



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

## The Triple Crown Newsletter



**RESULTS Of MEET For: January 9, 2019**

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**Race One:** Today's meet began with an attendance of nearly 60 members and visitors on hand to celebrate the 2019 New Year with some fun, food and festivities. Since I was actually up in my office when all this happened, let's guess that Number 1, President Liz Fitzgerald called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag. Since I ordered the food, let's guess that there was the delicious smells of Grace Pizza (including some vegetarian food) taunting everyone's senses, and that Sky Pilot Father Mike Lopez gave a prayer of thanks for being with a great group of people in service to the community and he asked everyone to remember those less fortunate and in need of support and kindness.

**Race Two:** As we continue our custom at the Club, the winner of the last meets sheriffs prize, Diane Cusimano Temkin was today's marshal and was really ready for the role. It is my understanding that there was a horse present at the event that was given the name Bronco Bob, and then quickly renamed by Hank "Nancy" Kraker to Jackass Bob. Now, it was around that time that Bob Monahan exited the elevator to hear that the name was Bronco Bob and immediately challenged Diane as to why it had to be Bob. Out came the six shooters and she replied, "Why does it always have to do with YOU, my husband's name is also BOB. Bang, bang, she shot me down, Bang, Bang, I hit the ground. Lots of fun and all taken in great spirits. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 700.

**Race Three:** Madam President once again began the meet today by giving happy dollars for all of the great things that this club has achieved in such a short time. There was the fundraiser that Al Bellington and Bill Rennison ran at the Woodhaven House to benefit Sam and Dave and their families that raised over \$6,000. There was a \$500 donation from Tony DiPiazza for Christmas gifts for two families. Tony also donated from the Italian Federation checks for \$1,000 from the Fresh Pond Road Festival to the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council and St. Matthias Food Pantry and a \$500 donation to the Ridgewood Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Thanks Tony for your continued generosity. At that point, it was time to put on the feed bags and get some lunch.

**Race Four:** President Liz continued her report on the club's participation in Kiwanis activities and also on the up-coming events and happy dollars were flying around the room, non-stop. Sad dollars for the loss of Paul Hoffman's dad who passed away over the holidays. Liz mentioned that it was Law Enforcement Week and there were mixed dollars for the NYPD in the house. Bob said that two of his favorite Police Officers were in the clubhouse, Detective Tommy Bell and P.O. Lenny O'Toole (here for the first of many times to come) and, oh yeah, P.O. Lesa Craigg was sitting with them. Then Fr. Mike had to bring up that more Police Officers die from suicide than in the line of duty, and I had to immediately apologize to Lesa and tell her that I really, really, really do like her. And I do. Lots of vegetarian food left over today as Linda Monte was off to Portland where daughter Celina had her baby a bit early. Everyone is doing fine. Eric Monte is now back in school becoming a Teacher and how lucky those kids are gonna be to have Eric as their educator. Beverly McBeth was at the meet with some of her SYEP staff and gearing up for the summer, already.



**Race Five:** It was announced that the Member count for Kiwanis International and the NY District was 145. This makes the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club the largest club in the Queens West Division and we believe that with our additions, we are either the largest club in NY District or we are second largest. Bob then mentioned that each member has to participate in a committee or two to expand our reach and accomplishments and Liz immediately told him that she had already mentioned that while he was up in his office and came late. SAD dollars for that.



**Race Six:** Lucian Matej was back in the house and looking great, Kenny Dunn and JR Velepec were sitting with Hank Kraker who again had dollars to emphasize that the horse's name was JACKASS BOB. Tom Wilk had dollars to say that he never thought that Hank would say that with Bob in the clubhouse. Liz had everyone reaching for happy dollars at that announcement. Seems today, JR was a visiting Kiwanian from Glendale AND a guest of someone else. FREE lunches are always nice to get. Crossing Guard Tina was present again and states that retirement suits her. Lenny O'Toole who is the supervisor for all Crossing Guards within the 104 had happy dollars to see Tina, his favorite one. Alan Bellone was missing because he had knee surgery, Chris McDougall was missing, again, BUT, he did send in 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 1<sup>st</sup> VP, had happy dollars for a bunch of things including the GRYC's Young Adult Internship Program staff being present. John and Margie were unable to make the meeting as it seems John had a car accident and the car is totaled. He assures me that he and Margie are ok.



**Race Seven:** It was mentioned that Ricky Wahmann is the District Builders Club Administrator and is having a phenomenal year with support from his buddies traveling around the State. His cousin Eugene Dolphin was at his first meeting as a member and has volunteered to help. Trouble brewing in Dodge. LOL John Hennessey was in the clubhouse along with Mike Addeo who brought a guest and potential member, Dominick Consolazio. Poor Maureen Powell was there without hubby Kevin, we missed you Kevin and thanks Maureen for the \$100 happy dollars. It was great to see Mike Romer from Force Fitness on Fresh Pond Road and thanks Mike for the kind words that you wrote to me regarding our Audit situation. You are a true gentleman. And last but not least, Dave Fitzgerald was back in the saddle and attended with his guest, Erin Fitzgerald who is home from College.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

**January 14<sup>th</sup> – Queens West Foundation and Division Meeting in Astoria**

**January 21<sup>st</sup> - Madison York Residence Birthday Party at 12 noon.**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Next Meeting of the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club at Summerfield Street**

**January 26<sup>th</sup> – KPTC Fundraiser Theatre Night "Sweet Charity" 8:00 PM @ Elmont Theatre**

**January 30<sup>th</sup> – AKTION Club at the Movies in Atlas Park**

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

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