



The Triple Crown Newsletter

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Race One: The meet began with another light attendance of about 45 members as President Gino was on hand to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a beautiful prayer and grace given by Bernie Zablocki and he especially asked for blessings on BettyAnn and I as we were vacationing in South Carolina. Thanks Bernie, you are my best friend.

Race Two: Gino opened at exactly 12:00 noon and announced that it was a lunch of Spanish food that was cooked and served by 3-2-1 member Jennifer Lamberty. Janine gave happy dollars for surviving Thanksgiving without her son, Army Captain Colin Mahon who has his Tank Unit on the South Korean border with the North and she went on to say how proud she is of him for serving the troops. You see, on Thanksgiving Day in South Korea, the OFFICERS served the enlisted men for their Thanksgiving meal. Awesome. Janine continued by saying that other son Brian (an NYPD Officer in Brownsville) and daughter Claire (321 Member) went overboard to help deal with the situation.

Race Three: At that point, Everyone got a chance to eat the delicious meal prepared by Jennifer. After stuffing themselves (ok a Thanksgiving pun) Happy dollars began with Danielle K giving happy dollars for IS 164 winning their first basketball game. Mike Addeo gave happy dollars for his two potential members from Cross County Savings Bank, one of our Corporate Sponsors. Applications were given out and we will have an induction for about 8 new members on December 18th. Michael gave some sad dollars for Bob not being here. Diane gave dollars to propose a decorate Ridgewood Contest sponsored by the 3-2-1 Club for next Christmas. There was a guest speaker from Redeemer Christian Church on the Ridgewood/Bushwick border, Hilda Coll-Valentin who spoke about the extreme number of community members, especially children, who are homeless. She is collecting toys and money that can be dropped off at the GRYC no later than Wednesday, December 11th. The Board can vote on Monday Night to give a donation to this great cause. Hilda has also taken an application to join our club and wants to be more involved in our efforts. Next meeting is the Grab Bag Meeting and there was a discussion around folks being able to steal your gift if they don't like theirs. Janine and Liz proposed a special \$5 donation to the club, to exempt your fine gift from the thievery that occurs. The members voted NOT to pay \$5 dollars to be able to keep the grab bag gift. Gifts should be around \$20 and not a prank gift, please.



Race Four: Kiddy Kidz were going to entertain the AARP group that uses the GRYC on the first Friday of every month. Pictures will have to say a thousand words. They sang, gave cards and hugs and the Seniors gave them little gifts. Awesome that our children are learning service projects so young and full of energy. Future Kiwanis members for sure. Remember, the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club has the ONLY Kiddy Kidz Club in the World for Kiwanis International,



Race Five: Members present at the meeting are in these two pictures taken by President Elect Janine. There was a whole group of NYPD Officers, Jayne and Alex from Valley National Bank, a whole lot of GRYC Directors and staff and then of course, Henrietta Maier, Bernie and Ann Zablocki, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk, (who I understand made some comment about the quality of the Newsletter for a guy who wasn't even at the meeting) Buffalo Bill Rennison, Mike Addeo, along with Craig Hubmeier and Andrew Trumbetti from Cross County. DIPPY Liz Fitzgerald was enjoying the meeting. Now some of you are saying, that Bob Monahan is one nasty Jackass for calling her that, however, for those of you new to Kiwanis, that is an HONOR. It means, Distinguished Immediate Past President, YUP. OK I added the Y and made that part up but congrats to Liz for that Distinction and Honor. Maureen, Mary, Tina, Carlos, Jacklyn, Dina and PDLG John Stahl were at the ranch. That means Past Distinguished Lt. Governor of Queens West. Maria Batista, Danielle, Ariel, Jennifer and her side kick and buddy, Kevin, Diane Cusimano, Beverly and her SYEP crew, Edwing, Oscar and Michaeline were all there, too. To round out the field, Maricelis, Patrick, Catherine and David were present and accounted for. If I missed anyone, like Michele Woerner, it's because I didn't get that angle in the pictures. Speaking of Michele, as you know, she is the daughter of my best buddy and sidekick, Bob Pullano, aka, Santa. This is a really tough time of the year for me and the Pullano family since this was the season that the Boobie would shine brightest. He always made you feel loved and treated every little child with the love that comes from being Santa, year-round. I miss my buddy and in his honor, let's make a lot of kids happy this Christmas Season. Donate a toy on the 18th and we will give them away to those less fortunate than us. Thanks for listening to the World's Biggest Elf, as he would call me. Haven't worn the suit, but, with some encouragement (\$\$\$\$) maybe, I'll make the little man smile down on us.



Race Six: Did I hear someone say, Wine and Cheese?? This is an encore race for the awesome event put together by John and Margie Stahl and a host of other members. There were community people showing up all day long to have a bit of wine and cheese and buy some paintings that were hanging and being displayed around the room. Bill watches Dave with his own bottle of wine, John and Diane ham it up just a bit, Christine had staff and friends come to buy some artwork and Liam Reynolds asked his Papa to buy him a picture. Of course that is my grandson Liam who loves to perform and was a great salesman on the raffle wheel. What a fantastic time we all had and I want to say it again, "Thanks to all for making this event so much fun and profitable."



Race Seven As mentioned, I had a chance to go on vacation for a week to Hilton Head, SC and Savannah, GA with BettyAnn. Unfortunately, I missed the Kiwanis Meetings down there but had a chance to take some photos of the area. Here are a few for your enjoyment. Seems that I had an old picture of my dad with the same statue in Savannah from years ago. Brought back some fond memories. Also speaking of years ago, I haven't been to the movies in nearly 20 years. I was coerced into going to see the new Tom Hanks movie about Mr. Rogers. Aside from the fact that I sat in a reclining lounge chair in a tiny theatre, the movie was over the edge fantastic. If you haven't seen it, try to make it. Very powerful and probably describes what Kiwanis and service are all about.



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- December 9th – Next Board Meeting at the Clubhouse @ 6:30 PM, all members invited to attend
- December 11th – Corona East Elmhurst Installation of Officers. Interclub opportunity available.
- December 12th – Middle Village Club Installation at Villa Erasamo. Interclub opportunity available.
- December 14th – AKTION Club Holiday Party at the Clubhouse. Joint effort with Glendale Kiwanis
- December 18th – Grab Bag Meeting of the 3-2-1 Club at 12 noon in the Clubhouse. Gifts \$20 each

The Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 Webpage is good to go. Check it out by clicking on the link below. Thanks Robert P. Monahan for putting this together and highlighting how great this club really is. If you haven't seen the Scrapbook from last year, check it out in the Newsletter ARCHIVE section.

<https://robmonahan.wixsite.com/website-8>

Race Nine: The meeting was about to end early, but Diane kept the conversation going by asking the Police how it is going in the precinct. The officers told us to not keep anything in the car and lock the doors at all time. Gino ended the meeting right on time by hitting the gong. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 425.

3 – 2 – 1... AND THEY'RE OFF





More pictures of our Kiddy Kidz in Action...



Linda Monte, this one's for you...





*Dave Fitzgerald, this one's for you...
 It is a monument similar to the one that we are going to put on the shed at the Garity Post, it can be done, here is the proof...*

