



# KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

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



## The Triple Crown Newsletter

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**Race One:** The meet began with a light attendance of only 60 members and visitors on hand to celebrate our pre-Easter/Passover celebration. Number 1, President Liz Fitzgerald had to go to her real work site and asked Jackass Bob to try to handle things in her absence. Number 2, Gino was busy organizing the food and collecting money and a whole lot of important stuff and Number 3, Janine was at an information session with the DOE on UPK. Lots of initials. Number 11, Bob called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag. Ridgewood 3-2-1's newest DEACON Kevin Powell was in his sheriff's outfit, so Fr. Mike offered the grace, highlighting our blessings and our desire to be of service to others. Mike was also heard saying that he would never allow the invocation to be given by a guy dressed like that. He who laughs last, laughs best... to be continued!

**Race Two:** Sheriff Kevin Powell was all duded up in his outfit, cowboy hat and all and ready to ride around on his new steed Galloping Gino. At final count, there seems to be four critters in our stable. Bronco Bob, Hop-a-long Hank, Jackass Bob and now Galloping Gino. One of these fine days, there will be a fundraising race on Summerfield Street to see which of these creatures rules the roost. Kevin was anxious to collect money from everyone in the room. Bob mentioned that English Day was moved to May 1<sup>st</sup> (May Day) and is now going to be called a TASTE OF EUROPE and will include; Roast Beef and Mashed Potatoes (England); Wiener schnitzel (Germany); Pierogis and Kielbasa (Poland); and it is up in the air as to who is bringing what, from Spain and Portugal. Someone recommended Swiss Cheese from you guessed it...and I said that it was a Smorgasbord which covered the Scandinavian countries. French Fries were mentioned too. In any event, it promises to be a food fest and a fun time.



**Race Three:** Bob opened the meeting up for happy dollars and it seems Hop-a-Long Hank, sporting his NEW HAT, was the first to offer dollars for the BEATLES NIGHT at St. Pancras. Hank was animated about what Ridgewood Kiwanis did to make the event such a tremendous success. He said that we had it covered from A to Z, Aiello to Zablocki, so to speak, and how everyone worked at specific things to make it happen. The Club netted \$7,200 with the sale of tickets, raffles, 50-50's, the grid and food. Yes, we even had donations to offset some of the expenses. The band was sponsored, the food was sponsored, the 17 incredible and awesome baskets were donated, and, you get it, this was a win, win, win for the Club and communities that we serve. Hop-a-long went on to speak about how the fun has returned and how Beatles Night, our first real fundraiser of the year brought out the best in all of our friends and especially our members. It also brought out the worst in some folks if you count JR dancing around the gym for part of the night. Gotta love that Captain Morgan guy... but I will say, thanks Hank and JR for staying until 1:40 AM until the band and lighting guy were finished breaking down. That highlights what this club is all about and the importance of being truly involved and committed to do the right thing. A RESOUNDING THANKS TO ALL.



**Race Four:** We had a large contingent of NYPD Officers from the 104 at our meet, P.O. Asar Sanad and P.O. Michael Berish from Community Affairs, along with Tommy Bell, their mentor, and our NCO's P.O. Santos and Oliva were in the house along with P.O. Hyatt, who submitted an application for membership. "Wrong way" Diane Temkin was recognized for her intellect and immediately proved it by letting everyone know that she was the president of her student council in High School. She highlighted to the crowd that Bob Monahan was only the Secretary of his High School student council. Nuff said. I think that "President" might suit her here at the 3-2-1, one of these fine days. JR actually got up on the floor and demonstrated his "dance moves" to the members and guests present and it is rumored that our NCO Officers were really going to lock him up for indecent exposure. JR said that he would gladly go anywhere with them. Tommy Bell took out his cuffs and JR fled the scene. Alan Bellone was at the meet and made some collared shirts with the Ridgewood 3-2-1 logo on it. Lucian Matej has sponsored some of those shirts and the rest are for sale at \$15 per shirt. Alan's next task is to make more of the Blessing Bags for Wyckoff Heights Hospital, chaired by Margie Stahl. We are always in need of diapers, wipes and other items to stuff the bags. At this point it was time to eat lunch. Carlos "Papi Chulo" grilled up some "dogs" and we had cold cuts for sandwiches, along with veggie food for Diane and Shiv. Carlos asked for a moment of silence for the one dog that he lost. HMMM. Bob, JR, Hank and Dave did an interclub with Ozone Park and Gino, Jed, Maricelis and Ariel participated in the Lefferts/Liberty Bowling Night. Hot off the press, Forest Hills interclub is now completed. Only a handful of them left to do for the Round Robin patch.



**Race Five:** Lucian had happy dollars for the Beatles Night as did PLG John Stahl. John also mentioned the Blessing Bags and what a great job the club did to support Margies' project. John and Dave Fitz will be having an Art Auction and Sale as a fundraiser for the 3-2-1 and Dave has also begun his efforts to create a "sacred space" at the Garity Post Monument area as part of Liz's major emphasis to support Veterans Projects. Fr. Mike has graciously offered to prepare an entire luncheon for the Club, as it is known that he "cooks". It was suggested that every time that he prepares our lunch, that all proceeds from the lunch money goes to the Hungry Monk Project. Fr. Mike, Fr. Angel, our newest member, Danielle and Kevin will chair the committee to make this happen on a regular basis. Imagine what it would be like if members brought in a pot-luck dish for meetings and we didn't have to spend money on food. Then ALL of the meal money could go to the Hungry Monk Project and WOW that could mean up to \$5,000 a year. Either way, we need other chefs to help.

**Race Six:** Eleana had happy dollars for her event over at PS/IS 102 where she was hit with pies at least 6 times by the participants in the GRYC program. Bob had sad dollars that he wasn't invited to the party. It is clear he loves a free meal. Kenny Dunn had happy dollars for Beatles Night as did Michael Addeo who bought lots of cookies for the event. John Hennessey had bucks for the event and it was stated that members were concerned about his working so hard at the end of the evening with his heart. He says that he was wiping the sweat off and others said it looked like he was clutching his chest. Thanks John for sticking around to help clean up and break down the tables and chairs.

**Race Seven:** There were happy dollars to share that a team has been formed for the St. Mary's Children's Hospital Walk-a-Thon. A link will be attached to help you to become a part of the team and donate to this awesome cause. Diane and Bob Temkin helped out all night and had a group of folks attending the event. Retired Crossing Guard Tina was in the house as were many of the GRYC folks. Nice to have Henrietta Maier in the corral and Gino gave HAPPY DOLLARS that Bob gave the entire staff off on Friday. Bob thanked Gino for blowing his cover with GRYC Board Members; Henrietta, Hank, JR and John H there at the meeting. LoriAnn Psarras, NEW Manager at Cross County on Metro was there, as was Jayne Wadhawan from Valley National Bank on 80<sup>th</sup> Street in Glendale. Mike Romer owner of Force Fitness was back in the house and he and Bob have met to discuss fundraisers for both the GRYC and Ridgewood 3-2-1. The first event will probably be May 18<sup>th</sup>, the day before the St. Mary's Walk-a-Thon and it will be a Zumba class at Force on Fresh Pond Road. What a great way to loosen up and limber up for the next day's Walk.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday and Passover begins at sundown

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Happy Easter to all.

May 1<sup>st</sup> – May Day at the Club which is Taste of Europe Food Fest Celebration.

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Kentucky Derby Pool finals.

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Fundraiser at Force Fitness – Zumba Class to prepare for Walk-a-Thon

May 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Mary’s Children’s Hospital Walk-a-Thon.

**Race Nine:** Number 11, Bob ended the meeting a few minutes tardy at 1:10 by hitting the gong. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 681. As you can see, there were plenty of folks at the meeting and the fun continues to happen. Next meeting’s Sheriff is Father Mike Lopez, who will now have to wear the hat and shirt and won’t be able to give the invocation. Hopefully Fr. Angel will be there because our Deacon Kevin Powell will be having his surgery performed. Kevin, we are all praying for your success and well-being.

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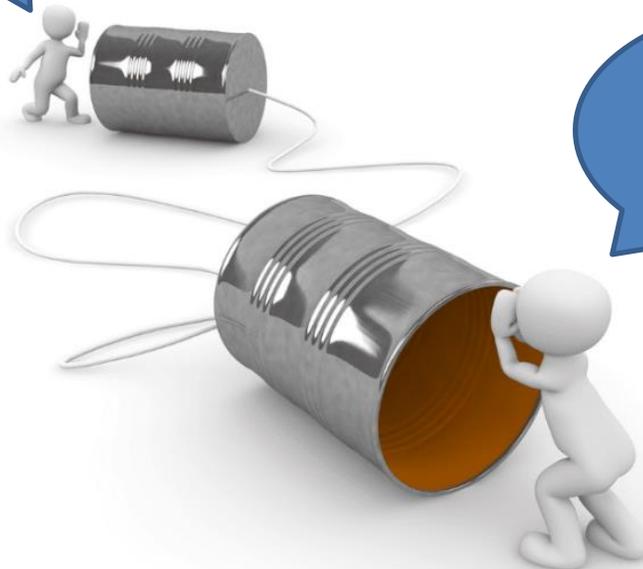


Here is our first completed Kentucky Derby Pool for \$20 per Post Position. Whatever PP you have will determine what horse you have in the Derby. That will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and I will keep you informed along with my handicapping sheet. Thanks for supporting our efforts and there is another \$20 pool going on if you are interested...

PP	Name of Jockey
1	Shiv Ramsanooj
2	Dave Fitzgerald
3	Linda Manetta
4	Claire Mahon
5	Mary Benitez
6	Dina DePaola
7	Maricelis Romero
8	Alan Bellone
9	Ridgewood 3-2-1
10	Joe Aiello
11	Lucian Matej
12	Bob Monahan
13	Henrietta Maier
14	Janine Mahon
15	Liz Fitzgerald
16	Paul Hoffman
17	Kevin Powel
18	Gino Ancona
19	Gloria Chabrier
20	Carlos Rodriguez

## Meeting Notices for February, March, April, May & June 2019

What did you say? I think there's a knot in the string. Can you send me an email with the info!



Hey, these are the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Meeting Notices for the next few months.

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – A Taste of Europe Food Festival**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – Principal and Clergy Day Honors**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> Walk-a-Thon at St. Mary's Hospital**

**May 29<sup>th</sup> – Triple Crown Festival Day**

**June 5<sup>th</sup> – Program on Homeless Veterans**

**June 8<sup>th</sup> – Belmont Stakes Day at the Clubhouse**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – Summer Solstice Day Celebration**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Happy Birthday America Barbecue**

# Thank you Hank & Joe for chairing a phenomenal success - Beatles Night

A great time was had by all; Pictures don't lie and speak for themselves.



Just think about this; If we ever figure out how to put this damn thing together, we will have popcorn forever. No, that wheel goes on the axle thing down there and there should be two of them. Come on folks, I'm getting hungry.

