

The Triple Crown Newsletter



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Race One: Things got rolling at exactly 12:00 noon with the clap of the gong by President Bill Rennison, STILL beaming from one of the most incredible weekends in Ridgewood 3-2-1's Kiwanis Club history. We had a very HEAVY crowd of 60 members, friends & guests to enjoy our afternoon Thanksgiving gathering. President Bill asked those in attendance to rise for the Pledge to our Flag and asked Bernie Zablocki to say Grace and what a magnificent one it was, highlighting the many, many things that we have to be thankful for in our lives and our club.

Race Two: The food arrived early and was hot and ready to go. Without a moment's hesitation, Bill told the club that it was time to eat our THANKSGIVING FEAST prepared by Zum Stammtisch Restaurant in Glendale. Werner and Hans are business members of our club and always makes sure that we have trays filled with delicious food. We



ordered TWO full trays of Turkey Breast, one full tray of Mashed Potatoes, one full tray of Stuffing, four half trays of: Sweet Potatoes, Red Cabbage, Mixed Veggies and Creamed Spinach, along with Cranberry Sauce and Gravy. It was a meal that will put you to sleep in a hurry. To make things even more exciting, the Baking Committee got an emergency phone call and we had HOME MADE cake, cup cakes and pies. Not to mention some more donuts, pies and goodies. There was enough food for everyone to eat as much as they'd like and take some home, if they chose to do so.

Race Three: After our members and friends had a chance to devour our awesomely prepared food, President Bill hit the gong, got everyone's attention, and make a few announcements. He spoke about the Glendale Kiwanis Tree Lighting on 12/4; the East River Club food drive and informed everyone that OUR Christmas/Holiday Party will be on December 17th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. This will follow our AKTION Club celebration on that day from 12:00 – 3:00 PM. Rumor has it that we will also have our Board Meeting squeezed in to "GET STUFF DONE". 3 hours of Service; 2 hours of meeting; 1 hour of administration. Get it!!

Race Four: After the announcements, Bill opened the floor to introductions and happy dollars. Only one problem, we didn't have our sheriff. Gino, crafty Gino, had hung the feed bag on the back of someone's chair prior to the meeting.

Low and behold, Jon Kablack was the victim and became the sheriff and he really embraced the task. Since Jon's such a big dude, no one made any attempts to put the Cowboy hat on him. Then the fun began and the Happy Dollars started to flow. President Bill kicked off the action and thanked

everyone for our outstanding Halloween weekend and our fantastic club service. DPP Janine Mahon was next with happy dollars for the KIDDY KIDZ and Gino and his Back-2-Basics committee and all of their hard work and efforts each time that we have events or meetings. DPP Hank Kraker was happy that the Packers were back on track, more dollars for the Aktion Club Halloween Party and still more for being in this absolutely fantastic club. Chris Jardin jumped up next and had a happy \$100 for being a member of a club that performs so much good and service to others and how thankful he is to be a part of that mission. President Bill had dollars for the NY Giants and their winning ways. At that point Michael Addeo stood up, towering over the crowd, and gave happy dollars for the Giants and their winning season.



Race Five: Happy Dollars then got hot and heavy. Michael Addeo continued to speak and showed off a New York Yankees tie that he was wearing and challenged all of the NY Mets fans to try to cut it off. He said something about having the _____ (then he said some Italian word) to take it off him. President Bill IMMEDIATELY stated with an Executive Order, that *NO YANKEES TIE WOULD BE DESECRATED* during his term as President of the 3-2-1 Club. DPP Bob Monahan then gave the ground rules for this particular tie. The tie could be "BOUGHT" but NOT CUT for the remainder of this year. It would be placed on the banner or in safe hands, and President Elect Danielle Kleiman could determine its fate in October, 2023. Money started to be raised HIGH and Diane Cusimano matched Chris Jardin's amount and told a story of "Mikey Long". Seems that many years ago, when Diane's children were little, they went to the feast and met Mike who stood like a giant in front of Jordan and Chelsea. They nicknamed him, "GIGLIO" which is pictured on the right and is from the Feast at Mt. Carmel Church in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Then something about Sicily came **up** again and there was lots of fun going on. To make a long story, even longer, the banter back and forth netted \$250 for the tie and the story got funnier when Michael took off the Yankees tie, he had another one underneath it. We let him keep it.



Michael Addeo, Jr. is here in the white hat.

Race Six: As if that weren't enough Community Affairs Officer Mike Berish was thankful for the partnership that the 3-2-1 Club has with the 104th Precinct, had mixed dollars that his partner P.O. Dilsia Bonilla couldn't make it because she is vacationing in Mexico and had a couple more to say he's glad to be at the meeting to catch a small break. Then someone brought up the fact that the happy dollars seemed to be coordinated between the front of the room and the back of the room, making Jon walk back and forth, many, many times. Then Joan Hoffmann had bucks to be at the meeting with son, Paul. John Hennessey, way up front had happy dollars for being in the club as a Corporate Sponsor and enjoying the company and humor. He then anted up for his LA Chargers wins. Lucian Matej had happy dollars for all of the work that the club is doing in service to the communities. Henrietta Maier had happy dollars to announce the Lorraine Gering, wife of long time Glendale Kiwanis member, Charlie, had a grandson. Name: Charles Lorraine. Henrietta promised to get Lorraine to a 3-2-1 meeting. Michael Addeo then spoke about the Thanksgiving holiday and how, when he was a little boy (Bob said he was never little) he would watch the March of the Wood Soldiers on TV. He went on to say that one of the Capo's from the Feast would play that song when the men paraded and marched the Giglio at the event. How thankful to have such fond memories and good thoughts.

Race Seven: Now let's see what other fun stuff happened as Gino stood to give some happy dollars for his upcoming vacation across the pond. He'll visit London and Paris and will get a well-deserved nine day respite. Tracy Rodriguez then gave sad dollars for one of her families at PS 91 who's mom is in Hospice with cancer. She asked everyone to keep them in our prayers and thoughts and we will see if they need anything for Thanksgiving and beyond. Bob then mentioned that we had some guests in the house and introduced DPG Joe Corace and Nydia Corace from the KPTC Foundation. DPG Joe said that he was extremely grateful for the 3-2-1 club and all that they do for the Foundation and for some of his other projects. DPP Janine then thanked Joe and Nydia for participating in our sponsored Health Fair with the KPTC simulator and safety program. Both agreed that this will become one of our projects for our Kiddy Kidz and other SLP's. Our soon to be member, Sholah Harharah, Branch Manager of Corporate Sponsor, Maspeth Federal Savings, introduced himself and said that he was happy to be joining our club to partner in service to the communities. Welcome Sholah, we are honored to have you join our club. Bernie Zablocki had happy dollars, followed by Maureen Powell who said Fr. Kevin was on a retreat so she has to spend their money, or was is HIS \$\$? Lucian Matej gave some more happy dollars to be a member and was sorry that he hasn't been able to make more of the meetings. Bob mentioned how instrumental Lucian has been in getting us business and corporate sponsors. Thanks buddy. Bob went on to say that the homemade desserts were being served and that if he didn't get a slice of BettyAnn's cake that folks would be miserable for a week at the GRYC. Somehow, Diane Cusimano came back and handed him TWO slices and said the staff was good for TWO weeks. Lots of laughter and fun. Someone overheard BettyAnn saying something about diabetic comas and metformin?? Then there was a mad dash as everyone got up to get desserts and coffee. What didn't get much notice is that President Bill Rennison went over and took out the stuffed bag of trash and replaced the bag in the garbage can. Service without fanfare and hoopla. Thanks Bill.

HAVING FUN at 3-2-1!



Right half of the Clubhouse with over 30 members and friends.



Left half of the Clubhouse with over 30 members and friends.



Food Tables with folks lined up on both sides to speed up the process.

As desserts were being devoured, Gino had our raffle prizes and giveaways. The warrantees on all of our chairs are now expired since Gino tapes a winning ticket under the chairs before the meeting. Unfortunately all of the labels were removed instead of just the tickets. The winners were: Joan Hoffmann; Francesca Fedkowskyj; Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk and Genesis Williams. Now I'll try to get the rest of you in this newsletter: Carmen Resto, Cynthia Rivera, Xiomara Pina, Walter Welsh, Joseph Then, Joseph Alfano, Aryssa Peterson, Aidan Leavens, Dina DePaola, Kevin Goodish, Jennifer Lamberty, Shiv Ramsamooj, Mary Benitez, Linda Manetta, Jackie Hogan, Sabrina Sierra, Edwing Vilsaint, Andy Villion, TJ Ritter, Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez, JoAnn Siegel, Clark McKinney, Betalis Nunez, Maricelis Romero, DPP Liz Fitzgerald, DPP Kenny Dunn (sorry no parking) and a few others who didn't fill out slips. To wrap it all up, some of the Builders, K-Kids and Kiddy Kidz Club Advisors gave a brief summary of what is going on with our other SLP's.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- **November 30th – INSTALLATION of Janine Mahon as President of the Middle Village Club. This will be at Villa Erasmo at 6:00 PM. Cost \$30 per person**
- **December 7th - Regular meeting at the Clubhouse at 12:00 Noon**
- **December 17th – Aktion Club; Board Meeting; 3-2-1 Holiday/Christmas. Details to follow.**

Race Nine: The meeting ended at about 12:55 PM. There was \$1,366 collected today for food, happy dollars, football donations and Venmo.



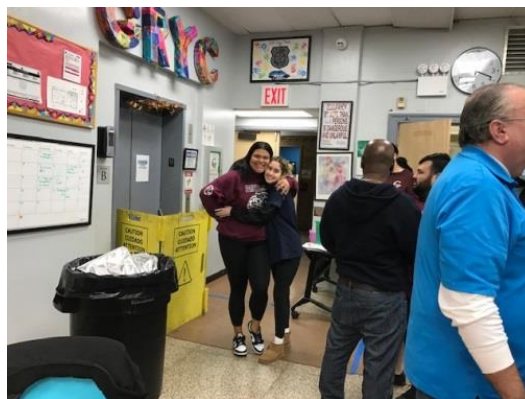
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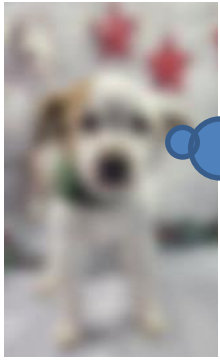






When you have 60 or more members, friends and guests in attendance at one meeting, you hope that if you forgot anything, that the pictures fill in the gaps. The décor, the awards adorning the walls, the logos, both Kiwanis and the 3-2-1 theme, are all part of what makes our Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club exceptional. Throwing in the fun, the food and the services completed or planned, are all a part of the dynamics. Let us all be THANKFUL for the gifts that we bring to this Club.





Rocky the Spirit Guide says, "Happy Thanksgiving to all, especially my family who gave me the best memories and love anyone could ever get. I'm kinda liking this Dual Club Spirit Star thing, too. Twice the fun, food and festivities. DOUBLE EVERYTHING!!! Did I hear someone say, "You lucky dog"?"



I have a happy hundred for "Mikey Long" Addeo. Wait, I mean, I have a happy hundred to take the Yankees tie off "Giglio" Mike. Since we can't cut it off, I'll volunteer to hold on to it for the year. (if we don't put it up on the banner) Never know when it might come in handy. Wow, who would have thought a ball game could be so much fun.



In partnership with the Queens District Attorney's Office, the NYPD's 104th Precinct, the GRYC and Ridgewood 3-2-1, there will be 60+ Intermediate School aged students who will become Jr. Law Explorers through Adventure Based Counseling.