



# 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:** Today was our Super Bowl Lunch so we were back to our regular time at the Clubhouse. I will continue the new tradition of creating this virtual newsletter when we are unable to meet in person. This is give you a “fix” in an effort to keep all of us connected and focused on the mission to serve during these difficult times. Here we go again. There were over 50 members and friends present to see President Janine clap the gong and ask everyone to rise from their seats to recite the Pledge to our Flag. Everyone was socially distanced and at the completion of honoring our Flag and what it stands for, Janine asked DEACON Kevin Powell to give the blessing. As always, Kevin was inspiring **as he asked for the club to remember those in need and the gifts that we have to offer in service to others.**

**Race Two:** The meet was held indoors in the large meeting room at the clubhouse and spilled out onto our beautiful outdoor Deck where Carlos, Jason, Joseph and Bernie had the tents put up, along with their side panels to keep in some warmth. Thanks again to Chris McDougall for hooking up the heater/blower to make the space comfortable and available. At this rate Chris will have 100% attendance credits. Kenny Dunn was back in his usual seat and was joined by Hank Kraker, Matt LeFleur, Aaron Rodgers, Davante Adams, JR Velepec and, you guessed it, Bernie Zablocki. They were seen flipping a coin to see who would get to go first on the lunch line.

Good Lord, I had a really weird dream about some old guy sitting in a chair with mittens on. Thank goodness, things are back to normal, well whatever that is in Ridgewood 3-2-1. Who was that guy?



**Race Three:** Janine asked for any Happy Dollars and guests and Hank introduced his three guests; Matt, Aaron and Davante, who were available and wanted to have something to do with the Super Bowl, so hearing that our party was the best in town, they flew in to join us. Seems Hank and Toni won the 2020-2021 Contest for the title “FANS of the YEAR” and with that came a lunch of choice with the boys. (Sorry JR, not those “Boys”). When all is said and done, Hank contributed the most money to our Football Fundraiser for the number of wins for his team. Bernie Zablocki put up \$500 to bet that he could run a deep Corner Pattern down Summerfield Street and catch anything Aaron had to offer. Coach LeFleur matched Bernie’s money and said that play sounded horribly familiar to him. Captain Louron Hall and PO Mike Berish temporarily closed down Summerfield Street as Aaron and Bernie lined up. Davante whispered something in Bernie’s ear, Hank snapped the ball and Bernie was off to the races. Aaron let loose a bomb and the crowd went crazy as the suspense built up. Ball in the air, Bernie running his ass off and looking up and back for the ball and then boom he cradles the ball in his hands and slams the ball on the street and does some kind of Polish Polka to celebrate. What a sight as the younger members of our club hoisted “the Burglar” up onto their shoulders back to the clubhouse. Wow, time to eat and Kenny let Zoomer Zablocki be first on line.



**Race Four:** Since this was a Super Bowl theme, lunch was really simple. A Six Foot German and American Hero from Zum Stammtisch accompanied with an array of German and Mayo Potato Salad, Beet Salad, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad and Cucumber Salad. Then, (if only the Bills had won), there were 5 different levels of Buffalo Wings from Mild to Garlic to Spicy to Papi Chulo Super Chile Hot Wings, with of course, Bleu Cheese dressing, celery and carrot slices from the new Buffalo Wild Wings on Fresh Pond Road. Nachos with Tortilla Chips, Chilli, tangy cheese, pico de gallo, creamy avocado and rich sour cream from Tequilla Sunrise on Myrtle Avenue. What can you say about Diane and Liz and Gino’s creativity to take a few foot long Dominick’s Hot Dogs and wrapping them Crescent Roll Dough and then cutting them into bite sized morsels. Rumor is she made some Soy dogs, could you taste the difference? Then Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk made Honey Balls & Baklava using his own honey and to top it all off, Bronco Bill Rennison brought Good Humor to cap off this amazing assortment of food.

**Race Five:** President Janine had asked DPP Liz Fitzgerald to sew BERNIE'S mitten on our banner and we unveiled it to the club members. Plenty of Happy Dollars for that and then Bob looked around for anyone with a tie. There were none in the clubhouse as Michael Addeo, Liran Gross, Captain Hall, Mike Berish and none of the other members were sporting one. Maybe one of these days soon someone will make that mistake again. Joe "The Plumber" Florio was in the house and made the fatal error of telling the Editor that his last name had a special meaning. To be specific: LANGUAGE FAMILY: indo-european > italic > latin ORIGIN: latin NAME ROOT: FLōS > FLōRA. **MEANING:** This name comes from the Latin root "Flōs", **meaning** "flower, blossom, (figuratively) innocence, virginity".

So if I have this right, FLORIO means: flower, to blossom, innocence & virginity. Wow, Joe, one out of four isn't bad. I have added a few pictures that I have taken and the one



with the Bee was taken by my daughter, and member, Sara Grote. You know the one in Rockville Centre. Lucian Matej was up in the country skiing or snow-shoeing or something with the snow. John Hennessey couldn't join us at the meet but delivered diapers and wipes to the clubhouse. We have put out an SOS (no Hank, not what we discussed) for diapers and wipes for John and Margie Stahl for the Blessing Bags that continue to go to MICIH at Wyckoff Heights Hospital. Jayne Wadhawan donated Baby Wipes, McDougall Electric donated \$300 for the cause, Denice Williams donated, along with Joe Miller, Chris Jardin, JR Velepec, BettyAnn Monahan and I'll get the others next time. Anyone who donates these items will be gifted with honey, if, you come on in for the exchange. Joan Hoffmann was in the house with son, Paul. Liran Gross is available to speak with any member who banks at Capital One since they are closing their Fresh Pond Road Branch. Hey, What's in your Wallet? Hopefully a Metrocard to find another location. Gino got some more happy dollars for always helping to coordinate the Pools and Raffles payments through Venmo and the Square. Our DIPPY Gino had a fantastic year under incredibly difficult circumstances. Yes, they call it COVID-19 and Gino and the 3-2-1 Club overcame all obstacles to accomplish amazing service projects throughout it all. We have submitted Three Entries into the District Competition for his year.

**Race Six:** Some members have mentioned that other Clubs are meeting in-person and wondered why we are not doing so. As of this time, it is not prudent to hold our regular in-person meetings because we have too many members who would attend. If folks are being asked to NOT get together for the Super Bowl, even larger gatherings in our own homes, I know that we can wait a bit longer. The Board has met and we are looking at St. Patrick's Day/St. Joseph's Day in the middle of March to possibly be our next REAL meeting. Many members continue to get the vaccine and the more folks doing that, the quicker things will settle down. Congratulations to Kenny Dunn, Hank Kraker, Janine Mahon, Claire Mahon, Marybeth Reynolds, Sara Grote, BettyAnn Monahan, Maureen Powell, Bernie Zablocki, Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez, Mary Benitez, Linda Manetta and a whole bunch of others for taking a shot, literally, at this potential life saver. We are trying to stay connected through media, pools and raffles with projects being done under all distancing measures, etc. Ridgewood 3-2-1 is taking every opportunity to SERVE others who have less than us, who need us to bring a smile to their faces, to make a difference in the lives of others. Claire Mahon was able to buy socks, blankets, and baby outfits for the children at St. Mary's Children's Hospital with the balance of the donation the club made at Christmas time. Money well spent and making a massive difference for these great kids. Hang in there, better days are coming. Be an ACTIVE Kiwanian, be proud of what we are doing, and most of all, stay involved?? Our club potential is multiplied by the number of ACTIVE members that we have.



**Race Seven:** Another nice representation of GRYC Directors and staff came to enjoy the meal and support their friend and leader, Janine. If I remember correctly, here are the attendees: Dina DePaola, Ariel Triunfel, Danielle Kleiman, Maria Batista, Mary Benitez, Maricelis Romero and Xiomara Pina. DPP Liz Fitzgerald and Catherine "Siegel" Zahedi were back at the ranch and many of the Directors went to dine "outdoors" on the deck. Christine Halloran and Walter Welsh were at the ranch along with Sky Pilot Kevin Powell and his bride Maureen Powell. President Janine Mahon was happy to see her daughter, Claire at the meeting. Please continue to keep Tina Forte, our best Crossing Guard ever, in your prayers as she is battling some medical issues. John Hennessey from Ridgewood Savings is not allowed to attend outside events because of the risk of COVID. Bronco Bill Rennison was in the corral and continues to blow the doors off the words, generous and active. Diane Cusimano is having a Valentine's Day Fundraiser Grid for Roses and four other Mystery gifts. Thanks Diane for the donation and hard work.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

**February 10<sup>th</sup> – In-Person and Zoom Board Meeting at 4:00 PM at the Clubhouse. Yes, it was moved to Wednesday afternoon. Please try to attend, one way or the other. There will be a maximum of 15 people in the big room and we will be socially distanced, plus some.**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> – Next In-Person General Meeting at the Clubhouse, conditions allowed. Indoor/Outdoor dining.**

**Race Nine:** The meeting ended on time, for an busy, busy, meeting. The total of \$1,250 was collected in Happy Dollars, Food Money and the Grid Box. Hey, You can't make this stuff up!! Oh wait a second, YES YOU CAN.



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