



# 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

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**Race One:** The meet began with an attendance of over 50 members and visitors on hand to celebrate President's Week with loads of laughter as it seems Hop-a-long Hank has escaped from his corral and is running free somewhere in the building. Number 1, President Liz Fitzgerald sent out her cowpokes to catch the elusive sucker. A reward was posted and Liz then called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag and then asked Club Sky Pilot, Father Mike Lopez, to offer the grace before meals. There was a smell of four 3 foot heroes and salads filling the room because we actually planned ahead and got it here in time. I think that there is also Cherry Pie to honor George Washington, only thing is they are using a knife to cut it.



**Race Two:** Edwing Vilsaint (with a silent "g") (email; evilsaint, as per Bob) was today's marshal and was really working it to match the job done by; Hop-a-long (Poncho Villa) Hank Kraker, Blazing Guns Bill Rennison and Delphinium Diane Cusimano Temkin (the last 3 sheriffs). Lots of happy dollars to see Edwing with his feed bag collecting from all parts of the room and from all different folks. Jackass Bob was in the room and had dollars for a bunch of different things, including a moment of silence for Detective Simonsen who was being buried today out on Long Island. Obviously most Officers from the 104 were at that event and not at the meeting today.



**Race Three:** President Liz continued her report on the club's participation in Kiwanis activities and turned the floor over to Bob to speak about the NY District Mid-Winter Conference at the Desmond in Albany. The picture shows the members who attended, Bob, BettyAnn, Gino and Jed, along with the horse that was in the hotel lobby. Ricky was also there and gave his Builders Club report on Friday to Governor Hank and the other District Big Shots. There was a ton of networking, meeting and talking to Kiwanians from around the State and what they do and what we do with our Club. EVERYONE was amazed at the size of our club in only 7 months and Ridgewood 3-2-1 won some awards in the Diamond Level of NY District. That is for Clubs with over 75 members and they are usually the most established and most active clubs in New York. As the new kid on the block, Ridgewood 3-2-1 did really well; winning the Scrapbook Competition; Honorable Mention (runner-up) in the Newsletter and Public Relations Competitions. Since we only submitted 5 competition entries, to finish 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in the entire State for three (3) of them, it is a real tribute to what we have accomplished. In its very first year, the International President designated Ridgewood 3-2-1 as a Distinguished Club and also 8 members; Liz Fitzgerald, Lucian Matej, JR Velepec, Hank Kraker, Janine Mahon, Dave Fitzgerald, Gino Ancona, Joe Aiello and me. OOPS that is 9 members and even more awesome as it represents folks who sponsored 5 or more members into Kiwanis. It was also announced that Liz would be getting the Kiwanian of Excellence honor from the District. Congrats!!



**Race Four:** After cutting up the heroes, Madam President opened the gates to guests and visitors to eat and she watched the 3 foot heroes become 2 footers and one foot and gone. That happened twice since there were two Italian and two American heroes. LOL It was noted that most folks were Italian/American today. Sorry to Diane for not getting Veggie food for the meeting. Oh, she didn't care anyway, too busy laughing... Lots of folks in the house today with nearly 60 members and friends braving the weather and making a point of how important meeting are. Chris Jardin had lots of dollars to say that he was proud to be a member of this amazing service club.

**Race Five:** Alan Bellone came late and paid his \$2 fine. Bob matched that amount. Rokeya Akhter, one of our newest members, spoke about an event that will be taking place on Monday night, February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse regarding transportation issues in Ridgewood. Elizabeth Crowley, another new member came along and spoke about 21 in 21 and how women need more representation in the City Council. Sohail Rana submitted an application and he is from the New American Voters Association. Lucian Matej was back in the saddle again and it was great to see him rested and relaxed. JR had dollars to say that Bob should work harder at the Bulletin so that next year he wouldn't be Honorable Mention (runner-up) Point well taken, thanks JR. Hank defended Bob and said that some things in Kiwanis are about politics and not completely on merit. Gotta spread around the love and joy. Tom Wilk was in the house and hoping that the bees on the roof were doing ok. Treasurer Dave Fitzgerald was at the meeting and will be working on the Brick Project at the Garity Post as part of Liz's Major Emphasis for Veterans.

**Race Six:** Bernie and Ann Zablocki came to break bread and he immediately called Bob a "rookie" with the Bulletin and then asked where the Polish food was. BettyAnn Monahan was able to attend as she didn't have babysitting duties for the grandchildren. Crossing Guard Tina continues her perfect attendance and loves coming to the meetings as retirement continues to suit her. Janine Mahon, Number 3 as 1<sup>st</sup> VP, was in a training session in the Computer Lab and got the instructor to come and join us for lunch. Al Gentile from Middle Village Kiwanis came to see how his Charter Club was doing. Al and Middle Village sponsored the Ridgewood 3-2-1 into Kiwanis. Thanks Al, you look great after your heart surgery. Al also brought along Lori-Ann Psarras from Cross County Savings Bank. DPP Kenny Dunn gave bucks to speak about Relay for Life and how the Ridgewood Club can participate in the event. Danielle and Fr. Mike got to take the extra food back to do community service. Thanks for all that you do for the homeless and those less fortunate.



**Race Seven:** This week is K-Kids week in Kiwanis International and the Ridgewood Club is submitting 12 NEW K-Kids Clubs Applications this week to compliment the Ridgewood 3-2-1 successful re-activation of 11 Builders Clubs throughout Queens West and East. Lots of action and questions at the Mid-Winter about Ricky traveling around the State and on Long Island to encourage other clubs to support these efforts. Cake was then served and folks continued to chat and socialize and have fun. John Hennessey was here from Ridgewood Savings Bank and Kevin and Maureen were enjoying a fine meal that was blessed by Fr. Mike.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** – K-Kids Week for Kiwanis International; 3-2-1 will open 12 K-Kids Clubs this week.

**February 20<sup>th</sup>** – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board of Directors Meeting at Clubhouse @ 6:30 PM

**February 25<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting on Transportation at Summerfield Clubhouse at 7:00 PM.

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Election Day for NYC Public Advocate

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** – 104<sup>th</sup> PCT Community Council Dinner honoring Lenny O'Toole and the Ridgewood 3-2-1

**March 4<sup>th</sup>** – Aktion Club Week for Kiwanis International; 3-2-1 has an active participation in local Club.

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** – Next Meeting of Ridgewood 3-2-1 at Clubhouse @ 12 noon. Kiddy Kidz will perform for Club.

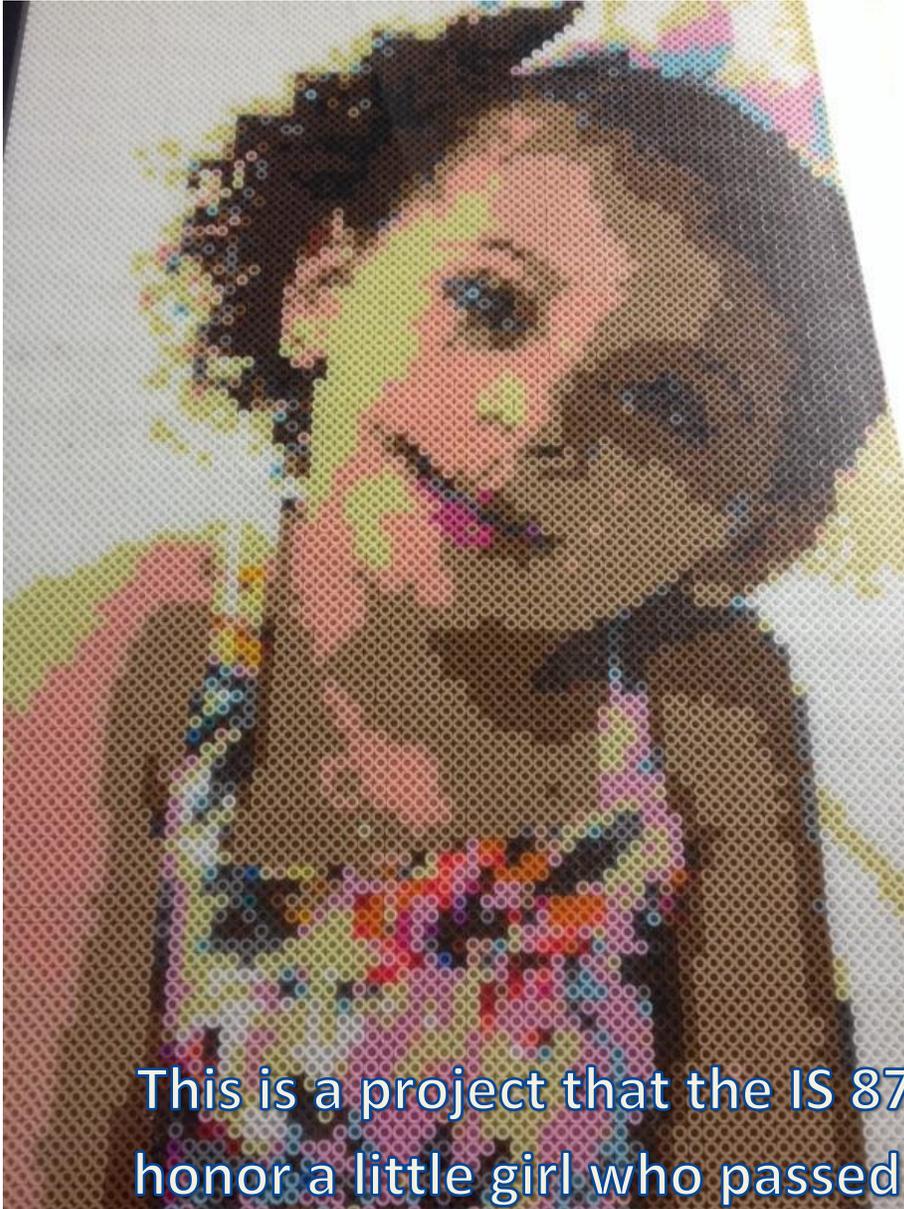
**March 17<sup>th</sup>** – GOTT Market at the Gottscheer Hall on Fairview Avenue in Ridgewood from 11-4.

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** – St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Feast at Clubhouse @ 12 noon. Pastries by Michael Addeo

**Race Nine:** Number 1, Liz ended the meeting right on time at 1:00 by hitting the gong. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 540.

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This is a project that the IS 87 Builders Club did to honor a little girl who passed away at 4 years old.

Notice that each mini-bead is perfectly placed to create this awesome masterpiece. It will be presented to the family at a special meeting.

Amazing service project.

## 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.

- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Kiddy Kidz Presentation and Performance**
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Celebration/Feasts**
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Youth Volunteer Corps Presentation**
- 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> – General Needs Program on Homeless Veterans**
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – Summer Solstice Day Celebration**
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Happy Birthday America Barbecue**