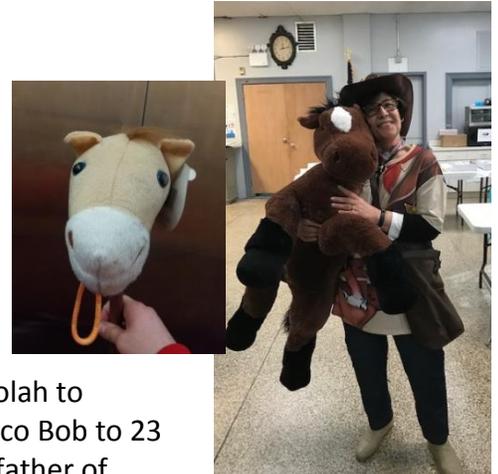


Race One: Made it down on time today and the meet began with an attendance of over 50 members and visitors on hand to celebrate with some fun, food and festivities. Last week I was up in my office when the meet began and I was fined by the sheriff for being tardy. Number 1, President Liz Fitzgerald called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag. Liz then called on Treasurer Dave Fitzgerald to give the grace before meals and he did a magnificent job. No smell of food was filling the room because it hadn't shown up yet. Today was a buffet of Chinese food and even had some vegetarian something for Diane and company. Sky Pilot Reverend Mike Lopez was MIA today and everyone missed his smiling face. Nah, only kidding.

Race Two: As we continue our custom at the Club, the winner of the last meets sheriffs prize, Bill Rennison was today's marshal and was really ready for the role. Bill came along with Hop-along Hank on a stick. Bill made it clear that Bronco Bob was being put out to pasture and I mentioned that there was NO GUM chewing allowed at the GRYC corral. Diane was very protective of Bronco Bob, AKA Jackass Bob and the war of words followed with some pretty awesome challenges to race, do equestrian jumps and a flip or two. Hop-along Hank "Nancy" Kraker was fined some dollars for blurting out something about Jackass Bob. It also cost JR Velepec some scaboolah to comment about JA Bob. In a late development, Diane sent samples from Bronco Bob to 23 & Me and has found out that Hop-along Hank was a busy buckaroo and is the father of Bronco Bob. The resemblance is stunning. Lots of fun and all taken in great spirits. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 600.

Race Three: Madam President opened the floor to guests and visitors and the club greeted Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Maiello and P.O. Perez from the Patrol Borough Queens North Community Affairs Unit. Then our NCO's, P.O. Santos and Oliva stopped by because they just plain missed us. We were well protected, kinda like having more than one sheriff in town. Sgt. Maiello will be back at our next meeting to speak about Domestic Violence and educate us of the laws surrounding this topic. Sgt. Brown made it clear that she only carries plastic and Bob spotted her the happy dollars that she charged off. Ricky Wahmann spoke about the St. Pancras CYO Basketball Tournament that raised \$4,000 for Sam and Dave. The Ridgewood 3-2-1 sponsored \$500 towards the event. Great job by Al Bellington, Kevin Dumbach and Joe Aiello. Nice to see Kevin Powell back and he said that he'd match Maureen's happy dollars from last week, but, she forgot the money at home. At that point, the food arrived and Liz and Gino called everyone up to eat.

Race Four: President Liz continued her report on the club's participation in Kiwanis activities and also on the up-coming events and happy dollars were flying around the room, non-stop. Liz mentioned that the Middle Village Kiwanis Club would be having their Induction of Officers on Thursday, January 24, 2019 and that we would be attending since MV was our sponsoring club. Fr. Mike was out praying that we would see Chris McDougall one of these days, and that list seems to be getting a bit too long. We really do miss you when you're not here. Linda Monte was back in town and a bit jet lagged, but, very happy about her new grandchild. Mike Addeo was a bit late because parking was tough, seems lots of Police Vehicles in front of the building and Janine was blocking the entrance to the lot. That's how we make more happy dollars, we make it hard to get into the meeting on time. Good job to all of our blockers.



Race Five: It was announced that the Mid-Winter Conference was going to be at the Desmond Hotel in Albany and 5-6 members are planning to attend. The Ridgewood 3-2-1 has submitted information about some special events and programs that we accomplished and are hoping to be recognized by the NY District for all of the hard work that our members did over the past months. Remember, we only chartered on June 20th and our successes are legendary. We are also submitting copies of the newsletter and creating a scrapbook to show our achievements and hope that they bring us some good recognition.



Race Six: Crossing Guard Tina has perfect attendance and loves coming to the meetings as retirement continues to suit her. Queens West Division is still trying to count all of those “SODA” can tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Thanks Chis for drinking so much soda to support a good cause. Janine Mahon, Number 3 as 1st VP, had happy dollars for a bunch of things. John Stahl was at the meeting and Liz and I surprised him with the “Elimidallion” for all of the hard work that he and Margie have done for Trick or Treat for UNICEF over the years. This magnificent couple has raised over \$100,000 for this cause and have now gotten Ridgewood 3-2-1’s Builders, K-Kids and Kiddy Kidz involved. The club collected \$3,000 in its first year and combined with John and Margie’s \$5,700, UNICEF received nearly \$9,000 this past Halloween. Margie, you will be awarded you medal of honor when we see you next. I know that you work on Wednesday’s so we will catch up with you.



Race Seven: It was mentioned that Ricky Wahmann is the District Builders Club Administrator and the Ridgewood 3-2-1 just re-activated 11 Builders Clubs throughout Queens West and East. This is more clubs back in action than over the past few years and it is anticipated that another 4-5 will be established over the next month. That is what you would call having a phenomenal year with lots of support from his buddies. Soon Ricky and Company will be traveling around the State and on Long Island to see the great work that the kids are doing. And last but not least, Dave Fitzgerald was back in the saddle and spoke about a new project that he is spearheading for the GRYC and Ridgewood Kiwanis over at the Garity Post for the Veterans Memorial Garden. It will create a sacred space to honor all those who have served our country in the Armed Forces. Thanks Dave, this is going to be awesome.



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

January 24th – Middle Village Club Installation. We actually attended this already with 5 members.

January 26th – KPTC Fundraiser Theatre Night “Sweet Charity” 8:00 PM @ Elmont Theatre

January 30th – AKTION Club at the Movies in Atlas Park

February 3rd – Super Bowl Pools for those who have numbers. All pools will be sent shortly.

February 6th – Next meet of the 3-2-1 Club @ Summerfield Clubhouse at 12 noon.

February 8th – Name that Tune Fundraiser for Peter Mancuso @ East Meadow Fire House.

February 9th – Queens Blvd Club having their Vasilopita Luncheon @ Albas Pizzeria @ 11:30 AM

Race Nine: Number 1, Liz ended the meeting right on time at 1:00 by hitting the gong.

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