



KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

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



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Race One: What a great day for, yet another, Holiday/Christmas Celebration at the clubhouse. It began with, President Maricelis Romero hitting the gong with her gavel for close to 30 people in attendance. Maricelis asked all to rise from their seats to recite the Pledge to our Flag. At that point, Father Kevin Powell was summoned to give the Blessing. The Reverend gave a reflective blessing, asking the club to remember those in need, thanked God for the gift of each other and asked us to reflect on the gifts that we have to offer in service to others.

Race Two: President Maricelis, our leader, then welcomed everyone in attendance and mentioned that the club would be creating a beautiful masterpiece with the assistance of Diane Cusimano. Grace Pizza was summoned to create a variety of delicious pizzas with a wide assortment of toppings. That said, and without Kenny "the Musclator" Dunn present, the President let everyone know that it was safe to go up and get some food. Gino then played a video of the GRYC Flag Football Championship Game that was supposed to be won by Hawtree Creek MS but was actually won by PS 102 and Josiah Vera. Sorry Maricelis, but trash talking sometimes backfires. And to think, the 3-2-1 Club members funded the Winner's Trophy and Banners that are now prominently displayed in Elmhurst. OUCH. There were Happy Dollars for the committee and their awesome job of decorating the large meeting room.



Race Three: Next order of business was Happy Dollars and making the beautiful Christmas spray that Diane had prepared the materials for. What other club has an Arts and Crafts program to make stuff that you can bring home at no extra cost to you?? Wow and to think that I missed all of that as I was preparing to fly home from Savannah. Darn! So Janine had dollars for everyone who attended and for the amazing crafts project that Diane carted in. Diane had dollars for the PS/IS 128 Down Hill Ski Team. Seems the group was watching the compilation video of the GRYC's Flag Football Championships and someone asked where the 128 team was? Diane quickly responded that they don't do the usual at the Middle Village School and they were spending their time preparing for the Downhill Ski season. Five members volunteered to travel to Aspen with the team as chaperones. Gotta love this club membership. Nice to see Alex Lagombra from Valley Bank who gave bucks because he was happy to be here. He and Jayne Wadhawan, also from Valley Bank were helping out with craft supply distribution and made life a bit easier for everyone else. Thanks for jumping in and "YES" you can be two of the chaperones. To cap it off, they presented a donation check to help with community service projects.



Race Four: Joining in the happy dollar brigade was Linda Monte who was delighted that her Ida renovations were completed and the bed is out of the Dining Room. Linda continued to share that her son Patrick, who lives in Germany, would be coming in on Friday for the Holidays. Xiomara Pina was happy to become a great aunt. Then Linda Monte was back up wearing her other hat and said there was a nice turnout for the St. Nick's Day at the Onderdonk House. Seems St. Nick was hipified, with a nose ring. The GRYC & Ridgewood 3-2-1 donated game baskets for the raffle. Diane threw some more money around complimenting everyone on the fantastic Holiday/Christmas Celebration. I think the quote was, "it was better than I thought". Thanks for helping on the committee to make that happen. The Reverend One, Kevin Powell gave \$\$ to help because Bob wasn't there, or did he give happy dollars because Bob wasn't there. Either way, the club made money. Thanks Kevin and to repay the gesture, here's a nice photo that was sent to me.



Race Five: Onto some other folks who were throwing money around. I wasn't even there and it cost me \$135 for my \$5 per member that shows up to the meet. 27×5 , using the new math that no parent understands today, still comes out to 135. To complicate matters, Diane apparently stated that the greens being used to create the masterpieces are living things and should count in my offer. So, if Diane can give the EXACT count of pine needles used for all of the arrangements, we can negotiate a number to donate. Yes, Diane you are correct, Martha Stewart has nothing on you all and would be very proud. Linda Monte echoed those sentiments and said we should have more crafting at Kiwanis meetings. I think we should have a Paint Night to start with and see where we can go from there. "Valley" Alex said that the smell of pine will be a nice touch in his car. Kevin gave money for Diane and all of her efforts. He also announced that Legacy Pharmacy is the place to go for vaccines. Gino thanked the decorating committee for all of their help and awesome ideas. Danielle Kleiman was happy because she and the directors from the GRYC got to make Gingerbread Houses at their earlier meeting. It was called, "Professional Development" or something like that. Our Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk had some happy dollars because his lovely wife didn't make one this year. OUCH. Bernie Zablocki was in the house and made a really nice piece to display. Bernie, don't even think of bringing that to our house as a gift. LOL



DPLG John Stahl and Linda Monte showing off their stuff.

Aidan in panic mode and Alex calling for some backup!

Race Six: Francesca, Francesca Fedkowskyj, who makes a perfect Gingerbread House and then does the same thing with pine stuff. Danielle Kleiman, DPP Liz Fitzgerald, DPP Gino Ancona, Katie McMullin and of course Aidan Leavens, all had Diane explaining the intricacies of making those things. Someone, who shall remain nameless, wife of a priest, put there stunning arrangement in the Executive “Office” across the hallway. HHMMMM, wonder what that is supposed to mean? Confused are you, it was hung in the restroom on the second floor. Joan and Paul Hoffmann were at the celebration enjoying the food and festivities. Bronco Bill Rennison and Hank Kraker had some other matters to attend to and when someone said they missed Kenny Dunn, they were promptly escorted out of the meeting with a slice of pizza to go. Wow, tough crowd. Shiv Ramsamooj was seen blending in the back of the room with Edwing Vilsaint and Marc Darius, trying to avoid participating in the Crafts Program. Maureen Powell, Paul Hoffmann, Mary Benitez, Dina DePaola and of course Maricelis were all in attendance. Word is out that the PRESIDENT of our club was the “ACTING SHERIFF” for the meeting trying to extract some money for her Major Emphasis Projects. You go girl, hey Gino am I allowed to say that?? If the answer is “no”, I don’t care. LOL



Race Seven: As mentioned previously, we will have our recognition meeting for IPP Janine Mahon at our January 5th meeting. Janine had a phenomenal year with many, many accomplishments to her credit. It’s our hope that all of them will be recognized by NY District at the Convention. It should be noted that Kevin Goodish and Jennifer Lamberty had a toy drive for Toys for Tots and these pictures are worth a thousand bucks. Congrats to PS 88 and PS 153 for your hard work and efforts.



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

January 5th – Regular Meeting at the Clubhouse. IPP Janine Mahon’s Recognition Day at the Clubhouse

January 19th – Regular Meeting at the Clubhouse, followed at 4:00 PM by a Board Meeting. We are going to try this and see how it works for members. Any 3-2-1 members may attend and see how we do business and spend our money. Please join us.

Race Nine: The meeting ended at 1:15 PM and the total amount of money collected in Happy Dollars and Food Money was \$435 and a few more in VENMO.

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Wow, how pretty. And yes those crafty pieces are nice too. Where else can you get lunch provided, enjoy fun loving people to share with, and get to take home a piece of artwork that YOU created. Only at the 3-2-1 Club



So let's see what we have going on here. DPP Gino Ancona is guarding the lunch money box along with Danielle and Mary. Then there is the Club President wearing a nice hat and trying to hide that she's eating lunch. Busted!!!