

# KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ GRYC Clubhouse, 59-03 Summerfield Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385

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## The Triple Crown Newsletter



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**Race One:** Today was a very different kind of meeting as we celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual SLP Conference with our 6 – K-Kids and 11 – Builders Clubs at IS 77 in Ridgewood. DPP Bob Monahan, Chairman of the SLP Committee, hit the gong to officially open the meeting at exactly 10:00 AM with over 200 student members present in the auditorium, along with another 80 members, guests and friends, rising to say the Pledge to our Flag. At the completion of the Pledge, a group of student members from the IS 93 Builders Club came up on stage to recite the Kiwanis Builders Club Pledge, and what an outstanding job they did. Prior to all of this, the Hawtree Creek Middle School DRUMLINE led all of the dignitaries into the auditorium with a bang, and I do mean BANG!! Drumroll Please!!!



*The Hawtree Creek Drumline on stage performing after leading in the Dignitaries who watched & heard their talents from the front row. The SLP members cheered their peers as they played with precision and energy.*

**Race Two:** The Drumline played two sets and then retired to the rear of the auditorium. At this point Bob welcomed everyone to the Conference and introduced some of the dignitaries who were on hand. NYD Governor Joel Harris, QWLG Victor Rodriguez, Ridgewood 3-2-1 President Bill Rennison, DPLG Kevin Kamper, DPG Joe Corace, DPLG Nydia Corace, NYS Senator Joe Addabbo, Vyola Isufaj, Chief of Staff for NYS Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar, Corporate Sponsor Karamjit Dhaliwal, NYPD Chief Scott Shanley, HWY3 Lt. Marc Levine, Commanding Officer of the 104<sup>th</sup> Precinct, D.I. Kevin Coleman, Loukoumi Foundation President Nick Katsoris, GRYC/CEO's Michelle Koch & DPP Janine Mahon and a host of other NYPD personnel who represented multiple Units within the Department.

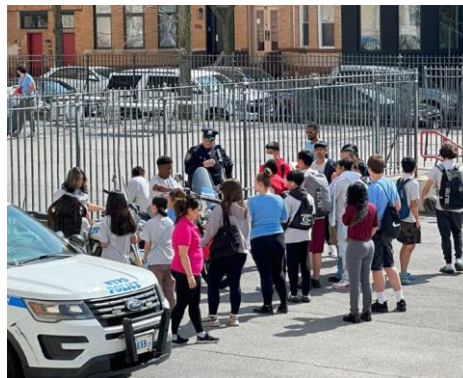
**Race Three:** After a brief overview of the day's events and a short history of Kiwanis, the participants were sent off to their respective groups for the first of two Forums being held in the morning. If a picture is worth a thousand words, you are all going to be millionaires. I will add races after a series of pictures and captions to highlight the full day that we had.



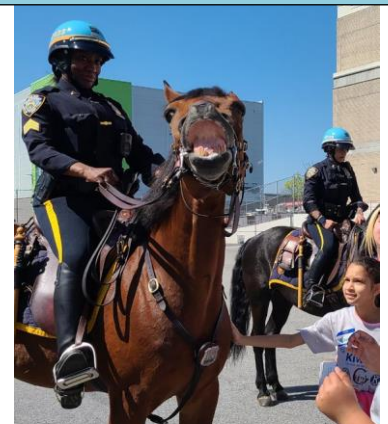
One of the absolute highlights of the day was the battle of the Drumlines from Hawtree Creek M.S. and the NYPD Marching Band. To see the Officers and students interacting in a fun way was priceless and highlights Cops and Kids at its FINEST!!



Our Myrtle Turtles Firefighters were totally engaged with our members and GRYC partners. Great job from our Bravest!



*Our partners from HWY3 drove down to Ridgewood on their Motorcycles to let the members experience what it's like to sit on a Harley. Lt. Levine and P.O. Knapf had a great time interacting with some future Police Officers.*



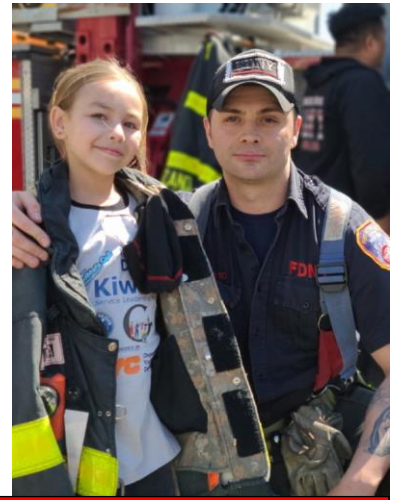
The NYPD Mounted Unit gave the members a thrill and by the looks of the picture on the right, the horse was happy to see the students having such a great time. Notice that each horse has their own Police Badge to display.



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*The MYRTLE TURTLES, our Firehouse on Myrtle Avenue came fully loaded to let the kids experience the "Jaws of Life", how to use a Fire Extinguisher and so much more. It was the thrill of a lifetime for our K-Kids and Builders Clubs.*



*Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk shows students live bees in action.*

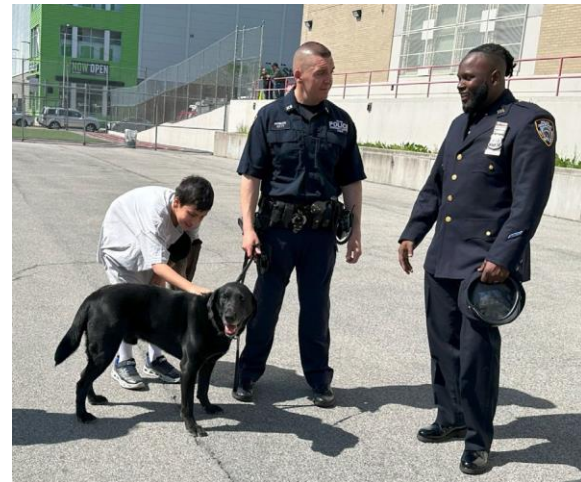
## Bees & Trees Environment Forums



*Diane Cusimano planting seeds of thought on how to protect our Environment and planet.*



## Going to the Dogs With the NYPD Canine Units



## Having Dogs And Hamburgers



**Race Four:** All SLP members were assigned to Forums and Group Activities. One of the groups made cards for Rhoda Rosen, a 94 year old who was honored by our 3-2-1 Club for making knitted baby blankets for our hundreds of Blessing Bags for Expectant Mothers at Wyckoff Heights Hospital. Rhoda had a bad bout with COVID and is in a Rehab facility. We are hoping to deliver these cards to Rhoda, ASAP. One of the major projects for our SLP Clubs was making cards for Valentine's for Vets a couple of months ago. This brings a smile to MANY faces. Speaking of smiles, how about the smiles on the faces of Past International President Tom DeJulio, NYD Governor Joel Harris, DPG Joe Corace and DPG Forbes Irvine as they enjoyed the awesome Conference. These Kiwanis Leaders made the time to share and experience the First SLP Conference for 17 different Clubs.



**Race Five:** There were no Happy Dollars collected at our meeting today but the joy that was the underpinning to the whole Conference was worth more than anything we could have raised. It was amazing to have our Corporate Sponsor BABA Realty LLC at the event to present some well-deserved Plaques to the 104<sup>th</sup> Pct. Commanding Officer D.I. Kevin J. Coleman, along with NCO's Gregory Teti and Fidney Moise for their dedication & service to the neighborhoods of Ridgewood, Glendale, Middle Village and Maspeth. To cap off the 3-2-1 event, Ridgewood Club President, Bill Rennison, presented Plaques to our very own members, Community Affairs Officers Mike Berish and Dilsia Bonilla for their efforts to assure that the Conference was a HUGE success for our Builders and K-Kids Clubs. We believe that this is the only Conference of its kind in NY District for the Elementary and Middle School Clubs. As stated, Ridgewood is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest SINGLE Club Sponsor of SLP's in the United States and the 4<sup>th</sup> largest in Kiwanis International. Not bad for a club about to celebrate their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at our next meeting, Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.



**DPLG Keith Cummings gave a Forum on Anti-Bullying to our 200 SLP members with audience participation.**



**All 17 SLP Clubs created Poster Displays to highlight their numerous Accomplishments for this school year. This is PS 128 K-Kids.**

Ridgewood 3-2-1 SLP Conference				
9:00 to 9:45	Arrival, Grab & Go Breakfast and Gallery Walk			
9:45 to 10:00	Leave from Gallery Walk and enter Auditorium			
10:00 to 10:30	Drumline Entrance with Dignitaries/Opening Remarks			
Time	Forum Name	Presenter	Location	Groups Assigned
10:30 to 11:00	Environmental	Diane Calabrese	Classroom 180	Group AA
10:30 to 11:00	Environmental	Master Sergeant Tom Wix	Classroom 179	Group BB
10:30 to 11:00	Service Projects	Nick Katsaris	Classroom 173	Group FF
10:30 to 11:00	Service Projects	Ed Specialiti/Instructors	Cafeteria	Groups D & E
10:30 to 11:00	NYPD Canines	Health & Wellness, Canine & Construction	Gymnasium	Group A
10:30 to 11:00	NYPD Canines	Health & Wellness, Canine & Construction	Gymnasium	Group B
10:30 to 11:00	Musicals/NYNY	Musicals & NYNY	Outdoor Yard	Group C
10:30 to 11:00	Leadership	Kiwanis Brass and 321 PPs	Auditorium	Group F
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11:40 to 12:15	Anti-Bullying	Keith Cummings	Auditorium	All Groups
Lunch in the Cafeteria				
1:00 to 1:30	Team Building Outside Yard - Builders Clubs			
1:30 to 1:50	Team Building Gymnasium - K-Kids Clubs			
1:50 to 1:55	Closing Remarks and Reflection in Auditorium			
1:55 to 2:00	Dismissal/Back to Buses to return to School			

# "GET STUFF DONE"

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

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

**Race Six:** Bill was a busy President today with so many members and friends at the School. We were so blessed to have Past International President Tom DeJulio and DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio celebrating our YOUTH DAY. PIP Tom spoke to the members and highlighted that Kiwanis is a FAMILY and more specifically, A Chosen Family because we make a CHOICE to serve others and volunteer. He just celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Kiwanis, not including his 6 additional years in SLP's. Tom is a TRUE LEADER by his EXAMPLE and HUMILITY.



Since we are counting our blessings, PDG Forbes Irvine, DPLG Keith Cummings and Michele Geresi from the Richmond County Club came to Interclub and speak to the SLP members about Anti-Bullying; DPG Joe Corace and DPLG Nydia Corace came to speak with the members about the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation; DPLG Kevin Kamper, Assistant K-Kids Administrator for NY District made the time to recognize our K-Kids; DPLG John Stahl and DPP Margie Stahl were there to celebrate with the members, along with Jon Kablack, President of the 104 Community Council.

**Race Seven:** Now let's see who else was in attendance today: President Bill Rennison, DPP Janine Mahon, DPP Gino Ancona, DPP Maricelis Romero, DPP Liz Fitzgerald, Joan Hoffmann, Maureen Powell & Fr. Kevin Powell, Diane Cusimano, Shiv Ramsamooj, BettyAnn Monahan, Community Affairs Officers Mike Berish & Dilsia Bonilla, D.I. Kevin Coleman, Chief Scott Shanley, Aidan Leavens, John Hennessey, Mary Benitez, Dina DePaola, TJ Ritter, Iralda Frias, Kevin Goodish, Jacklyn Hogan, Francesca Fedkowskyj, Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez, Sabrina Montero, Diane Marzuillo, Jon Kablack, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk, Joseph Then, Daren Mohamed, Joseph Alfano, David Volcy, Cynthia Rivera, Jennifer Lamberty, Clark McKinney, Betalis Nunez, Damian Naranjo, Tracy Rodriguez, Celina Rosario, JoAnn Siegel, Josiah Vera, Inspector Victoria Perry, Carmen Resto, Cat Siegel, Xiomara Pina and Walter Welsh. We didn't have sign in sheets today, so I apologize if I'm missing anyone.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

- **April 19<sup>th</sup> – Meeting at the Clubhouse to celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 12PM**
- **April 21<sup>st</sup> – QW Pride Club BINGO at Lucas's Lab on Decatur Street – 7:00 PM**
- **April 22<sup>nd</sup> – AKTION Club Easter Celebration/Egg hunt and more fun things**
- **April 26<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting at the Clubhouse – 5:30 PM**
- **May 3<sup>rd</sup> – English Day Celebration at the Clubhouse – 12 PM**



**Race Nine:** Bill closed the Official 3-2-1 meeting at 1:15 however we had the wrap up and Final Comments for the SLP members from 1:30 to 1:45 PM. During that time, Bob introduced Inspector Victoria Perry, Commanding Officer of the NYPD Community Affairs Unit. Inspector Perry just returned from two months of training at Quantico and is absolutely a rising star within the Department. How delightful that she is a member of our club and encouraged the young ladies in the audience to consider a career in the NYPD. After that, Bob thanked DPP Gino Ancona and his team for their magnificent effort in planning and executing the day. He also thanked Cynthia Rivera and her IS 77 team for their hard work and hospitality, and finally, he thanked Distinguished Past President Janine Mahon for her oversight and organization for the past two months to produce this flawless event. Then DPP Janine had an opportunity to thank the GRYC Directors/ Members of 3-2-1 for their collaborative approach to making things work without a hitch. Thanks everyone for this amazing event.

Passion ✦ Respect ✦ Inclusion ✦ Diversity ✦ Equity

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Speak to your children as if they are the wisest, kindest, most beautiful and magical humans on Earth for what they believe is what they will become.

BROOKE HAMPTON

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