

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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Race One: This was our Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Celebration and what an event it was. To say that we kicked off the New Year – 2025 with a bang is an understatement. President Bob hit the gong at 12:05 PM and asked all present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, followed with a beautiful grace given by retired NYPD Officer Darren Mays who travelled down from upstate NY to be with the Club. Darren gave a heartfelt and awesome reflection of Thanks and Blessings for the New Year. Bob then welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced DPG Joe Corace and his lovely First Lady Nydia Corace, along with DPLG for Queens West Division Janice Bar. There was a bit of Kiwanis Education as the guests were given an overview of what a District, Division and Individual Club was all about.



Race Two: Our Club, once again, welcomed as our guests, Dermot Smyth and Paul Pogozeleski, both candidates running for the City Council to fill the seat held by outgoing Bob Holden. It should be mentioned that Ridgewood 3-2-1 remains the most Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Kiwanis Club in NY District and welcomes community leaders to join us at meetings for lunch and to share information. We love our Elected Officials to come to our meetings and welcome ALL in this NEW YEAR. Special thanks to Paul for donating some new games to the GRYC.

Race Three: Then it was time to eat and chow down on Zum Stammtisch delights. Two Full Trays of Chicken Schnitzel, One Full Tray of Mashed Potatoes, One Full Tray of Home Fries, Two Half Trays of Red Cabbage, Three Half Trays of Creamed Spinach, One 3 Ft. German Hero and One 3 Ft. American Hero and a Full Sheet of Apple Strudel in honor of Bernie Zablocki. Chief of Staff, Gino Ancona went over and above with the themed plates, cups, table cloths and room décor for our NYPD Officers and Brass. To say that there was an atmosphere of a sea of blue doesn't do justice to his House Committee's work to make this all happen. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the Clubhouse a warm and welcoming place for our NYPD partners and friends.



What time is it...

...It's time to Serve!



**NYPD 104 PCT PARTNERS
Chief Victoria Perry,
Inspector Kevin Coleman
and C.O. Karam Chowdhury
all made it!!**

Over 30 NYPD Officers and Brass from PBQN, Community Affairs, the 104 and 109 Precincts, NCO's, Headquarters, HWY3 and retired Officers and friends made it to our Clubhouse to celebrate with us. THIS is what true partnerships are all about!!!

Race Four: As everyone was enjoying meal, we introduced a number of High Ranking NYPD personnel; Chief Victoria Perry, former Commanding Officer of the 104 who is now the Commanding Officer of Community Affairs, Inspector Kevin Coleman, also former C.O. of the 104 who is now at the 109 Precinct and current 104 C.O. Captain Karam Chowdhury (needs to be Deputy Inspector soon). Then it was mentioned that Inspector Louron Hall, Chief John Mastronardi, Inspector Mark Wachter, Chief Christine Bastedenbeck and Chief Brian Hennessy, were all kind enough to let us know that they were engaged in NYPD work and apologized for not being able to join us, as much as they would have loved to be here. EVERY ONE of these fine members of the NYPD are rising stars and leaders in our great City. Thank you all for your service. Then we had our own 104 Detectives and Officers joining us for a bit of a respite from their stressful jobs. Bob mentioned some of his favorites; Berish, Nessler, Diaz, G, Mays and DPP Janine Mahon gave some dollars to ask what happened to Bob's favorites on the other side of the Clubhouse. OUCH, but lots of laughter and fun as Bob started speaking about the members who were present and who make the whole Club so successful.

Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa!!

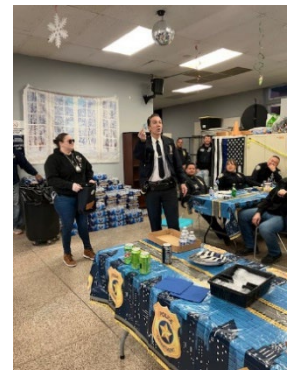




Partnership: working together for the good of the communities that we serve. This is the CULTURE of the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club and its members. For the CAUSE and not the APPLAUSE!!

Race Five: There were lots of members and friends enjoying our incredible meal from Zum's. As is always the case at Ridgewood 3-2-1, there was no alcohol, so no one had to worry about 104 Community Affairs Detective Mike Berish and his 30 NYPD friends being in the clubhouse. Some of the GRYC and Business partners were at the meeting to enjoy their afternoon; Paul Hoffmann, Shiv Ramsamooj, Tracy Rodriguez, Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez, Clark "from the BRONX" McKinney, Joseph Then, Dermot Smyth, Cat Siegel, JoAnn Siegel, Jaimyline Echevarria and Homa Sharmer from our Corporate Sponsor Maspeth Federal Bank, Dina DePaola, Jason Demeloitz, Linda Manetta, Jayne Wadhawan, Joan Hoffmann, Sabrina Sierra, Mary Benitez, Michelle Koch, Walter Welsh, DPP Janine Mahon, Jon Kablack, David Schwartz, Paul Pogozelski and his two sons, Malorie Langley, President Elect Diane Cusimano, Queens West DPLG Janice Bar, DPP Gino Ancona, John Hennessey from Ridgewood Savings Bank, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk and retired NYPD Beekeeper Darren Mays, Mirko Chandler and Joseph Carbonell. Then, poor George Escobar from St. Pancras arrived and had sad dollars because he got ditched by a "Papi Chulo" who will remain anonymous for a ride. With over 30 NYPD Officers in the House, George said that he felt a CRIME had been committed and that the perp should be taken into custody. FUN and LAUGHTER all around and happy dollars kept rolling. All together, we had close to 70 folks there to enjoy the food, fun and frivolity. It doesn't get much better than that, and Ridgewood is one club that continues to pack the house and all for a \$15 Zum Stammtisch meal. Each Law Enforcement honoree was a GUEST of the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club.

Race Six: As Happy Dollars continued, Inspector Kevin Coleman gave 20 EUROS as he didn't bring cash with him to the meeting. As the laughter subsided, President Elect Diane Cusimano gave a Happy \$25.10 to BUY the EUROS with the appropriate exchange rate. Diane then mentioned that she had never had a run in with the NYPD and Bob immediately countered by saying that back in 1972 when Diane was PRESIDENT of St. Michael's Academy Student Council, he remembered seeing her at the 10th Precinct in Manhattan smiling with handcuffs on and sitting in the holding cell. Seems we have a number of "experienced" members who had very active younger days.



*People may doubt what you say,
but they will ALWAYS believe
what you DO.*



NYPD PARTNERS
There were officers from Queen North, the 104 and 109 Precincts, from Community Affairs, NCO's, Field Intelligence, and a host of other Units. Our PS/IS 87 students made posters and cards for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and the Clubhouse décor was incredibly done by DPP Gino and his House Committee.



Race Seven: Partnerships sometimes mean showing your appreciation for our hard-working Officers on Holidays and other times throughout the year. The 104 Community Council and Jon Kablack work diligently to make that happen in partnership with the Ridgewood Kiwanis Club. Today's event was an awesome success and let our Officers know that we have their backs and support their incredible work to Protect and Serve. And all of this was put together with massive changes occurring within the Police Department. Kudo's to ALL!!



STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE!!

TALK TO THE HAND CARLOS!! George is filing charges for abandonment and just plain endangerment for making him walk in this wind and cold to the meeting. If you didn't like handcuffs so much...



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- **January 22nd – Corporate Sponsor Meeting at 12:00 NOON in the Clubhouse**
- **January 29th – Board Meeting at 5:00 PM in the Clubhouse**

Race Nine: This is the time to make all necessary arrangements to get to the 3-2-1 meeting on Wednesday. Stop with the excuses and make it happen.

ALWAYS HAVING FUN AT 3-2-1 !



Passion + **R**espect + **I**nclusion + **D**iversity + **E**quity

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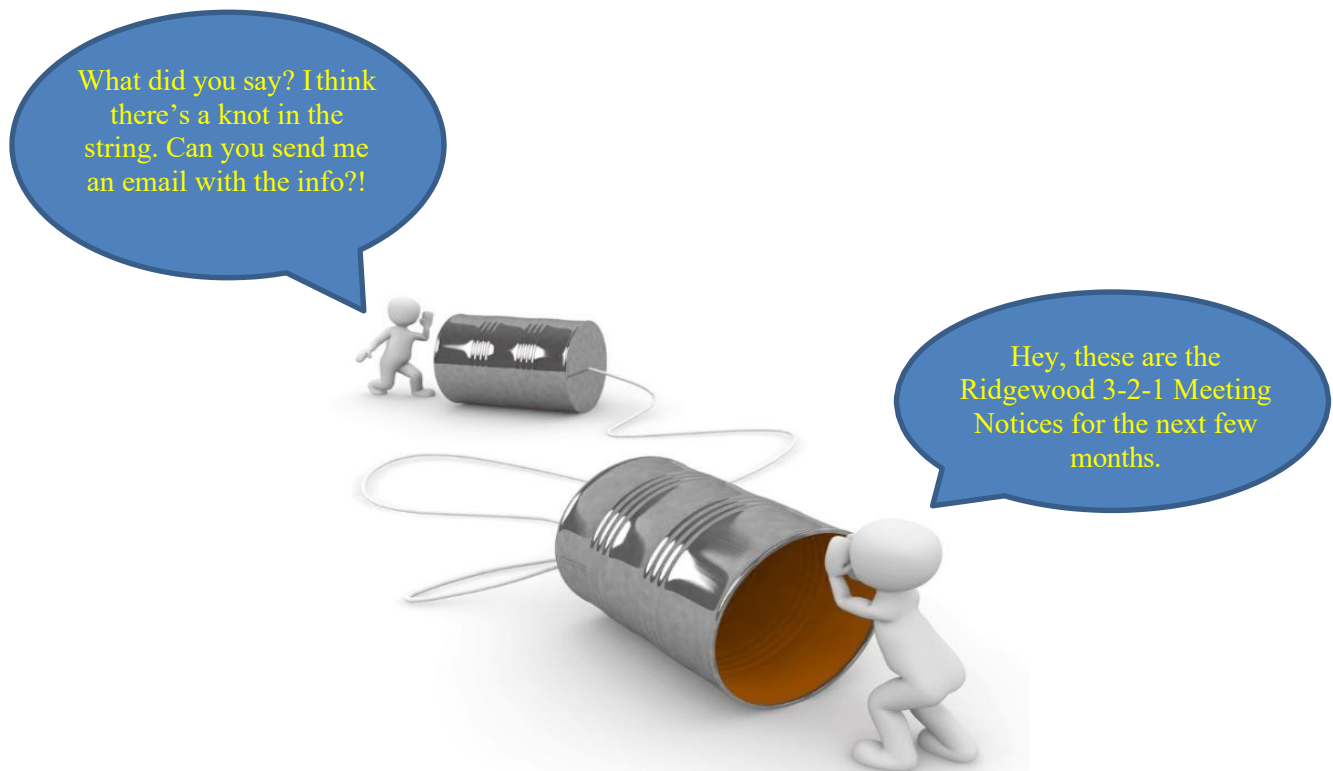
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Ridgewood 3-2-1 Meetings January, February & March 2025



- January 22nd – Corporate Sponsor Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 PM**
- January 29th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 PM**
- February 5th – Heart Health/Valentine's for Vets Day at Clubhouse – 12:00 PM**
- February 15th – AKTION Club Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 to 2:00 PM**
- February 19th – Past President's Day for 3-2-1 Club @ Clubhouse – 12:00 PM**
- February 26th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 PM**
- March 5th – March Madness Day Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 PM**
- March 19th – St. Joseph's/St. Patrick's Day Meeting @ the Clubhouse – 12:00 PM**
- March 25th – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 PM**

Valentines for Vets



Ridgewood 321 Kiwanis

In collaboration with the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council, Senator Joe Addabbo, Council, Members Joann Ariola and Bob Holden, Vietnam Veterans Chapter 32, Allied Veterans, Post 104, Unit 118 Ladies Auxiliary, Ozone Park Woodhaven Howard Beach Lions, Glendale Property Owners, OZP Block Association and Woodhaven Residents Block Association

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE NY STATE NURSING HOME AT ST. ALBANS:

Toiletries, Candy, NEW Underwear, T-shirts, Socks for Men and Women Veterans

Donations will be collected until February 10th, 2025

Drop Off Locations:

GRYC59-03 Summerfield ST

Councilmember Bob Holden's Office 5838 69 ST

Senator Joe Addabbo's Office 66-85 73rd Place

Councilmember Joann Ariola 93-06 101st Ave LIONS

Cook's Crafts 80-09 Myrtle Ave



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TILL MEMORIAL DAY 2025
AGES 5YO TO 16YO**

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