



# 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 nice attendance of over 50 members with President Liz on hand to open with the Pledge of Allegiance. All GRYC Directors are back from their well-deserved vacations and are ready to go for the NEW School Year. After the Pledge, Liz asked Deacon Kevin Powell to give the invocation and what a fine job he did.

**Race Two:** Liz opened with a few announcements and reminded the club that there is lots of work still to do before her year officially ends on September 30, the day after our outing at Belmont Park on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Put that into your phone calendars and plan to show Liz what a phenomenal year (and change) that she had. Our sheriff was Bronco Bill Rennison who was undercover today skipping the official sheriff's garb. Unfortunately the stealth Bill had the feed bag around his neck and he was on donors like a fly on rice. Way to go Bill. Seems last week's sheriff Diane Cusimano had "out of the closet, I mean stall" Bronco Bob sitting next to her for lunch. As always, the happy dollars brigade started early and was happy to see little Gjorgi and his mom back at the ranch to accept a \$1,500 check for the LCH Research Foundation out at Cohen's Children's Hospital.



**Race Three:** Gino and Liz, (G-Liz) remembering how successful our last few meetings have been, called for everyone to come up to eat their lunch. It was our end of the summer barbeque again, but these dogs, burgers and even veggie burgers weren't left over from the Arbitration Rock fest at the Onderdonk House (two weeks ago). These were "fresh" frozen burgers and dogs. Bob, Lucian and their buddies did the chef duties and hoped that they could get the food in fast enough for folks to eat. Somehow, one or two of their friends seemed to assure the chefs that the dogs were hot enough to serve before they were brought in to the other members. Although we were outside, we knew that Kenny Dunn wasn't the first member on line, oh yeah, Kenny couldn't make it today. There goes that streak. LOL

**Race Four:** Hop-along Hank got a bit of a surprise from Marybeth Reynolds who brought in a LEGO British Double Decker Bus, assembled by 10 year old son Sean Reynolds. With well over 1,000 pieces, it was stunning to look at and it even has gum on the bottom of some of the seats in the bus. Unbelievable detail. This was a gift from Bob and JR for Hank completing his treatments. Hank had a happy \$100 for the gift of being in a club that supports each other and the community in so many different ways.



**Race Five:** Happy dollars were flying around the room from all different sources and directions. Seems that our Commanding Officer was in a fender bender with a perp, fleeing from law enforcement, chose her car to rear end before being apprehended. Captain Perry, you looked great on TV and on social media. Nothing stops this wild woman as she did a triple, making sure that everything was as it should be. We had P.O. Lesa Craigg joining us for the meet, minus that thing that she wore on her head a few meetings back. Seems the weight of all that “hair” was creating a bit of pain in her neck. Speaking of being a pain in the neck... sorry Lesa. Joining her were our buddies from Community Affairs, P.O. Asar Sanad and P.O. Mike Berish. As the Captain was unable to be with us, we didn’t get to see Police Officer Lenford Goldbourne “G” who is one of the happiest human beings on this planet, always smiling and bringing you UP just by being around him. JR Velepec had some bucks along with Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk and “all decked out with a new tie and shorts” John Hennessey.

**Race Six:** At this point in the meet, we had Distinguished Past Governor Joe Corace give a short presentation about the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Foundation that does so much incredible work. The Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club bought Pediatric Trauma Kits and Joe gave G-Liz banner patches for our commitment to helping children by purchasing a few kits. He also gave G-Liz a banner patch for our sponsoring a barbeque at NYC Ronald McDonald House. Ricky, Maricelis, TJ and Dina joined PDG Joe Aiello, PDG Joe Corace and incoming District Governor Joe Ruggiero. So to wrap that up, it was Joe, Joe, Joe, pass the dogs. It was at that time that Bob noticed that PDG Joe was wearing a nice Kiwanis tie that John Hennessey and company said would look wonderful on our banner. \$160 later, off came half the tie and what a great sport Joe was about it. “Anything to help kids” was his exact quote. We should all live for that.



**Race Seven:** Tom “I beg you not to pick me for sheriff” Wilk gave some dollars to announce his Honey Festival at Rockaway Beach on September 14th. Seems that Tom has organized the Queens Beekeepers Guild and they have a bunch of fun things to do at the Festival, including; Meet the NYPD Bee Cop (from the 104<sup>th</sup> Pct) Honey Beer tasting, face painting (hopefully without honey) and more. Diane Cusimano had happy dollars to say that her veggie burger was the best one that she has had since living on the commune in 1976. Seems that Diane had some aluminum foil sent out to put on the grill as to not have any of the meat that had been cooked, touch her veggie burgers. Success all around!! Alan Bellone, Chris McDougall, Joe the Plumber, Rafal Ziolkowski, Mike Addeo were unable to make the meeting, so Bob volunteered each of them for the Football Fundraiser that Hank and JR have started on a weekly basis. Anyone else who wants “in” just need contact me with your team. Here’s how it works, EACH week, if YOUR NFL team WINS, you contribute \$20 for the win. So, if you are a cheapskate, pick a team that really bites and you save money each week. IF you are a generous, caring and want to support kids kinda person, then you pick a promising team and donate on a weekly basis. The list of teams by 3-2-1 member is later in the bulletin. Yes, two people can have the same team. IF you didn’t understand all of that, just call me or email me and say you want to be a generous human being and we will assign a team to you.



**Race Seven: (continued)** Maureen was at the meet with Kevin and so was DPLG John Stahl. Tina broke her streak of perfect attendance and Henrietta Maier was busy with some other stuff. A good number of GRYC Directors and staff were on hand at the Clubhouse. Thank you Lord that Mary was busy preparing for the start of UPK and only snuck in for the food. No Mary, no Linda and Carlos, but, all managed to eat. Awesome!! David (still sporting his different hair color), Irene, Cynthia, Walter, Kevin, Xiomara, Ricky and Patrick Wagner. Christine and Danielle were present and accounted for and Gino, Ariel and Maricelis were handling the front table. Julius, Patricia, Paul, Sabrina, Jackie, Zoey and Jennifer shared in the festivities. Did I forget to mention that Montana, Vanessa, Oscar and Edwing had a bite to eat. My buddy Bernie joined the group and got suckered into bidding on Governor Joe's tie and taking a team in the football thing. Sorry Bernie, but you are a good sport. Bob had dollars to thank Al Bellington for his donation of the flooring for two classroom and the hallway in the UPK at Summerfield. Along with thanking Al for that gift, he gave happy dollars for the gift of Bill Rennison, who Al sponsored into this Club.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

**September 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – Fresh Pond Road Street Festival. We need help for our information table**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> – Honey Festival at Rockaway Beach**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> – G – Liz are running the show. Let's make it most memorable. 12 noon at the clubhouse**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> – Aktion Club Bake Sale**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Queens West Division Mtg at 7 PM.**

**September 29<sup>th</sup> – Belmont Race Track Day and Liz's Celebration for Presidency. \$50 per ticket**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gino's Installation along with his Board of Directors. This is at 7PM at the Clubhouse. \$20 pp**

**Race Nine:** Liz ended the meeting a few minutes tardy at 1:10 by hitting the gong. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 800.

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The link below is a video done for the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Builders Clubs

<https://youtu.be/X6mNC7fVHes>

This link is for the GRYC Summer Programs. Yes, the Steel Drum Band is a GRYC/YECA site band.

[Here is the new video uploaded to the YouTube channel.](#)



**DPG Joe Corace is presented a check for two Pediatric Trauma Kits from 3-2-1 President Liz Fitzgerald and some guy named Bob.**



***Check out the outfit on John Hennessey, new tie and all, as he assists in cutting DPG Joe's Kiwanis tie. It will be sewn on the club's banner.***



***1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and soon to be 3-2-1 President-Elect Janine Mahon takes picture of Liz presenting \$1500 check to Gjorgi and mom for the LCH Research Foundation.***





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## **2019-2020 Board of Directors**

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| <b>Immediate Past Pres.</b>          | <b>Liz Fitzgerald</b>  | <b>Accepted, no choice, DIPPY, LOL</b>   |
| <b>President</b>                     | <b>Gino Ancona</b>   | <b>Accepted, been waiting a whole year</b>   |
| <b>President Elect</b>               | <b>Janine Mahon</b>  | <b>Accepted, gonna be the best year ever</b>   |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b> | <b>Maricelis Romero</b>  | <b>Accepted, not so fast you two</b>   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b> | <b>Margie Stahl</b>  | <b>Accepted, teaching is my life</b>   |
| <b>Secretary</b>                     | <b>Hank Kraker</b>   | <b>Accepted, too old for this, will learn ya</b>   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                     | <b>Dave Fitzgerald</b>   | <b>Accepted, dues are due, budget time</b>   |
| <b>One Year Board</b>                | <b>Bill Rennison</b><br><b>David Volcy</b><br><b>JR Velepec</b>    | <b>Accepted, Ice Cream cart when I'm Prez</b><br><b>Accepted, getting closer, next year V.P.</b><br><b>Accepted, maybe one of these days</b>   |
| <b>Two Year Board</b>                | <b>Ricky Wahmann</b><br><b>Diane Cusimano</b><br><b>Kenny Dunn</b> | <b>Accepted, will help to put out fires</b><br><b>Accepted, Bestest acceptance speech</b><br><b>Accepted, If JR does it, count me in</b>       |
| <b>Three Year Board</b>              | <b>John Stahl</b><br><b>Ariel Triunfel</b><br><b>Lucian Matej</b>  | <b>Accepted, PLG King of the Mentors</b><br><b>Accepted, Gino needs me &amp; lots of help</b><br><b>Accepted, Gino needs more lots of help</b> |
| <b>Advisor to the Board</b>          | <b>Bob Monahan</b>   | <b>Accepted, Don't let the Old Man In</b>  |
| <b>Advisor to the Board</b>          | <b>DPG Joe Aiello</b>  | <b>Accepted, DPG is big man on campus</b>  |

**Yes, I paraphrased some of the responses, but you get the picture. Awesome Year!!!**

# **Weekly Football Donation**

*The rules are really simple; if your team wins you donate \$20 to the club for Community Service*

Choose wisely grasshopper

- Liz Fitzgerald/Diane Cusimano                      Oakland Raiders
- Janine Mahon    Chicago Bears
- Hank Kraker    Green Bay Packers                      cha-ching \$20
- Bill Rennison    NY Giants
- JR Velepcc    Dallas Cowboys
- Kenny Dunn
- Lucian Matej    Los Angeles Rams
- Bob Monahan/Carlos Rodriguez                      New England Patriots
- DPG Joe Aiello    New York Jets
- Bernie Zablocki/Dave Fitzgerald                      The Real Oakland Raiders
- Michael Addeo    New York Giants
- John Hennessey    San Diego Chargers
- Marybeth Reynolds    Carolina Panthers
- Tom Wilk    Pittsburg Steelers
- Kevin Powell    New York Jets
- Joe Florio    New York Jets
- Chris McDougall    New York Jets
- Rafal Ziolkowski    New England Patriots
- Chris Jardin
- Fr. Mike and Fr. Angel
- Alan Bellone
- Al Bellington