

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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RESULTS OF MEET FOR: July 12, 2023

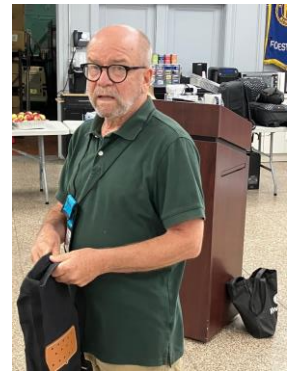
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Race One: Well, summer has begun and we are on a Round Table schedule since many of our members from the GRYC are “All Hands On Deck” running their Summer Rising/Day Camps. We had a healthy group of over 20 members and guests. Things got rolling at 12:00 PM with President Bill Rennison hitting the gong with his gavel to call the meeting to order by asking those in attendance to rise for the Pledge to our Flag and then asked Michael Addeo to say Grace and what a beautiful reflection of thanks for our many blessings and the gift of life and health, while remembering those less fortunate. Amen.



Race Two: The weather has been oppressive and our barbecue was put on hold for a more conducive day. To ask “Papi Chulo” Carlos Rodriguez to prepare a meal over a hot, hot, and hotter barbecue in the yard would not work too well. So it was pizza from Joe & John’s on Myrtle Avenue in Ridgewood. Owner Sal Pinto came in to see us and is in the process of becoming a Business Sponsor. Sal is currently expanding his business and will be adding a larger restaurant area that could be a meeting spot in the future. Our Corporate Sponsor, Michael Addeo brought Sal into the Club and could be going for Distinguished Kiwanian for this year. After all, Michael is on the Board and is one of our future Presidents. The members were asked to come up to eat as the first order of business, and eat we did.



Race Three: After our members and friends filled their plates with food, President Bill opened the floor to Happy Dollars and our members started to raise their hands, holding some bucks raised higher, to share their thoughts. DPP Gino Ancona gave some dollars to present Linda Monte a homemade afghan, made by Janet Pullano, for their fundraiser. It is quite beautiful and DPP Bob Monahan added \$\$ to remember his best friend Bob Pullano and his family. Linda thanked the club for their donation with some more moolah. Thanks Linda.



“GET STUFF DONE”

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

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



Race Four: Folks continued to eat their scrumptious meal and members spoke about some of our upcoming events. Jon Kablack gave money to mention “Night Out Against Crime” on August 1st up at Juniper Valley Park. The club will be giving out 1,000 Mamita’s Ices for kids and adults and possibly some hand sanitizers, again. As you can see, Jon was busy making plans and arrangements for this awesome event. Michael Addeo was engaged in a chat with our awesome NYPD Community Affairs Officer Dilsia Bonilla, who realized that I was taking pictures, well, the photos show the rest. Inspector Greg Mackey came in his civilian clothes and had sad dollars for the chronic problem of “subway surfing” among our young kids. It is an absolute tragedy that they are dying for that few second’s thrill. The GRYC is working with the NYPD to educate our participants about the dangers of this activity. Diane Cusimano can be seen digging for dollars to give for the sad passing of Michael Addeo’s mother and for his amazing work at the Mount Carmel FEAST in Williamsburg. Michael echoed the sadness on losing his mom, thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers, mentioned that he was going to have his hip replaced and talked about the Feast. Thanks Michael for always being there for our club and others.

Race Five: THEN IT HAPPENED!! Bob gave SAD dollars for Michael’s recent journey, BUT, felt compelled to mention that his best buddy failed to invite him to the Cannoli Contest down at the Feast later on that evening. BettyAnn Monahan immediately gave Happy Dollars for Michael’s oversight, thanking him for keeping my Diabetes under some control. Pictured is the **NEW CANNOLI COMMITTEE** that plans to have its’ own contest in and around our Columbus Day celebration in October. Many hands were raised to volunteer to participate in this event and it should be a ton of fun in October.



Race Six: Many, many years ago, DPLG John Stahl and DPP Margie Stahl established a program to celebrate Birthdays at Madison-York Residence and this tradition is alive and well, thanks to President Bill Rennison. Bill buys individual gifts for the birthday seniors each month and a Birthday Cake. This month we had a special 100th Birthday to celebrate.



Carmen Santander turned 100 years old on June 19, 2023. She was born in Spain to parents, Gonzalo & Pilar Santander. She attended school until middle school. She married Raymond Santander when she was 23 years old. They had one child, a son named Cesar. The family moved to the United States for a better life in 1952. Carmen worked in a factory, sewing clothes for 33 years until she retired in 1985. Her beloved husband Raymond worked in a precision sheet metal factory until he retired in the early 1980s. He passed away in the year 2000. She has one granddaughter named Emily, who became a dentist and lives with her family in Ontario, Canada. Mrs. Santander has two great grandsons. Carmen moved to Madison York, Rego Park on April 11, 2018, from her home in Park Slope, where she lived for 51 years. She enjoys visits from her son and participating in the activities program at Madison York, Rego Park.

Race Seven: Now let's see who appears in our many photos for today: President Bill Rennison, DPP Janine Mahon, DPP Gino Ancona, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk, BettyAnn Monahan, Diane Cusimano, Joseph Alfano, Mary Benitez, Linda Monte, Joan Hoffmann, Shiv Ramsamooj, Diane Cusimano, P.O. Dilsia Bonilla, "Papi Chulo" Carlos Rodriguez, Jon Kablack, D.I. Greg Mackey, DPLG John Stahl, DPP Margie Stahl, Joseph Then and Michael Addeo.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- July 19th – Regular Meeting in the Clubhouse at 5:30 PM
- July 19th – Board Meeting following our Regular Meeting at 6:45 PM
- August 1st – Night Out Against Crime / Juniper Valley Park at 5:00 PM
- August 2nd – Regular Meeting in the Clubhouse at 12:00 PM
- August 23rd – Regular Meeting in the Clubhouse at 12:00 PM



Race Nine: Bill closed the meeting at 1:00 PM. We collected \$350 in Happy Dollars and Food Money. It was a good day!!!



Passion ✦ Respect ✦ Inclusion ✦ Diversity ✦ Equity

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After all, *change isn't the same thing as progress.*

Editor's Page

Dear Readers,

When you look at the picture on the right, what do you see??

- Do you just see banners hung on a wall to identify two clubs in Kiwanis International?
- Do you see the K.I. Logo and the days and time that the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club meets on a regular basis??
- Do you know what the Charter Dates stand for?
- Do you know what the 3-2-1 represents?

If you are not quite sure what each represents, let me try to explain a bit about these simple objects. The two banners on the right and left are our charter banners that identifies when the club was officially created within the Kiwanis International family. Ridgewood 3-2-1 is just over 5 years old and the Pride Club is approaching 6 months old. They are the welcome mats for others who attend one of our events or meetings. The Kiwanis International LOGO is usually hung on a pole or sign, along with the one below it to let everyone know where and when we meet as a Club. That way, visitors who see it, can stop by to share with our members.



The final banner in the middle is our history, it is our legacy, it is our way to show everyone what we have accomplished and achieved over the years since chartering. Next time that you are downstairs at a meeting, go up to the banner and see what you are a part of, see what working together can accomplish in service to others. The Six (6) circles at the top of the banner represent each of our K-Kids Clubs and the Eleven (11) on the bottom represents our Builders Clubs. We are the 2nd largest SLP (Service Leadership Program) sponsor in the United States and the 4th largest sponsor in the World of Kiwanis. There are patches for achieving Governor's and First Lady's Projects, there are patches for completing Round Robin / Interclubs during a specific year. That means that at least 4 members of our club visited EVERY club within the Queens West Division. Not so easy to achieve but lots of fun to participate in. There are patches showing our support of the KPTC (Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center) Foundation. Each TIE represents a fundraiser to support our Community Service Projects and then there are pins and buttons that are significant to the club.

One of these days, we will dedicate a meeting to explain this a bit more and to let each member see how ACTIVE they are in our Service Projects. It is not just about fundraisers and giving happy dollars, it is about WORKING to make things better in our communities. BE AN ACTIVE, WORKING KIWANIAN!!!! We will send out our Committee List again so that you will know what you are a part of.





Ask those two to give the extra Pizzas to the kids upstairs in Day Camp when they're done being warm and fuzzy...



Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez gets some loving from Joseph Then as Joan Hoffman and Shiv Ramsamooj enjoy the moment. As Facilities Management, each meeting is set up and broken down by this dedicated crew. Oh yeah, Mary Benitez seems to be busy texting someone, maybe at the same meeting?? Work never ends!



Ridgewood 3-2-1 can always count on our Community Partners in the NYPD. P.O. Mike Berish, the Community Affairs Officer at the 104, joined the GRYC to train over 1,000 Summer Workers in the Do's and Don'ts of Social Media in the work force, in the day camps and more. Officers Berish and Bonilla are our lifeblood to the NYPD and our incredible partnerships.