism is quite close to his heart as he has a grandson who is on the spectrum and he is doing well thanks to early intervention. Janine had a bunch of happy dollars, both CASH AND VENMO?? I thought the reason for VENMO was to not have to use cash, but hey, it was very, very generous when added up. Thanks DPP Janine. Bernie Zablocki gave some mixed dollars to razz Bob about not having dessert, AGAIN, and said something like, “I may have to go and get it from now on!!” Is that what you said, Bernie? Be careful how you try to zip the editor of the newsletter. LOL



Jayne Wadhawan, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk, Henrietta Maier all gave happy dollars for the program and other stuff. Notice the nice little nametags that everyone has on around their necks. Gino fines you if you are not wearing it. Oddly enough, Bob found a large bill in his and gave it for happy dollars. After everyone, immediately checked theirs, Father Kevin Powell, our Sky Pilot, blessed his and voila, out came a \$20. It took 5 full minutes to get everyone back to their seats trying to get Fr. Kevin to bless them all. Having fun at 321.

Race Five: Happy Dollars were given to have most of our SLP Advisors in the Clubhouse. If you don’t know what that is, it is Service Leadership Programs, in other words, our KIDDY KIDZ, K-Kids Clubs, Builders Clubs, Aktion Club and hopefully a Key Club joining us sooon. One by one, our members stood up and spoke about the amazing work that their kids were doing in service to the communities. Food Drives, Toy Drives, Cards for Seniors and Vets and so much more going on. There were Cake Sales and other fundraising ideas and events shared. There isn’t another single club in America that sponsors as many SLP’s as we do: 11 – Builders Clubs; 6 – K-Kids, 1 – Aktion Club and a Key Club on the way. Don’t forget the ONLY Kiddy Kidz Club in Kiwanis International.

Race Six: Let's see who was in attendance today: President Bill Rennison, DPP Liz Fitzgerald, DPP Janine Mahon (current President of the Middle Village Club), DIPPY Maricelis Romero, Paul Hoffmann, Maureen Powell, Fr. Kevin Powell, Diane Cusimano, President Elect Danielle Kleiman, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk, Dina DePaola, Cat Siegel, Shiv Ramsamooj, Edwing Vilsaint, Marc Darius, Mary Benitez, Linda Manetta, Francesca Fedkowskyj, Damian Naranjo, Dareen Mohamed, Cynthia Rivera, TJ Ritter, Aidan Leavens, David Volcy, Iralda Frias, Betalis Nunez, Tracy Rodriguez, Kevin Goodish, Jennifer Lamberty, Sabrina Sierra, Jacklyn Hogan, Community Affairs Officer Dilsia Bonilla and two potential NEW members who really enjoyed themselves were; Regine Mendoza and Ines Silverio.

Race Seven: A few pictures from the day:



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- **February 15th – Regular Meeting – 5:00 PM and Board Meeting – 6:15 PM**
- **February 17th – Drag Show for the Queens West Pride Club – 7:00 PM**



Race Nine: Bill closed the meeting at 1:05. We collected \$230 in cash plus \$60 in VENMO for food and \$152 for happy dollars.



Passion ✦ **R**espect ✦ **I**nclusion ✦ **D**iversity ✦ **E**quity

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What can you say but Congratulations to 3-2-1 Members Deputy Chief John Mastronardi and Inspector Mark Wachter of the NYPD. Both are Commanding Officers; Mastro is C.O. of the Chief of Department's Office and Mark is C.O. of the Health and Wellness Division. What an awesome day to share with them on their promotions. Also in attendance at the celebration were members, Jon Kablack, Community Affairs Officer Mike Berish and NCO Pat Nessler. What an honor to be asked to "PIN" Chief Mastronardi with one of his STARS. Bob also got to see Chief Ben Gurley who worked with him at the NYC/PAL some 25 years ago. Yes, it is a small world and the odds that both would be working in the Chief of Department's Office and have the misfortune of knowing me, is sad indeed.



One of the strongest partnerships that exists with the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club is our members and friends from the NYPD and the 104th Precinct. Awesome indeed!!



I'm trying to sneak this picture in this newsletter even though it's from the Middle Village Meeting.



Fireplace at the Desmond Hotel where Convention was held.



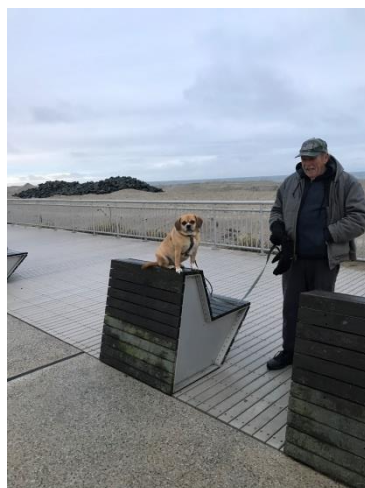
Fireplace at the Century House where we had over the edge Prime Rib Dinner



I.S. 77 Builders Club held a Cake Sale and Bob and Janine paid them a visit. This is an awesome event and the money is used for community needs.



Claire with her newborn 2nd Cousin and Janine's Great Nephew, Gabriel



I have no idea who either of these two are, but it looked like a cool picture to take.



It's the angle, and I'm standing on my tippy toes.

Survey results

Which of the following have made you feel unwelcome, unsafe, unheard or not empowered as a member of Kiwanis? Check all that apply.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
New ideas not considered.	15.36% 377
New or younger members not having a voice.	12.99% 319
Lack of flexibility with meeting times or service project scheduling.	14.26% 350
Favoritism toward the most influential leaders or members.	22.48% 552
Club leadership team unwilling to relinquish office.	5.91% 145
Denominational prayer at the beginning of the meeting.	19.10% 469
Reciting U.S. Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the meeting.	8.11% 199
Sexist, ageist, racist, discriminatory or inappropriate jokes.	19.76% 485
Politics inserted into the meeting.	30.79% 756
Fines or other traditions singling out a member.	5.17% 127



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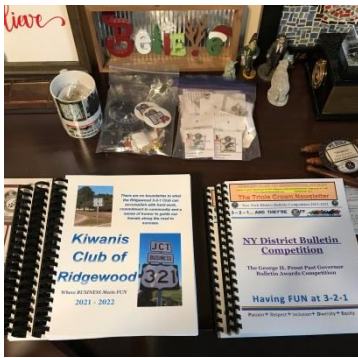
Congratulations to DPP Gino Ancona for giving the presentation for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Forum at the NY District Mid-Winter Conference. Gino is also the NEW President of the Queens West PRIDE Club and spoke eloquently about acceptance of ALL as members of Kiwanis. During the presentation, Gino and KI representative Emily Saalfrank went over a survey that was sent out to members throughout the United States and the THREE main reasons that members feel excluded, unwelcomed and unheard were:

- *POLITICS inserted into the meeting;*
- *Favoritism toward the most influential leaders or members;*
- *Sexist, ageist, racist, discriminatory or inappropriate jokes.*

Unfortunately the "POLITICIANS" reared their ugly heads at the Mid-Winter Conference and were out in full force. They can only be described as "Bullies" leading the charge to get their self-serving and mean spirited agendas brought to the forefront. Excluding people from presenting at the Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Forum is a classic. Once again, the Newsletter and Scrapbook Contest was judged without a rubric, no scores kept and the refusal to exhibit the entries for everyone to see the work put into them. Another case of "NASTY" wins with no accountability or repercussions from Kiwanis Leaders. There is only so much that can be tolerated before hard working members walk away and find a more humble and kind group to serve others. Big Laughable Joke and followers get rewarded with Distinguished Honors and the real servants get little to no recognition for amazing things. Your days are numbered, BULLIES, you have been exposed!!



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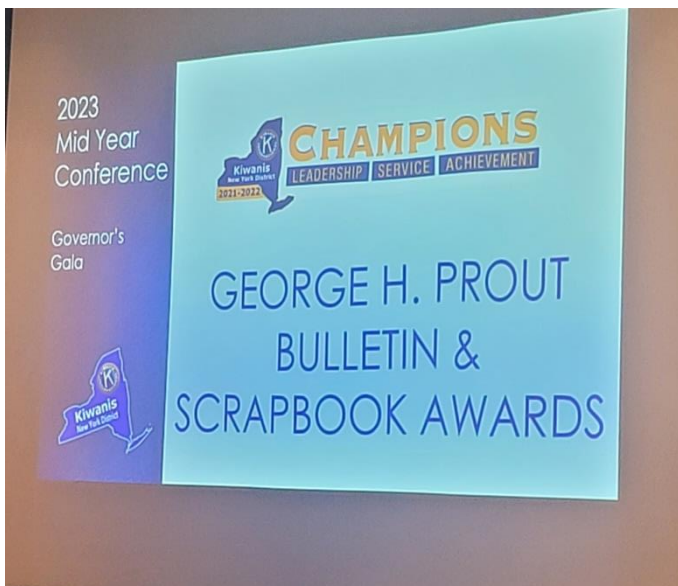
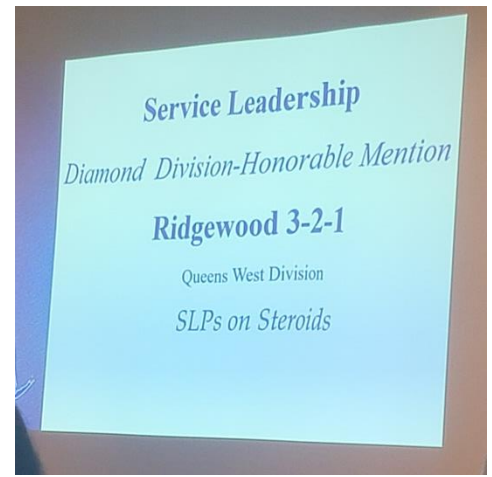
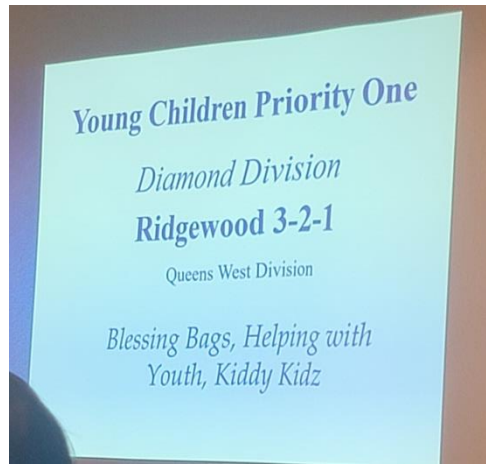


Scrapbook and Bulletin



Jed, Gino, Bob and Bill at the Awards Dinner where the 3-2-1 Club won lots of bling.





Ridgewood 3-2-1 also Placed in the top 5 for the Scrapbook, Completed the Governor's Project Award and was recognized as a DISTINGUISHED CLUB, along with the Distinguished President and Distinguished Secretary designation. We submitted 5 entries in the Achievement Awards Categories and received 2 Winners and 1 Honorable Mention.



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QUEENS WEST PRIDE**

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QUEENS, NY 11385
\$25.00 PER PERSON**

Rotary  Club of Southwest Queens

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OPERATION: COMEDY

EVENING SHOW BENEFITING VETERANS



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2023

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM

SHOWTIME: 7:00 PM AT

GOVERNOR'S COMEDY CLUB

90 DIVISION AVE. LEVITTOWN NY 11756 (516) 731-3358

DONATION: \$25 PER PERSON VETS NO CHARGE

(2 DRINK MINIMUM OR FOOD PER PERSON AT TABLE AND MUST BE 18 AND OVER)

RAFFLES!

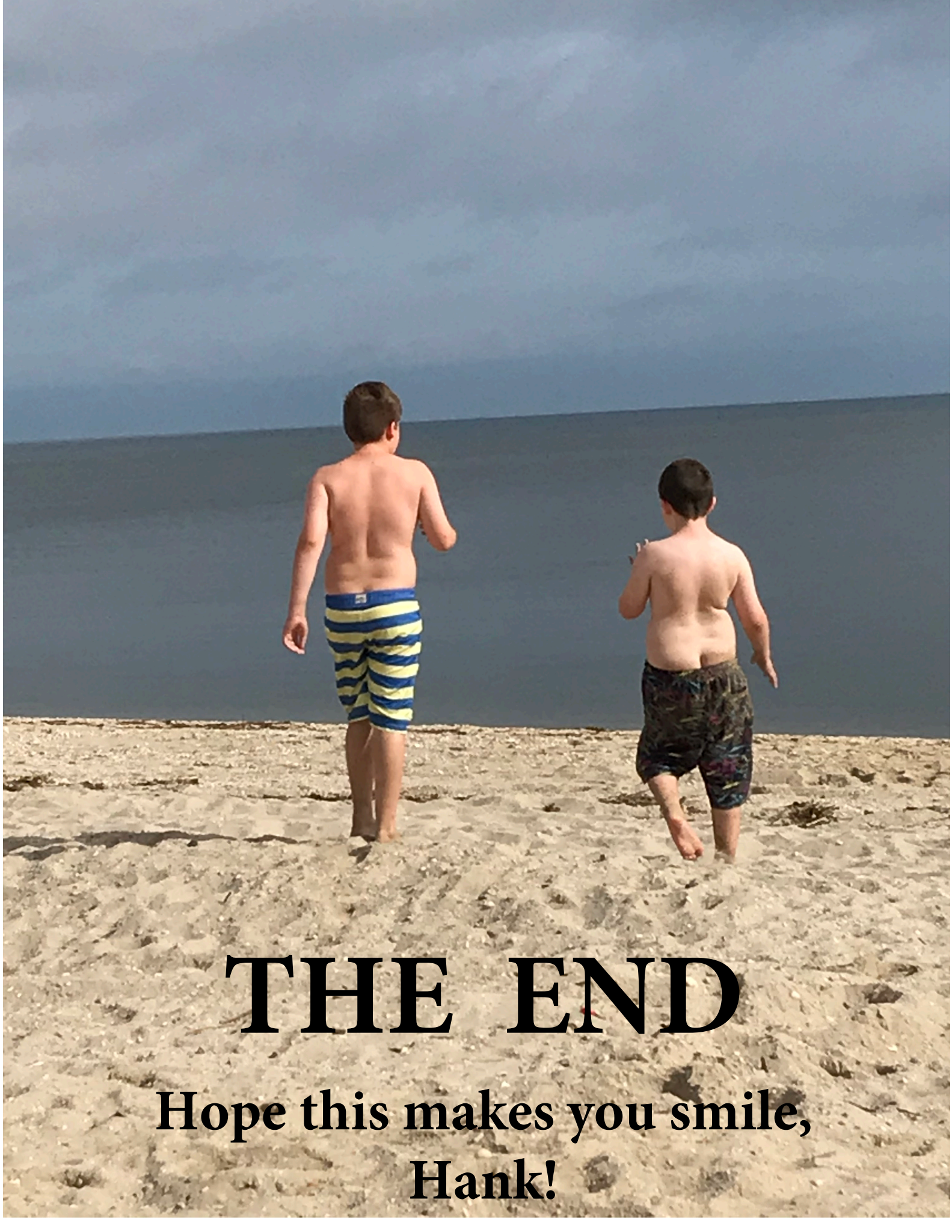
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NO RESERVED TABLES, FIRST COME FIRST SERVE SEATING





THE END

Hope this makes you smile,
Hank!