



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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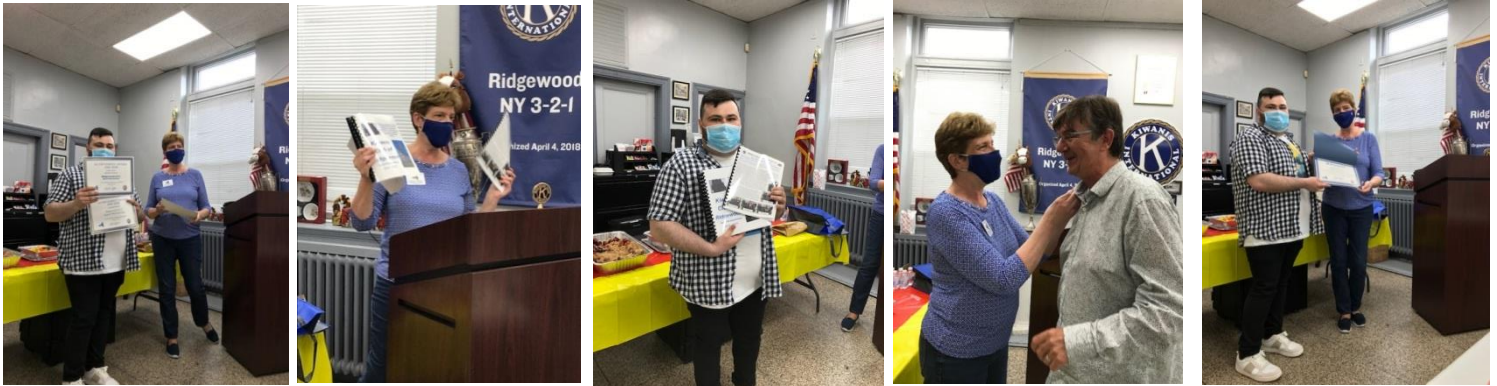
Race One: What an incredible day for our meeting to celebrate German Day. It was sunny and we had another nice group to honor German heritage and those who helped to build America. The event was Socially Distanced and safe. We definitely complied with all City and State guidelines and regulations. The meet was at our regular time and in the Clubhouse and our outdoor spacious deck. President Janine clapped the gong and asked everyone to rise from their seats to recite the Pledge to our Flag and then asked Deacon Kevin Powell to give the Blessing. Although Bob went to German School for almost 8 years, he didn't say a blessing in German. Kevin asked for the club to remember those in need, thanked God for the gift of each other, in-person, and asked us to reflect on the gifts that we have to offer in service to others.

Race Two: The meet was held indoors in the large meeting room at the clubhouse and arranged in such a way that the 15-20 folks who have received their double doses of vaccines were seated together on 3 separate tables, 10-15 folks that have antibodies or a single dose of vaccine were interspersed among 4-5 tables with everyone distanced and wearing masks, (except to eat) and all were comfortable and relaxed. Janine invited everyone up to eat our absolutely delicious Wurst Assortment over Sauerkraut, Dumplings, Spätzle and Goulash, Sauerbraten, Red Cabbage and Vegetables, all prepared by Werner at Zum Stammtisch. To top it all off, there was a Black Forest Cupcake dessert that was out of this world. Oh yes, so I heard, because I am diabetic. MMM, mmmm! Clark McKinney insisted that he and Joseph Then be in charge of individually boxing the Black Forest cupcakes for the members. What's up with that Clark? Kenny Dunn was back in the corral and found his way back to the first chair closest to the buffet line. Awesome, Kenny and welcome back. Joining him was Hank Kraker, John Stahl and Bronco Bill Rennison and all seemed to enjoy their delicious meal. Kraker, Stahl, Rennison and Dunn, sounds like a new Law Firm.

Race Three: Today we had guests visiting for our special day. First up was **City Council Member Bob Holden** who had an opportunity to speak to the members about the great stuff that he has been doing for our communities. Bob recognized the Glendale Kiwanis members who were at the meeting to Interclub with DPLG Debbie Kueber, who was present to give Gino some swag. The Councilman is a member of the Glendale Club and a regular at their meetings. Anytime you call his office, he responds and gets things done. Councilman Holden spoke about the great work of the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council during the pandemic, working with student's in-person since September. The new NYC SUMMER RISING initiative will be pumping a ton of money into getting our kids and parents back to some semblance of normalcy by blending Community Based Organizations with Schools to offer a combination Summer School with a Day Camp. Brilliant idea to get students into the classroom for a couple of hours for refresher courses and then letting CBO's have FUN Activities and Programs for them. They will run from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM for Elementary Schools and 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM for Junior HS kids. Thanks Bob for always advocating for Education, Youth and Families, but also for the NYPD and Safety. Spread the word, we need that stability in City Government. What an outstanding record Councilman Holden has amassed in his first term representing us. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!



Race Four: Second up was DPLG Debbie Kueber who was joined by SDPLG Bob Kueber, President-Elect Teresa Donohue and Bruce Kramer from Glendale. This made their visit an Interclub which will be my next Kiwanis Education topic. What an awesome year Debbie had under the most extreme and uncertain time in history. Keeping the Queens West Division together and having it excel was no easy task and for those accomplishments Debbie was recognized as a **DISTINGUISHED** Lt. Governor. After speaking a bit about the challenges that had to be overcome, Gino was asked to come to the podium for some swag. It was mentioned that the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club garnered the most awards at the NY District Convention in March. Our club submitted 5 Competitions and won all 5 of them. Four were #1 in NY State and One was Honorable Mention which means we were almost the winner. LOL It was mentioned that the Scrapbook submission was the largest one in the Division and the Newsletter wasn't so shabby either. Gino won for the Single Service Project which had the members deliver 32,000 meals to First Responders and Essential Workers through Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx and Long Island. Awesome job and Gino thanked Daily Dose and MAISON for their partnership. Seems that new member Dennis Remorca made that connection with this collaboration.



Race Five: President Janine had Happy \$\$ to welcome the Glendale members who were interclubbing, more dollars for Gino and his fantastic year during the pandemic and even more dollars for German Day and the awesome food fest. Diane Cusimano was M.I.A. today, so, Danielle Kleiman did the 50-50 and now realizes that you have to be Diane to squeeze money out of a stone. Today we only made an extra \$20 for her efforts but we know next meeting will be more lucrative. Janine was sporting our new KARAOKE SHIRTS and Bob explained the new fundraiser for the Club. Buy a shirt for \$20, hand it to a member or guest and they have to sing or match your donation to have immunity. SDPLG Bob Kueber let it be known that he will be back and if given a shirt, will "bless or punish" us and SING a song. Challenge on!! Rumor still has it that Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar, a member of 3-2-1 will be ready to show us her singing abilities. Unfortunately, or is it Fortunately, Gino got so many awards and patches that we ran out of time for Karaoke, but, have set aside 15 minutes at our May 5th meeting for the fundraiser. Due to National events and circumstances, our NYPD contingent was unable to attend our meeting. Let us all hope and pray that things remain civil and calm and our NYPD members will be back to enjoy our Latin-American Feast, sponsored by member Fr. Mike Lopez on May 5th. We will not get into the history of Cinco de Mayo right now, but Fr. Mike promises some fantastic celebration.

Race Six: As mentioned, DPLG Debbie Kueber was in attendance to give Gino his awards and recognize their Distinguished Year of Service. **DIPPY** Gino was as proud as a peacock as he received award after award for leading us through his term in office. Also recognized as Distinguished was Club Secretary Hank Kraker, Congrats Hank, well deserved. We did notice that the club was missing the Governor's and First Lady's Project patches and hope that that means Governor Joe will stop by to do the honors. DPLG Debbie missed the opportunity to "steal" the gong from the podium and she had a nice big bag to put it in. Bob mentioned that we used an "alternate" gong for the meeting, knowing the tradition and reputation that Glendale has for "borrowing" another club's gong. Here is your Kiwanis Education. Today Glendale came with 4 members and completed an INTERCLUB with us. If any Club visits ALL of the other clubs in the Division, they complete a ROUND ROBIN and receive a patch and award for doing so. You can go with 3 members but only if the current Lt. Governor is present at the time of your visit. IF, you get to "steal" the gong from a club, without being caught, your Club must visit the club of the thieving dogs, with 4 members to pay a ransom and retrieve your gong. Lots of fun, trust me, I know!!

Race Seven: A nice showing of members from the “G” again, but many had to leave early to get to their schools since they are back in-person with programming. Danielle Kleiman, Dina DePaola, Edwing Vilsaint, Ricky Wahmann (our acting sheriff today) Andy Villion, Christine Halloran, Marc Darius, Clark McKinney, Linda Manetta, Mary Benitez, David Volcy, Joseph Then, Maria Batista, Kati McMullin, Shiv Ramsamooj and new kid on the block, Francesca Fedkowsky (potential member who had a great time) Kati was introduced as the new Director of PS 87 for the GRYC as Ricky Wahmann is off to the FDNY Academy. Congrats to both who have been working at the GRYC since their teenage years. Joan Hoffmann was a bit under the weather and Paul was making sure things were ok. Get well soon, Joan, and NO it’s not that. Joan and Paul are both completely vaccine. Maureen Powell was hanging with Sky Pilot Kevin Powell, along with Tom “Master Beekeeper” Wilk, DPLG John Stahl, Jayne Wadhawan and Alex Lagombra from Valley National. Rounding out the group of attendees were Dennis Remorca, our newest member, who brought along Matt Almengor and James Healy, all from Remorca Fitness. Mike Porcelli came late and since he is a member of Glendale, their interclub grew by one. Henrietta Maier was on hand for German Day, as was Pat Gatt from the Queens Chronicle. Bronco Bill Rennison was a bit reflective today but that happens when you have to fight your way to beat Kenny Dunn up to the food line.



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- May 1st – Kentucky Derby Day at the ranch. If you are in the Pool, you have a ticket to attend.**
- May 5th – Latin American Day at the ranch. Meal sponsored by Fr. Mike Lopez for his fellow members. Come and celebrate with us.**
- May 12th – Board Meeting at the Clubhouse. In-Person ONLY, no Zooming! Please attend, it’s quite safe.**
- May 19th – English Day at the ranch. Hank Kraker has a special day planned for all in attendance.**

Race Nine: The meeting ended at 1:10. The total amount of money collected in Happy Dollars, Food Money, 50-50 and Grid Boxes was \$550.

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on a great year!!*

