

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 Thanksgiving Celebration and was attended by 30 of our members and friends. This comes on the heels of our Turkey Shoot “FUN”raiser and President Danielle Kleiman clapped the gong at 5:45 PM to call the meeting to order by asking those in attendance to rise for the Pledge to our Flag. After the Pledge, Danielle asked Fr. Kevin Powell to offer a blessing. Our Sky Pilot gave a thankful blessing that falls in line with our attempts to comply with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion principles.

Race Two: The food was on time so Danielle had everyone come up to get their magnificent Thanksgiving Dinner. Oh yes, Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Creamed Spinach and Red Cabbage. Of course we had gravy. This scrumptious meal was prepared by our friends and partners, Werner and Hans Lehner from Zum Stammtisch Restaurant. After everyone loaded up their plates, we had a chance to just eat, relax, and enjoy each other’s’ company and friendship. No business, no introductions or announcements, just having an easy going get-together.



Race Three: There may have been a smaller than expected crowd, but they had plenty to eat and say. DPLG John Stahl and DPP Margie Stahl were back from Florida, Fr. Kevin & Maureen Powell were at the ranch, along with Carlos “Papi Chulo” Rodriguez who was wear a shirt highlighting that fact. Jayne Wadhawan was working and helping folks with their plates, napkins and utensils, DPP Gino Ancona and DPP Janine Mahon set up the food and drinks, along with our fearless leader President Danielle Kleiman. EVERYONE is equal and making things happen at the 3-2-1 club. Henrietta Maier was with us and joined by John Hennessey, DPP Liz Fitzgerald, DPP Janine Mahon and Michael Addeo. Thanks Michael for the pies from Circo’s Bakery, they were absolutely delicious.

Race Four: Friends are nice to have, nice to share with and are our most precious gifts. Speaking of friends and gifts, BettyAnn Monahan, Joan and Paul Hoffmann, Diane Cusimano, Liliana Alzate (to be our newest member) and Danielle Kleiman were all sharing stories and enjoying their meals. Across the room we had the 104 Community Affairs Officer Mike Berish along with NYPD Officer Andrew Incantalupo and our buddy and member Community Affairs Officer Dilsia Bonilla was back at the house getting other stuff taken care of. Then two other “fish” came into the pond in uniforms. Our best buddy P.O. Pat Nessler brought along his partner, P.O. Stephen Sheehan to share some great food. “Beef Cheeks” Bernie Zablocki wasn’t able to make it because he was attending a prayer meeting at his church for vocations. But while he was praying for all of us, a BIG Elf delivered some “to go trays of food” to his house. Gobble, gobble Bernzo. Bernie is up for another DESSERT DAY in his honor. Maybe we can throw in the Cannoli Contest on that same day. YUM, YUM.



Race Five: Joining us for the meeting were Carlos Rodriguez and DPP Bob Monahan (wearing matching Papi Chulo shirts), Henrietta Maier, Jayne Wadhawan, Mike Berish, Joan Hoffmann, Shiv Ramsamooj, Paul Hoffmann, John Hennessey, BettyAnn Monahan, President Danielle Kleiman, DPP Janine Mahon, DPP Liz Fitzgerald, DPP Gino Ancona, Michael Addeo, Diane Cusimano, JR Velepec, DPLG John Stahl, DPP Margie Stahl, Police Officers Andrew Incantalupo, Pat Nessler and Stephen Sheehan, Fernando Soto, Fr. Kevin and Maureen Powell and (technically) our FINEST partners from the 104 joined us for a fabulous meal with Full trays of Turkey, Stuffing, Sweet Potatoes & more.



Joseph Then celebrated his birthday over the weekend and ran a SPARTAN 5K Obstacle Course at FENWAY PARK in Boston. Congratulations, you stud muffin, only 3 more races to go to complete the circuit. Okay, yes, Carlos has been training him for the past few months by letting him carry all the HEAVY boxes and things around the GRYC. What a great coach!!

Race Six: The Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club is hosting the next Queens West Division Meeting on Monday, November 20th at our Clubhouse. It would be nice to have a great representation of our members at this meeting. Prior to that meeting, Lt. Governor Janice Bar will be having our second meeting of the Division Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at 6:00 PM in the Ridgewood Clubhouse at 59-03 Summerfield St. All are welcome and this Committee will include members from the Queens West Division and will continue to explore ways to encourage and bring the DEI concept into ALL of our club service projects and meetings.

Race Seven: Ridgewood 3-2-1 also held our Turkey Shoot on Friday, November 10th at the Clubhouse. We had a lot of stuff for the rounds and EVERYONE enjoyed the evening of FUN and PRIZES. There were Turkey's, Spiral Hams, Gift Cards to Starbucks, Dunkin, Amazon, Stamtisch Pork Store and Restaurant, Wines and Liquors, Plants and a ton of other prizes won by those who participated. The Club realized a profit of over \$2,500 and the Committee would like to thank everyone for your support. Working **TOGETHER** always works **BETTER**. It's never a good time to mention those who are a bit under the weather, but, DPP Hank Kraker, DPP Al Bellington and Bernie Zablocki are all trying to get back to the meetings. PLEASE keep each of them in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. Miss each one of you. We also missed DIPPY Bill Rennison at the meet as he was attending to some family stuff and Joe the Plumber was working overtime to help a friend with their pipes. All of our Directors were busy getting their students home safely but will be at our next lunchtime meeting.

What time is it?

It's time to serve!!

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- **November 18th – AKTION Club Birthday Celebration 12 – 2:30 PM**
- **November 20th – Division Meeting for the DEI Committee at 6:00 PM in Clubhouse**
- **November 20th – Division Meeting for All Clubs at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse**
- **November 29th – Board Meeting for 3-2-1 Club at 5:30 PM start time**
- **December 6th – Regular Meeting at 12:00 in the Clubhouse. Bring a TOY!**

Race Nine: Danielle closed the meeting at 6:30 PM. There was \$575 for Happy Dollars and Food Money. It was a good evening!!!



Passion ✦ Respect ✦ Inclusion ✦ Diversity ✦ Equity

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Why would you write an email to the Kiwanis International President asking what happened to the K.I. DEI Committee??



How did you know that NO Kiwanis "Leaders" would show an interest in working together to stop the bleed of losing members in our District and International?

My gift from **Bill Rennison**
Distinguished Immediate Past President of the Year
DIPPY



On Monday, November 20th, Queens West Lt. Governor Janice Bar will host her second Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting at 6:00 PM.

This will precede the QW Division Meeting also to be in the Clubhouse.

Just as the name implies, we are looking for members from Queens West Division Clubs to become ACTIVE and ENGAGED in creating a culture of DEI within our Clubs, Committees, Meetings and Service Projects.

Kiwanis International has, for years, encouraged every District to create a DEI Committee and NY District is in the process of doing that after passing a resolution at D-Con this past August. As we ALL witness the rapidly changing Country and World Events, this is more important than ever, to create an environment of peace, kindness and justice for ALL. If we add Justice to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, you get J.E.D.I.

May the Force Be With You, May the Force Be With ALL of Us.

For the sake of transparency, our DEI Committee was just informed that Kiwanis International has disbanded, dissolved, eliminated, not sure what word to use, THEIR very own K.I. DEI Committee. What this means is that the VOLUNTEER Committee Members for DEI have been handed their hats and coats and told to leave the building. We have written to the International President to ask for an explanation to get clarity as to why there are 100 pages of literature and information on the International website on how to create and sustain District, Division and Club DEI Committees but we don't need one at the highest level??

People May Doubt What You Say...
But They Will ALWAYS Believe What You Do.

Editor's Page

Your Attitude.

Have you ever heard the phrase “**attitude is everything**”? The truth is, attitude *isn't* everything, but it is one thing that can make a difference in your life -- a tremendous difference, in fact. As John C. Maxwell so eloquently describes, “Your attitude is the paintbrush of your mind.” But there are several reasons attitude *isn't* everything:

- You cannot disconnect attitude from reality and expect success.
- Your attitude can't substitute for competence. Some people confuse confidence, which is a function of attitude, with competence, which is a function of ability.
- Your attitude can't substitute for experience.
- Your attitude cannot change the facts. As Maya Angelou famously said, “If you don't like something, change it. If you cannot change it, change your attitude. Don't complain.”
- Your attitude cannot substitute for personal growth.
- Your attitude will not stay good automatically. It's easier to maintain an attitude than it is to regain an attitude.

The point is that attitude alone isn't going to cut it. That doesn't mean, however, it isn't really, *really* darn important. In fact, attitude is a key, powerful ingredient in the recipe for success, fulfillment and purpose. And while your attitude isn't everything, it can do a whole lot for you; as a matter of fact, in many situations, **it's the difference-maker**:

- Your attitude makes a difference in your approach to life.
- Your attitude makes a difference in your relationships with people. It influences how we see others, and it determines whether we lift others up or deflate them. And the right attitude allows us to learn from each person we meet -- every one of which who has something to teach us.
- Your attitude makes a difference in how you face challenges.

Clearly, attitude is a difference maker, and let's face it, most of us could stand to polish ours -- at least in one domain of life or another. **How do you go about changing your attitude?**

- Evaluate your present attitude. Mindfulness and awareness are key to improving an attitude the desperately needs changing.
- Have a desire to change. No choice will determine the success of your attitude change more than desiring to change.
- Change your attitude by changing your thoughts. After all, attitudes are nothing more than habits of thought.
- Manage your attitude daily. Remember, maintaining the right attitude is easier than regaining it. As the great John Wooden said, “Things turn out the best for people who make the best of the way things turn out.”
- Take responsibility for your attitude, which is totally in your control. You can't control the weather, but you can control the atmosphere of your mind.

But remember, ***change isn't the same thing as progress.***

This is really good Pecan Pie. Maybe I'll get up for a second helping. Any suggestions?

The others aren't bad either. You should go for a piece of each.

Having FUN @ 3-2-1

It's Turkey Time. Yeah, the Cowboys are gobbling up the competition.



Danielle hits the Gong to end the meeting...

Janine starts to clear off the tables while some members rest...

Mike was the sheriff and was left holding the bag while Andrew tries to get his food to fit under the vest and belt...



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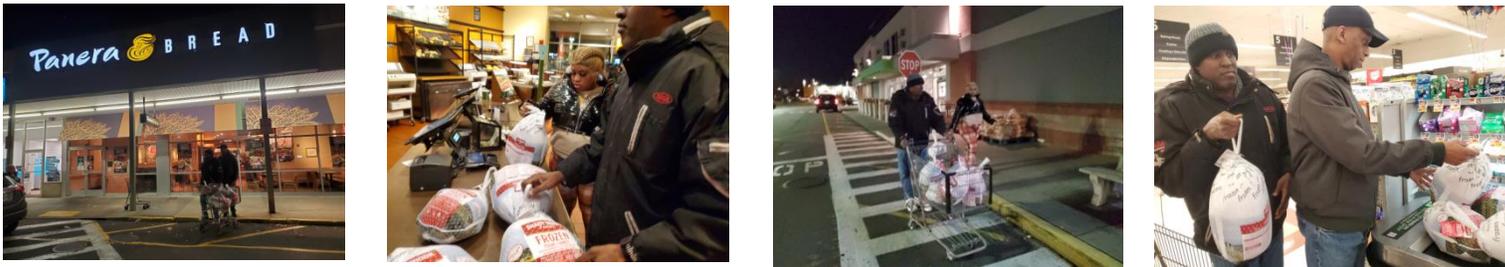
POUNDS



Winston's not looking too happy that Gino is off to London for a week.

Our Amazing AKTION Club donated Turkeys from the funds they raised at their Car Wash. We matched that amount to Double it.

Good evening Aimee and Denisse: Thanks again for your assistance as this was Winchester's first Kiwanis Turkey Drive experience. The Godian Church was grateful to receive nine turkeys in which they distributed tonight to families in need. See below for the four best pictures that I took as Sammy, Eric, and Rinaldo participated:



Good evening Monique and Carla: Thanks again for your assistance and support this evening with the distribution of the Turkeys to the Panera Bread restaurant in New Hyde Park as Jerry and Gregory assisted with the purchasing of six turkeys from Stop & Shop and walked them over to Panera Bread with myself and staff Ruth.

Here are the four best pictures that I took.
Matt

The Archives

Here's a bit of History that was found by Michael Addeo whose dad was a member of the Original Ridgewood Kiwanis Club back in the day. We have a Trophy Downstairs in the Clubhouse that dates Ridgewood back to the early 1920's. For those who might not know this fact: Ridgewood Kiwanis was the sponsoring Club to Charter the Glendale Club back in 1953. Now that's interesting!!



Here is the precursor to the computerized system for Membership and Attendance. This Ledger goes back to 1959, 1960 and 1961. There were 102 Members in this Ledger and EVERYTHING was hand written with pen and ink. Outstanding!!!

Here's an article that highlighted Rob and Neil's Books on Chocolate. They were known as Professor Chocolate!