



KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 12 Noon @ GRYC Clubhouse, 59-03 Summerfield Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385



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Race One: Another scheduled meet that went off without a hitch. Over 40 members were on hand to socially distance themselves from other members as Gino opened the meeting with a clap of the gong. Everyone rose from their chairs and recited the Pledge to the Flag. Carlos “Papi Chulo” Rodriguez did the honors and held the Flag for the members to salute. At that point, Gino asked Bob to give the blessing. Bob asked for the club to remember those in need, consolation for Bernie on the loss of his wife Ann, and the gifts that we have to offer in service to others.



Race Two: The meet was, once again, held outdoors with multiple 10 x 20 Canopy tents and plenty of room between members. It was a pleasant day in the 70’s and a nice breeze to keep all comfortable. Thanks Carlos, Jason, Joseph and the rest of the members for making that happen. Kenny Dunn was back again and took his spot at the first seat. This week we bypassed the food costs by having pre-packaged individual breakfast cereals and individual milks. Bernie Zablocki found time to express his concerns that there were no bananas and Bob cannot repeat his response. We promise to get back to normal meals for next week. Gino announced that our next meet will be on September 2nd as we get back to our normal 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Kenny was flying solo as Hank Kraker and JR Velepec were unable to make the meet.



Race Three: Gino asked for any Happy Dollars and guests in the tent covered corral. PO Mike Berish had happy dollars for the Ridgewood 3-2-1 and GRYC partnership in the 104 Precinct’s 2nd Annual Backpack Giveaway scheduled for next Tuesday, September 1st. Bob had mixed dollars for his Best Friend Bernie Zablocki’s loss and happy dollars to see Lucian Matej back in the mix. Then Alan Bellone walked in and Bob had even sadder dollars to see him at the meeting. Alan snapped back with a couple of bucks and then told the club of his, “Support the Blue” Facebook campaign and thanked Police Officers Mike Berish, Asar Sanad and Pat Nessler for their duty and service to the City. Happy Dollars started to fly to welcome, recently retired, NYPD Detective Tommy Bell who traveled downstate to be here. Congratulations to one of the best of the best, or is it Finest of the Finest. Whatever it is, Tommy Bell did it right and was a moral compass for all Officers to emulate and follow. Bernie then gave some dollars to thank the Club for their warmest wishes at this difficult time and told everyone how Ann loved coming to meetings and sharing stories and fun at the meetings and other community events and activities. It was a very heartwarming tribute to a very elegant and beautiful woman and member. Masks were worn by ALL and everyone was very well behaved with the rule.



Race Four: Happy Dollars continued as Bob welcomed New Member Jenifer Rajkumar, the winner of the Democratic Primary for NYS Assembly and Candidate for that office in November. Jenifer was right at home chatting with the members and stayed past the end of the meeting to socialize. Gino then introduced NEW members; George Gainor III, Josiah Vera, Raquel Chin, Joseph Then, Jason Demoloitz and Bryana Winkleman. Josiah and Bryana then gave some happy dollars to be joining such an active and awesome group of community servants. Tommy Torres called and said that he couldn’t make the meet, but John and Margie Stahl were here to accept more diapers and wipes for the Blessing Bags that continue to go to MICIH at Wyckoff Heights Hospital.



Sitting Front and Center, I'm proud to introduce my buddy, Civilian Tommy Bell who is donning some fanny kicking sneakers at the meet. Hard to notice the ankle bulge with those things glaring up at you.



Race Five: Thanks to Ricky Wahmann and Carlos Rodriguez for bringing framed Cat pictures to Bobbie and the Strays at Atlas Park as a donation from the 3-2-1 Club and the GRYC. Twenty pictures were given for them to sell or raffle off in a Fundraiser for their program. We will work to get them down to the club to speak about what they do for animals in the community and beyond. Two NYPD Officers from the 75 Precinct in East New York stopped by to pick-up their donated Backpacks and School Supplies for their Annual Backpack Giveaway. Deputy Inspector John Mastronardi, former Commanding Officer of the 104th Precinct is now at the 75 and doing an unbelievably great job there. One of the toughest Precincts in the City. The Ridgewood 321 is happy to support his community efforts. Rumor is; Tommy Bell and D.I. Mastronardi were in the Police Academy together. HMMM, that's interesting!! As soon as the NYPD starts with their promotions again, let's hope that our buddy gets the honor of being a Full Bird Inspector.



Left Picture: Loads of supplies for the 240 Backpacks.

Right Picture: Michael Addeo, Bob and President Gino Ancona donate over 240 backpacks and supplies to the 75th Precinct.



Race Six: Times are tough. New Member Jason Demoloitz shows off our new and improved body-wear for protecting staff in our building. The Irish hat is optional, but, Jason really thinks that it matches the rest of his outfit. Thanks Jason for being a great sport. Our business members are trying to recover from this damn virus and what it has done to our lives and economy. Michael Addeo was able to make the meet, as was, Alan Bellone and Lucian Matej. Great to see you all. Rafal Ziolkowski from Oliwa Construction busy catching up with jobs, Andrew Trumbetti and Craig Hubmeier holding down the fort at Cross County, Diane Cusimano was unable to make it, but the rest of her power women squad held down the fort. President Elect Janine Mahon had happy dollars for the successful GRYC Summer Programs and all of the Directors and staff who made it all happen. There were over 350 children who attended one of the 6 separate Day Camps and had fun for four weeks. These camps went from 8 AM to 1 PM "IN PERSON" and from 2 PM to 6 PM remotely. The GRYC also had 240 Summer Youth Employment Program participants doing all remote learning during five weeks in the Summer. Kudos to all of our members who made that happen safely and effectively. Chris McDougall showed up for the meeting, only problem, he was a day early. Good try, Chris and thanks for the try. Joe "The Rooster" Florio, better known as Joe the Plumber got stuck at a job site but will try to make the next meet. Please continue to keep Tina Forte, our best Crossing Guard ever, in your prayers as she is battling some medical issues. John Hennessey from Ridgewood Savings is not allowed to attend outside events because of the risk of COVID but, John and Margie Stahl, along with Bronco Bill Rennison were in the house and each brought Diapers and Wipes for our collection day.



Race Seven: A fantastic representation of GRYC Directors and staff came to enjoy the meal and the outdoor setting. If I remember correctly, here is the roster of attendees: Ricky Wahmann, Aidan Leavens, Dina DePaola, David Volcy, Ariel Triunfel, Shiv Ramsamooj, Raquel Chin, Carmen Resto, Cynthia Ortiz, Irene Pina, Edwing Vilsaint, Andy Villion, Marc Darius, Danielle Kleiman, Maria Batista, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, and Patrick Wagner. DIPPY Liz Fitzgerald and Catherine Siegal were taking a vacation break, but, Christine Halloran, Xiomara Pina, Walter Welsh, Jennifer Lamberty, Karla O'Malley, Sabrina Sierra and Jackie Hogan were back at the ranch. Maureen Powell was there and gave some happy dollars because Kevin would have given them, if he were able to make it. yeah, I was there too.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

September 1st – Backpack giveaway at the 104th Precinct, 1:00 PM on Catalpa Avenue by Station House

September 1st – Meeting at the GRYC for anyone interested in revitalizing the FPR Chamber of Commerce at 6 PM

September 2nd – Regular Meeting of the 3-2-1 Club at the Corral, 12 noon Back to food being served for \$10 cost

September 8th – Next Board of Directors Meeting at the Clubhouse, 6:30 PM

September 23rd – Gino's Last Regular Meeting and exchange of the gavel to Janine.

Race Nine: The meeting ended right on time. The total of the Happy Dollars \$325 and NO Food Money was collected.

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Enjoy the Picture Catalogue of what we had going on during the pandemic and recent events...



The GRYC and Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club are offering a variety of different modes of transportation to get to the meetings. Anyone in need of these vehicles should notify Gino, ASAP.

