



The Triple Crown Newsletter

RESULTS Of MEET For: August 8, 2019

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Race One: The meet began with a nice attendance of over 60 members and visitors on hand for our birthday meeting for August. Most GRYC Directors escaped their day camps and came to celebrate with the boss. Liz Fitzgerald was unable to get out of her site, so, Gino opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Sky Pilot Deacon Kevin Powell did the honors and led us in Grace. Fr. Mike and Fr. Angel were resting up after a long night up at Juniper Valley Park for Night Out Against Crime.

Race Two: Since I was upstairs at a meeting and Liz was not there, Gino, edged on by Hank and JR, called for everyone to come up to eat their lunch. It was a Pasta-fest with lots of different hot and cold pastas and salads for the Club to devour. Happenstance that I could come out of the elevator as the line was forming and immediately went to the far side of the table and began serving myself. OK, I cut the line, sue me. Not much trouble with folks following suit and serving themselves from both sides of the table. Amazing phenomenon, Kenny Dunn was up in a flash and was first on line, AGAIN. Man oh man, you are good, Kenny. Our sheriff was Carmen Resto and she made it clear that she doesn't do hats or carry around one of our steeds from the corral. Kinda plain but did have the feed bag around her neck to collect the happy dollars. No bounding around the room, just a slow easy pace to gather up all her moolah and she did a fine job. Thanks Carmen.

Race Three: Bob began the happy dollar brigade by introducing Rhoda Rosen, an 89 year young woman who knits baby blankets and hats for our Blessing Bags for Wyckoff Heights Medical Center. Rhoda was given a beautiful bouquet of flowers arranged by Diane Cusimano and Rhoda was so gracious and genuine. Joining in today's meeting was Betty Zuvich, BettyAnn Monahan's mother, who is 4 days older than Rhoda, both born in late April. Both will be 90 years young next year. Congratulations and many more.



Race Four: Hop-along Hank Kraker nominated Diane Cusimano for "Kiwanian of the Year" for her over the edge, take the ball and run, participation for Night Out Against Crime. Seems Diane hooked us up with MAMITA'S ICES and got them to donate half of our 1,000 ices distributed at the event. Her committee of Gino, Janine, Carlos, Hank, JR, Dina, Maricelis and a host of other GRYC and 3-2-1 folks were outstanding in planning, setting up, distribution and clean-up. What a fantastic event with over 40 members present. "Bungalow Bar" Bill Rennison realized his childhood dreams of owning an Ice Cream Cart and worked with a smile all night distributing over 1,000 ices to kids and adults. Gotta love this stuff. Hank also mentioned that he "liked" one of the two Robert Monahan's who were present at the meeting. Seems Robert P. Monahan was there to help his dad (ME) celebrate my 67th BD. Robert, in turn brought a guest, David Schwartz to the meet. Potential member for sure.

Race Five: Ridgewood 3-2-1 Member Captain Victoria Perry bounded into the meeting with a full complement of officers from the 104. It sure seems that the Captain has gotten over her rock wall climbing race experience. LOL The detail consisted of Community Affairs Officer Michael Berish, Detective Tommy Bell, Youth Office Lesa Craig (sporting some kind of new one sided hairdo), Police Officer Hyatt and Police Officer Goldbourne "G" who gave happy dollars just because he was happy. That about sums up the Ridgewood 3-2-1 meetings.

Race Six: Lucian Matej was gathering up the herd at the corral and gave lots of dollars about Night Out and other things that the Club has accomplished. John and Margie Stahl were back from their family Alaskan Cruise and they took another 30 Blessing Bags to Wyckoff Heights. Seems that Gino rounded up some cowpokes from the GRYC and 3-2-1 club to fill 100 new Blessing Bags. Great news is that we have 70 on hand, bad news is that we have run out of all items to put in the next 100 bags. We will have a baby item drive within the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned to

see how you can help. John Hennessey was trapped in the vault and couldn't make it, but was at Night Out. Michael Addeo came to the meet and brought a beautiful cake for the birthday party. This incredible cake came from Circo's Pastry Shop on Knickerbocker Avenue. Michael also brought a guest, Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal Savings to the meet. Tom "I beg you not to pick me for sheriff" Wilk gave some dollars for Night Out and the clubs representation there. Diane Cusimano had dollars for a bunch of stuff and mentioned that the Arbitration Rock event is on for this year and the Club is one of the sponsors. Diane went on to say that she was overjoyed to see the "community" celebrating diversity with the new flavors of Mamita's Ices. Alan Bellone showed up with some dollars for the birthday cake. Maureen and Kevin were celebrating the meeting and the Pasta Fest. Chris Jardin was here to celebrate and had a guest, James "Smokey" Durenberger who also knows a number of other members. He will be back to figure things out for membership. LOL.



Race Seven: Nice to have Henrietta Maier in the corral along with Ted Renz who came with Lucian Matej. Something said about bribery or owed favors, or.... Tina Forte has perfect attendance (one meeting grace for any member rule) with Mary, Linda and Carlos. Shiv was joined by some of the GRYC Directors. Wait, did I say they were at their sites, OOPS, Carmen, TJ, Julius, David, Irene, Cynthia, Beverly, Clark, Walter, Xiomara, Gloria, Michelle, Joann, Dina, Edwing, Oscar, Lynn, Ricky and newest member of the Club, Patrick Wagner. Danielle was there to celebrate, as today, August 8th is her actual birthday. Good Lord, I have known Danielle since she was in Grammar School. OUCH, I am OLD. Great stuff going on this summer at the GRYC. I have been corresponding with First Lady Bonnie Baker and we will be sending up 200 Blessing Bags for their NEW South Buffalo Kiwanis Club. Unfortunately we can't provide all of the fillings but they may be asking Members from throughout the NY District to bring things to the convention next week.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- August 15th – NY District Convention in Niagara Falls. Gino and Jed are our two delegates.
- August 17th – Arbitration Rock Day at Onderdonk House
- August 20th – 104th PCT Backpack Giveaway, sponsored by GRYC, 3-2-1 and the 104th Pct.
- August 24th – Myrtle Avenue Street Fair
- August 24th – Ronald McDonald House barbecue on Long Island. We are the sponsors.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 29th – Belmont Race Track Day and Installation of Officers. **SAVE THE DATE**

Race Nine: Number 11, Bob ended the meeting a few minutes tardy at 1:10 by hitting the gong. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 749.

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There was a birthday celebration for Bob that had the Kiddy Kidz singing songs. Thanks Michael Addeo for buying the cake from Circo's Pastry Shop on Knickerbocker Avenue.



Captain Perry and Det. Thomas Bell present NYPD Citation to 3-2-1 President Elect Gino Ancona, 1st V.P. Janine Mahon and Bob Monahan for the Ridgewood Clubs support of the 104th NYPD Precinct.

Gino, Patrick, Montana, David, Cynthia, Danielle and TJ helped to stuff 100 Blessing Bags for Wyckoff Heights Hospital.



Another Full House at the Clubhouse on Summerfield. There were over 65 members and guests enjoying the meet. Lots of fun and laughter going on.

NO, NO, NO, It's not like that. I'm wearing a pink shirt and tie because we just came from a Breast Cancer Awareness thing!!



National Night Out Against Crime – 104th NYPD Precinct Ridgewood 3-2-1 In Action





Here is how you have a successful event in the middle of the summer...you get 40 of your members to show up to work and participate.

- Liz Fitzgerald
- Gino Ancona
- Janine Mahon
- Maricelis Romero
- Ricky Wahmann
- Hank Kraker
- Lucian Matej
- JR Velepec
- Joe Aiello
- Bob Monahan
- Diane Cusimano
- Maureen Powell
- Kevin Powell
- Fr. Mike Lopez
- Fr. Angel Lugo
- Danielle Kleiman
- Dina DePaola
- Carmen Resto
- Linda Manetta
- Lynn Webster
- Sabrina Sierra
- Jed Santiago
- Bill Rennison
- Ariel Triunfel
- Tom Wilk
- Henrietta Maier
- Carlos Rodriguez
- Captain Victoria Perry
- Detective Tom Bell
- P.O. Mike Berish
- P.O. Asar Sanad
- P.O. Cynthia Oliva
- P.O. Maria Santos
- Ted Renz
- Len Santoro
- John Hennessey
- Jessie McFadden
- Mike Romer
- Chris Landano
- Alex Lagombra

Thanks one and all for your hard work and participation. If I missed anyone, I am truly sorry and will add you in the next newsletter.