



KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

The Triple Crown Newsletter



RESULTS Of MEET For: February 6, 2019

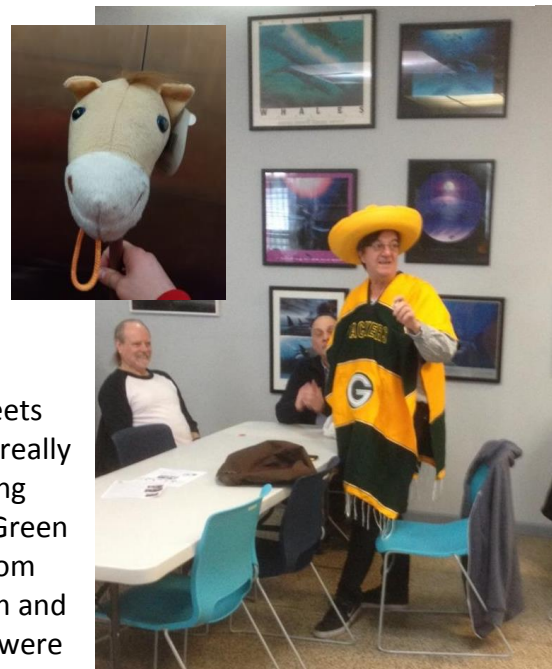
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Race One: The meet began with an attendance of over 50 members and visitors on hand to celebrate with some laughter, more fun, great food and festivities. Number 1, President Liz Fitzgerald called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag and then asked Father Mike Lopez, our clubs esteemed Sky Pilot to offer the grace before meals and he did a magnificent job. There was a smell of food filling the room because it was Grace Pizza and it was delivered on time and ready to go. Today was a buffet of Italian food and we had some vegetarian Eggplant Parm, Salad and then a bunch of other delightful treats.

Race Two: As we continue our custom at the Club, the winner of the last meets sheriffs prize, Henry, Nancy, Polly, Hank Kraker was today's marshal and was really ready for the role. Hop-along Hank was MIA but Poncho Villa Hank came along with his Cheese Head Sombrero and his Poncho with a big G on front for his Green Bay Packers. Lots of happy dollars to see Hank 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 some of the guests who were present. We got applications from Elizabeth Crowley, Dan Purus, Temitope Patricia, Rokeya Akhter, Joellen Kunkel, Asar Sanad and a few others took applications for membership. Lots of fun and all taken in great spirits. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 620.

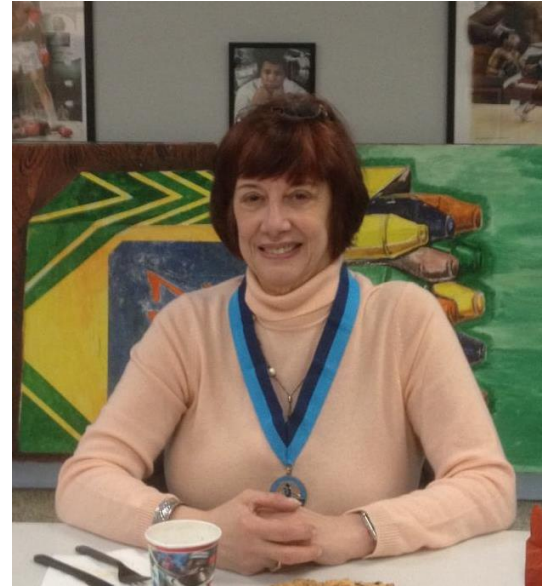
Race Three: Madam President opened the floor to guests and visitors and the club greeted Temitope Patricia, Rokeya Akhter, Joellen Kunkel, Jayne Wadhawan, Felix Urrutia, Eugene Dolphin, Alex Lagombra and Danielle Kerwin. P.O. Taisha Perez dropped by but had to run to an emergency. Detective Tom Bell came to the meet and introduced his 99% sure next partner, Asar Sanad and told everyone about the sad murder/stabbing that occurred on Myrtle Avenue over the weekend. The woman victim was 5 months pregnant and both passed away. Ricky Wahmann spoke about the St. Pancras CYO Basketball Tournament that raised \$4,600 for Sam and Dave. The Ridgewood 3-2-1 sponsored \$500 towards the event. Great job by Al Bellington, Kevin Dumbach, Ricky and Joe Aiello. Nice to "see" Kevin Powell back as he had eye surgery the day before and Alan Bellone had some bucks to speak about his knee replacement and how delightful that has been. At that point, the food was screaming for some attention and the masses devoured it with love and affection.

Race Four: President Liz continued her report on the club's participation in Kiwanis activities and also on the upcoming events and happy dollars were flying around the room, non-stop. Liz mentioned that the Middle Village Kiwanis Club, our sponsoring club, had their Induction of Officers on Thursday, January 24, 2019 and that we donated \$200 to match their donation to St. Mary's Hospital. There were 5 members at that meeting. Another Interclub under our belt. We really do miss you when you're not here. Felix Urrutia from the Queen Library was at the meeting with Michaeline VanDrathen and said that he might be interested in becoming a member of this great club. The GRYC is doing a joint partnership with the Ridgewood Library and Felix wants to expand that program throughout Queens with all GRYC sites in the borough. Mike Addeo was at the meet and was happy to see so many of his friends from around Ridgewood. You always have more friends when you hit 3 of 4 quarters in the Super Bowl Pool. Mike donated \$150 back to the club. Thanks Mike. Tom (Bill) Wilk, "please don't pick me" had the wrong date on his attendance slip. Seems he showed up Monday, too. Diane Cusimano Temkin brought along two guests and they are both interested in becoming members. Folks, it is really simple, bring someone to the meet and the rest will take care of itself. We have a ton of fun, laugh about things and get great work done in the process. That is what Kiwanis is supposed to be and that is what we are stamping our mark on.



Race Five: It was announced that the Mid-Winter Conference was going to be at the Desmond Hotel in Albany and there will be 4 members in attendance, unless Bernie Zablocki decides to go. You see, Bernie always tells me that he reads the Triple Crown Newsletter and this is my chance to see if he really does read it. The Ridgewood 3-2-1 has submitted three separate entries into the District for special recognition. For the Public Relations Category, the 3-2-1 Club highlighted its growth to 140+ members in only seven (7) months and the impact that it is having on the Ridgewood community. For the Youth Services Category, the 3-2-1 Club spoke about giving away 900 school backpacks filled with school supplies to students and others throughout the Division. In the Single Service Category, Hank submitted the End of Summer Bash for Sam and Dave where we raised nearly \$45,000 along with the GRYC and Glendale Club. Remember, we only chartered on June 20th and our successes are legendary throughout the District. We are also submitting copies of the newsletter and creating a scrapbook to show our achievements and hope that they bring us some good recognition.

Race Six: Crossing Guard Tina continues her perfect attendance and loves coming to the meetings as retirement continues to suit her. John Stahl, Gino and Janine attended the Queens Blvd Club's Vasilopita Luncheon and were trying to get the coin that was inside the cake as it brings luck to the one who finds it. No one at the event seems to have found it, but, Janine and Gino were given an extra piece to bring home. Instead, they decided to go to the car, smash the piece to pieces and when no coin was found, the picture on the right says the rest. Queens West Division is still trying to count all of those "SODA" can tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Thanks Chis for drinking so much soda to support a good cause. Janine Mahon, Number 3 as 1st VP, had happy dollars for a bunch of things. John Stahl was at the meeting and Liz and I surprised him with the "Elimidallion" for all of the hard work that he and Margie have done for Trick or Treat for UNICEF over the years. This magnificent couple has raised over \$100,000 for this cause and have now gotten Ridgewood 3-2-1's Builders, K-Kids and Kiddy Kidz involved. The club collected \$3,000 in its first year and combined with John and Margie's \$5,700, UNICEF received nearly \$9,000 this past Halloween. Margie came in to the Clubhouse today and was surprised to get her "Elimidallion". Seems John never mentioned it and she was truly stunned to get it. Well deserved and long overdue.



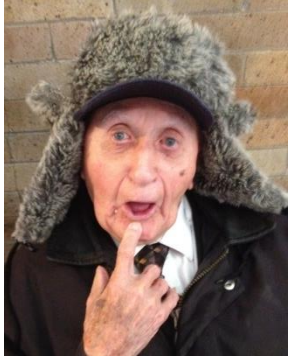
Race Seven: Ricky Wahmann is the District Builders Club Administrator and announced that the Ridgewood 3-2-1 has successfully re-activated 11 Builders Clubs throughout Queens West and East. This is more clubs back in action than over the past few years and it is anticipated that another 4-5 will be established over the next month. That is what you would call having a phenomenal year with lots of support from his buddies. Soon Ricky and Company will be traveling around the State and on Long Island to see the great work that the kids are doing.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

February 20th – Next meeting of the 3-2-1 at the Clubhouse on Summerfield at 12:00 noon

February 28th – 104th PCT Community Council Dinner honoring Lenny O’Toole and the Ridgewood 3-2-1

Race Nine: Number 1, Liz ended the meeting right on time at 1:00 by hitting the gong.



Joseph F. Triano
(Old Joe “Schlatabutz”)
Born: March 19, 1917
Became a Star: January 31, 2019
Full of life, full of joy and always lots of fun to be around him. Close your eyes, remember his great laugh and smile.



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