



## The Triple Crown Newsletter

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**Race One:** What an incredibly fantastic day for our meeting. The sun was shining and we had our largest group in almost a year. WE'RE BACK!!! Happy St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day to all of our members and friends. 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 Bernie Zablocki to give the Blessing. Seems DEACON Kevin Powell was driving down to TEXAS to wrap up some stuff. Bernie was inspiring as he 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. Can I hear an "AMEN"!!

**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 to say it was as safe as possible, would be an understatement. And eat we did, with absolutely delicious Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and Irish Soda Bread prepared for us by Werner Lehner from, you guessed it, Zum Stammtisch. It was prepared, in house, by Werner and his crew and tender and juicy as the day is long. Just go to Zum's to pick up fantastic meats and meals. No need to travel anywhere else for St. Paddy's Day. Thanks Werner for your fantastic food.



**Race Three:** . There was a lot of fire power in the room as there were 8 NYPD Officers joining us from PBQN (Patrol Borough Queens North), the 104<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Counterterrorism and Community Affairs. Chief Scott Shanley, former C.O. of the 104, travelled from Randall's Island, Inspector Victoria Perry, also a former C.O. of the 104, travelled over the hill from Pennsylvania Avenue to join us and chat with the members. Both are active members of the 3-2-1 and were seen congratulating our current Commanding Office Louron Hall who was promoted to Deputy Inspector this week. Congrats to our member, D.I. Hall for his leadership and partnership. P.O. Rich Bufano from PBQN YCO's was in from the 112<sup>th</sup> Pct and brought Jenny Badillo who is collaborating with the NYPD to teach Boxing to youth. Jenny was very impressed with the collaboration and has also partnered with P.O. Bush and Amato, the YCO's in the 104. Community Affairs Officer Mike Berish had happy dollars and more happy dollars for the 3-2-1/104 partnership. Rumor is that a brand new gym is being constructed at the precinct for the men and women in Blue. A case of cleaning wipes and a case of 2,000 masks were donated to the gym to keep things safe. NCO/YCO Sgt. Michael Mercurio was back at the corral with NCO Officer Pat Nessler. An old timer, Sgt. Edward Reiman, who happens to be a licensed PILOT, was seen chowing down on the scrumptious food with his NYPD buddies. Chief Shanley mentioned that Sgt. Reiman was around when he was C.O., 17 years ago. OUCH!! We met P.O. Diaz, new to the 104 from the 100<sup>th</sup> Pct and he said that he will definitely be back.





Bob and Gino stand by the Prize Table for the \$25 Grid for St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day. The club made a profit of \$1,500 after awarding these baskets and items. That is also after the club gave the BIG WINNER - \$1,000 CASH!



Standing with Jenny Badillo, owner of the Boxing Gym in Ridgewood and Glendale, are our NYPD partners. The discipline and art of Boxing was demonstrated in the pose taken by this group.

**Race Four:** Since this was a BUSY day, we held off on Happy Dollars until everyone had a chance to go up and get served their awesome meal. When that was completed, Happy \$\$\$ started to flow in a big time way. Hank had \$\$ to welcome SDPLG x 2, Mike Miller and a whole host of other members gave money to say hello to Mike. Bob gave money to thank Mike for always supporting the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council over many years. Diane Cusimano gave \$\$ for Michael Addeo and the St. Joseph's Table that was beautifully arranged and sponsored by Ridgewood Office Products. Chris McDougall gave \$\$ to say that he was FINALLY invited to attend a meeting and he would gladly come back if he is invited again. Think how many phone calls and messages Chris must get during the day to go home for dinner. Being in Ridgewood Kiwanis is like being in a FAMILY, Chris, so you are ALWAYS WELCOME to join us. The NYPD contingent each gave buckaroos as did Bernie Zablocki who remembered Ann, who loved coming to the club and breaking bread with us. We miss Ann and her great smile. Alan Bellone gave a dollar to say something that no one really cared about. Only kidding Alan is making the T-Shirts for the Youth Basketball League that the 3-2-1 Club is sponsoring for the NYPD precincts in Queens North. He also spoke of his website to Back the Blue that now has 41K followers. Bronco Bill Rennison was in the house sitting with DPP Al Bellington who made it for St. Paddy's Day. Great to see Al back at the ranch. Al has always been a supporter of the community and has donated time and materials to the GRYC for years. Thanks Al, it was like the old days with you, Mike Miller, Hank Kraker, Kenny Dunn, John Stahl and me self, as buddies and Past Presidents. Those days are back at Ridgewood 3-2-1.

**Race Five:** President Janine had a special announcement about our upcoming Easter support for families in need. The club allocated \$2,000 in funds and gift cards to families who have been impacted in a serious way with the uncertainties of our world. If you know of anyone in need, please reach out to me and we will assist them. Everyone got a door prize and we made \$80 for the 50-50. Thanks Diane and Gino for making that happen. As mentioned, we sold out our Grid and the winner was Msgr. Joseph Calise from St. Stan's in Maspeth. Msgr. Calise is a longtime friend of ours and especially Michael Addeo as he blesses all of the pastries and breads for St. Joseph's Day. Basket winners were Hank Kraker who auctioned his basket off and Janine won it for \$100. John Hennessey and Gino won the other two baskets. Each was donated by Diane Cusimano and an anonymous friend.



St. Joseph's Day Pastries  
Zappolè | Yelp | Italian



**Race Six:** There is a standing tradition in Kiwanis that the Club banner may be adorned with patches, awards and other significant items that have fond memories attached to them. One of them could be a necktie that club members can bid to cut off of the unsuspecting member or visitor. On the day before his actual promotion within the NYPD from Captain to Deputy Inspector, Lourn Hall found that out. The auction began at \$50 and when it reached \$150, well, look and see what happened next.



**Race Seven:** A nice showing of members from the "G" present. Danielle Kleiman (loved the shirt shirt), Catherine Siegel, Dina DePaola, Edwing Vilsaint, Andy Villion, Maureen Powell, Christine Halloran, Patrick Wagner, Aidan Leavens, Bryana Winkleman, Diane Cusimano, Shiv Ramsamooj, Clark McKinney, Linda Manetta, Joseph Then, Katie McMullin, Maricelis Romero, Jackie Hogan, Sabrina Sierra and Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez. Add in Joan Hoffmann, BettyAnn Monahan, Bernie Zablocki, Alan Bellone, Chris "Please Invite Me" McDougall, Joe the Plumber Florio (who arrived an hour late), Tom "Master Beekeeper" Wilk, DPLG John Stahl, Lucian Matej (bid \$100 for the tie) and Liz Fitzgerald and you have all the ingredients for a ton of fun and laughter. Kenny Dunn was in his usual front row seat for his first in line duties. It was great to be back at the ranch. A few minutes after the meeting was opened, Carlos entered the corral all weighted down and proving he was truly an anchor to this Club. A picture is worth a thousand words.



**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

- April 7<sup>th</sup> - In-Person General Meeting at the Clubhouse. Indoor/Outdoor dining.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting at 4:00 PM at the Clubhouse. In-Person attendance ONLY. There will be a maximum of 15 people in the big room and we will be socially distanced, plus some.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> - In-Person General Meeting at the Clubhouse. Indoor/Outdoor dining.



**Race Nine:** The meeting ended way to late at 1:30, but no one complained and had a blast. The total amount of money collected in Happy Dollars, Food Money, 50-50 and Grid Boxes was \$3,728.

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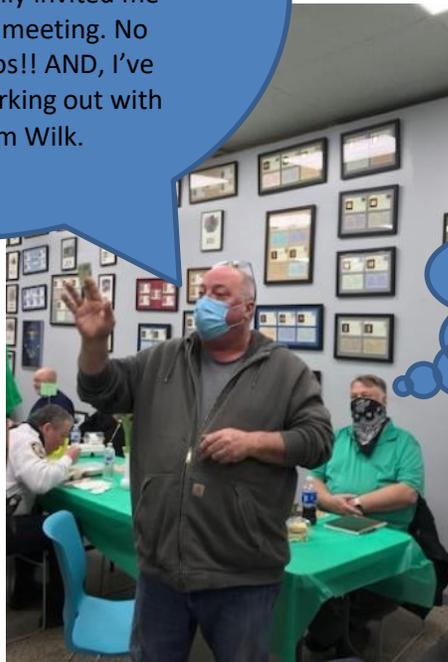
I don't know what the fuss is about this shirt. Look at the hat that Dina's wearing. Wonder if she knows we're all smiling under these masks.



Uh oh! Carlos is finished eating already and he had two plates. I wish he'd stop looking at my food, he's starting to make me feel nervous. I think I'll hide this St. Joseph's pastry, Bob said Carlos had his Metformin.



Hello Everyone, my name is Chris McDougall and I'd like to bring some light to my missing so many meetings in a row...This is the first time that Bob actually invited me to come to a 3-2-1 meeting. No really, just ask Carlos!! AND, I've been at the gym working out with my buddy Tom Wilk.



If I ever see him at the gym I'll beat him with some dead weights. Maybe a dumbbell would work better. Why'd he have to bring me into this "sticky" situation? Oh yeah, I'm the Master Beekeeper. haha!

Good Lord, That Chris McDougall has been a weight around my neck for months. Every time that I'd go to pick him up for the 3-2-1 meeting, his staff said he was at the gym working out. Now I'm looking for someone to be the anchor for a while. Oh, yeah, here comes one now!!



Now here are some power players within the NYPD. What do they have in common? You guessed it, each has a connection to the 104<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Able to attend the meeting were:

- **Deputy Inspector Victoria Perry**
- **Deputy Chief Scott Shanley**
- **Deputy Inspector Louron Hall (just promoted)**

Unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments were our friends and partners:

- **Inspector John Mastronardi**
- **Deputy Inspector Mark Wachter**

**The Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood, NY 3-2-1 is a welcome place for all NYPD Officers and Community Partners. Together, WE can all make Community Partnerships work for the betterment of ALL.**



**Just some more pictures of members and friends having a fun time at the 3-2-1 Meeting. How awesome to have a clubhouse that can hold over 100 people and a deck and yard for another 100 folks.**

**Easy to Socially Distance with that kind of space.**



**Plenty of room for a safe meeting. Add in the tables assigned for those fully vaccinated, those who have had at least one shot of vaccine and those who already had COVID and you create your safe environment for all.**



**Oh what I could have done with these two pictures and those facial expressions and body language. Let's just say, I really like the two of you and will save it for a shorter Newsletter. LOL**



**Michael Addeo, setting up his St. Joseph's Table with some help from BettyAnn Monahan. Each pastry was individually packaged for obvious reasons and ALL was donated by Michael as part of his 35 year family tradition.**