

# 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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It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of Joan Fitzgerald, mother of Dave and mother-in-law of Liz Fitzgerald. The wake will be held Monday, August 7, 2023 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Werst & LaBella Funeral Home, 71-41 Cooper Ave, Glendale, NY 11385. The funeral service will occur Tuesday, August 8, 2023 from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM at Sacred Heart Church-Glendale, 83-17 78th Avenue, Glendale, NY 11385. A committal service will occur Tuesday, August 8, 2023 from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM at St. John Cemetery, 80-01 Metropolitan Avenue, Middle Village.

**Race One:** Well, summer is in full swing and many of our members are up to their nostrils working 9 hour days at their Day Camps for the GRYC and couldn't break away for the meeting. This was an evening event followed by the 3-2-1 Board of Directors meeting. We had a healthy group of over 20 members and guests. Things got rolling at 5:30 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 Father Kevin Powell to say grace, who deferred to Pastor Emanuel from Maranatha Church. Pastor gave a beautiful reflection of thanks for our many blessings and the gift of life and health, while remembering those less fortunate. Amen.

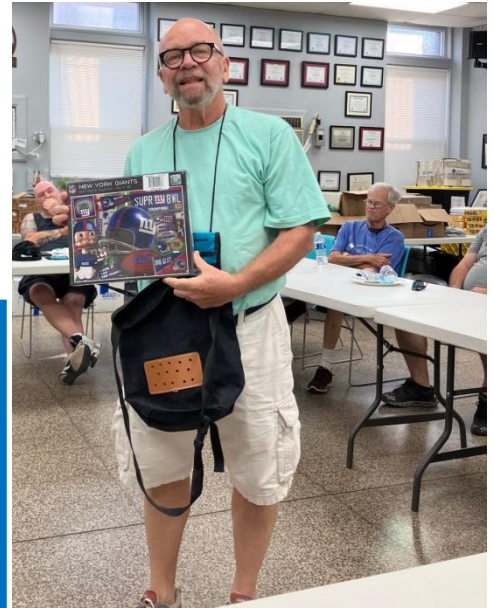


**Race Two:** The weather has been super toasty and we opted to have Two – 3 Foot Heroes for our gathering. One was American and the other Veggie, both were Delicious, that is they were Deli-licious. Gino also put out some of our School Foods sandwiches and we had chips and pretzels, soda and water. Everyone had plenty to eat and to think, it only puts you out \$10 if you want to eat. If you look at the picture of President Bill, above, you will see what I'm talking about. Good Food, Good Friends, Good Times!!





Just look at that facial expression and know that in that open purse is a Sicilian blade. Whoever thought that Diane couldn't spell, ***Double Entendre*** and know the meaning of it, was **WRONG, WRONG, WRONG!!**



*Ridgewood 3-2-1 member JR Velepec had money to say some things to President Bill about his being a NY Giants fan. Bob bought a beautiful puzzle for Bill who refused the gift which led to JR making some pointed comments. At one point, Bob pushed the puzzle off the table and Bill picked up the box and shook it and said, "see you broke it into pieces". The place went crazy. Laughter and Fun at the 3-2-1. JR accepted his Dallas Cowboy puzzle and Hank got the Packers.*

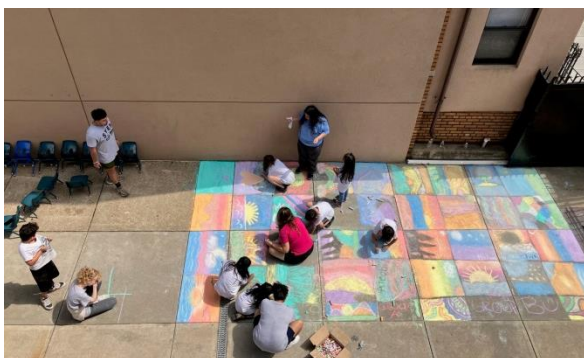
**Race Three:** After our members and friends filled their plates with food, President Bill opened the floor to Happy Dollars and our members started to raise their hands, holding some bucks raised higher, to share their thoughts. DPP Gino Ancona gave some dollars to mention that Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> was the Night Out Against Crime for both the 3-2-1 and Pride Clubs. There will be 1,000 Mamita's Ices distributed and another 1,000 bottles of Hand Sanitizers. All members are asked to stop by and help out. Diane and President Bill had a bit of an exchange about Double Entendre's and the spelling match began and was won by Diane Cusimano, the President of the St. Michael's HS Student Council in 1972. You go girlfriend. LOL DPP Janine Mahon had dollars for the great Summer Programs going on with our partners at the GRYC and that was echoed by DPP Hank Kraker and others. QWDLG Victor Rodriguez had happy dollars to be breaking bread with our Club as did, QWDLG Elect Janice Bar who gave happy dollars to say that she just loves the dynamic and fun at 3-2-1.



**Race Four:** Folks from the 3-2-1 and Pride Club showed up in numbers for the Night Out Against Crime with our partners from the 104<sup>th</sup> NYPD Precinct and the 104 Community Council, headed up by member Jon Kablack. Jon was assisted by 3-2-1 members; Community Affairs Officers Mike Berish and Dilsia Bonilla and of course, Inspector Kevin Coleman who is a member of both, the 3-2-1 and Pride Club. Thousands of people attended the event and got free Ices and Hand Sanitizers, along with Hot Dogs provided by Glendale Kiwanis and Pizzas provided by Rosa's of Middle Village. Dollars were given for Michael Addeo who had his hip replaced and is out of commission for a bit and SAD dollars were given for Dan Purus from the GRYC who passed away. Dan was a member of the GRYC family for over 35 years and mentored many, many staff members over the years. Rest in Peace Good and Faithful Servant.



**Race Five:** The 3-2-1 Club has an amazing partnership with the NYPD and most especially, the 104<sup>th</sup> Precinct. When the 14 and 15 year olds working in the GRYC Summer Youth Employment Program wanted to get some guidance on a Safety Booklet that they were creating for Elementary School Aged Students, they went to our members, P.O.'s Berish and Bonilla. What a wonderful dialogue they had. Thanks Mike and Dilsia for your continued support and leadership.



Here is a panoramic photo of our Day Camp participants creating their masterpiece at the GRYC Summerfield Street location. Ridgewood 3-2-1 has partnered with the GRYC camp to provide pizzas, heroes, ices and backpacks for each of the camper. DPP Gino Ancona, DPP Janine Mahon and other members have made this a wonderful experience for these children and more is to come. Partnerships are what makes things better.

**Race Six:** Much of the 3-2-1 success can be attributed to our partnerships with the NYPD, Greater Ridgewood Youth Council and other community based organizations and groups. Working **TOGETHER** always works **BETTER**. DPP Janine Mahon celebrated with the GRYC program at PS 81 in Ridgewood where 500 Day Campers enjoyed their Western themed party day. DPP Bob Monahan is pictured with PBQN Chief Christine Bastedenbeck and member P.O. Mike Berish at National Night Out and member Inspector Victoria Perry visited with David Volcy at PS/IS 138's GRYC Day Camp for 350 participants. David has an awesome Builders Club at his school site.



**Race Seven:** Now let's see who appears in our many photos for today's meeting and for the events that followed: President Bill Rennison, DPP Janine Mahon, DPP Gino Ancona, DPP Hank Kraker, JR Velepec, Claire Mahon, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk, BettyAnn Monahan, Diane Cusimano, Joseph Alfano, Joan Hoffmann, Shiv Ramsamooj, Diane Cusimano, P.O. Dilsia Bonilla, P.O. Mike Berish, D.I. Kevin Coleman, Inspector Victoria Perry, Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez, Jon Kablack, Francesca Fedkowskyj, Jayne Wadhawan, DPP Al Gentile, Diane Marzuillo, QWDLG Victor Rodriguez, QWDLG Elect Janice Bar, DPLG John Stahl, DPP Margie Stahl, Fr. Kevin Powell, Maureen Powell, David Volcy, Linda Manetta, Dina DePaola, Sabrina Sierra, John Hennessey, Pastor Emanuel, Joseph Then and Michael Addeo. If I missed anyone, Mea Culpa!!

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

- **August 16<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting in the Clubhouse at 12:00 PM**
- **August 19<sup>th</sup> – Officers Training for QW Division at Heartshare 10:00 AM**
- **August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Board Meeting at the Clubhouse at 5:30 PM**
- **August 30<sup>th</sup> – Backpack Giveaway at the 104<sup>th</sup> Precinct 11:00 AM**
- **September 6<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting in the Clubhouse at 12:00 PM**



**Race Nine:** Bill closed the meeting at 6:30 PM. We collected \$275 in Happy Dollars and Food Money. It was a good day!!!



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



The Greater Ridgewood Youth Council, Inc.  
SYEP 2023 Service Project

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MARKERS  
FOLDERS  
PENCILS  
NOTEBOOKS  
CRAYONS  
RULERS



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RIDGEWOOD, NY 11385

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**July 27 - August 10**  
**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**776 Fairview Ave**  
**Ridgewood, NY**  
**11385**

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has increased  
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Saturday, August 12, 2023

69-20 80th Street  
Middle Village, NY 11379

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

For more information, please contact:

Maria Rodriguez at 718-326-2420

The 104th Precinct - Community Affairs Department will be providing fraud prevention tips and information including brochures on identity theft, elder fraud, cybercrimes and more.

Complimentary document destruction of up to a maximum of 5 standard archive boxes or equivalent.

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