



The Triple Crown Newsletter

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Race One: The meet began with an outstanding crowd of about 80 members and guests as President Gino was on hand to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 12:00. Word out that there was a really nice grace said by Sky Pilot Mike Lopez who thanked the Supreme Being for the gift of each other, service to the community and the food prepared. Back in the house again with the Irreverent one was his Assistant, Danielle Keren who gave Gino her email address since she hasn't been getting the newsletter. Sorry Danielle, you will be getting this one and all the rest moving forward.

Race Two: As I was running a bit late from a meeting in Manhattan, I have heard that Gino opened the meet by asking if there were any guests or visitors in the corral. The podium was back in use and I will leave in the old photo showing how professional President Gino looks at it. At that point, Gino made some announcements, I think so, anyway. There was plenty to do today as we had Mark Laster who is a civic minded volunteer working with the 2020 Census to get the word out and have Queens adequately represented and accounted for. Thanks Mark for your brilliant presentation and for sharing much needed information about the importance of EVERY person being counted in. At that point, Gino introduced City Councilman Bob Holden who added some information about the Census and then opened the floor to comments and questions. Someone, who will remain anonymous, said something about less Citibikes, more parking spaces and cars illegally parking at fire hydrants. Yes, I was back for that and gave happy dollars for the Councilman and all of the work that he does to support our communities. He was voted one of the top 3 Elected Officials for his attendance and creation of Bills that have a major impact on the way that the City functions. Congratulations Bob for being our ally in government. Along with Councilman Holder was Chief of Staff Daniel Kurzyna who has been doing amazing things for all of us in the neighborhood. Thanks Dan. As indicated last week, Carlos "Papi Chulo" has taken charge of the lunch menu and we had a fine sampling of finger foods, salad, pasta, more pasta and garlic knots. That's one sure way to avoid getting sick, eat garlic and no one wants to talk to you for the afternoon. If you have any suggestions, please reach out and let Carlos know your thoughts.



Race Three: After everyone had an opportunity to get their food, Gino asked if anyone had Happy Dollars for anything going on in their world. Janine gave bucks because her son Brian, donated his bone marrow to save another man's life. He was a bit achy, but very happy and proud that he was able to do it. How awesome to give someone the gift of life, WOW. Janine went on to say that she was given some days off to attend to her son and what a great place she runs at the GRYC. Sounds a bit self-serving to thank yourself for giving yourself time off, I don't know, maybe it's just me!! LOL. Bob acknowledged the members of the 104th Precinct who had their own little table to dine on. Margie Stahl asked where the little chairs were that should have gone with the table? As a former teacher of little people, Margie spent a lot of time in those little chairs, educating our future leaders. Bob gave happy dollars for Brian Mahon, for the private dining arrangements for Captain Perry, Detective Tommy Bell, Community Affairs Officers Asar Sanad and Mike Berish. Seems Sgt. Reiman and NCO Santos got to sit with the Adult Table and then made light of the Captain's plight. Not a good way to grow your career, Sarge.



Race Four: President Elect Janine Mahon and President Gino Ancona took a few pictures for our newsletter. Thanks to them, we get to see our club in “ACTION”, OK in STILLS. So darn technical, some of these members. Thanks for taking the time to do that, otherwise, this would be more boring that I can make it each meeting. Janine gave some happy dollars for the Principals who were able to make it to the meeting. Principal Faye Kotzer from IS 204 and Assistant Principal Allison Napoli from PS 71. Technically, Janine is the Principal of GRYC’s Little Stars Pre-K and Joe Miller was planning on being here but had a nasal infection and couldn’t make it. The Club donated items for Assemblyman Mike Miller’s Valentine’s for Veterans Drive and there were happy dollars for that. Our most recent Corporate Member, Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal Savings was in the house along with Alex Lagombra and Jayne Wahawan from Valley National. NEW BUSINESS MEMBER Mia Carla Rodriguez from Investors Bank was back having fun at the meet, but Craig and Andrew from Cross County couldn’t make it. Michael Addeo was hospitalized last week for pneumonia and was unable to be here and rumor is that Diane Cusimano brought him Chicken Soup for his Soul to help him heal, so, she was not at the meet. Bernie and Ann Zablocki were in the house, along with Henrietta Maier and Joan Hoffmann. Along with me, this is part of our “Senior” Membership of the club. If anyone else would like to be included in this elite group, please feel free to let me know. Rumor has it that Hank Kraker may qualify for the group. Bernie had happy dollars for his favorite florist, Diane, and DPG Joe Corace gave bucks for our clubs participation in the Pediatric Trauma Foundation efforts. Seems Joe didn’t have a good tie on, as half of his other one is on our banner. Fr. Mike offered \$200 for Councilman Bob Holden’s tie and he made it clear that that was his favorite tie and we were not getting it. I took my tie off as soon as I entered the building from my meeting in the City and many of our gentlemen removed theirs before coming in.



President Gino, CM Bob Holden, Captain Perry, Fr. Mike Bob, DPG Joe Corace, Faye Kotzer and Allison Napoli



Just a little snapshot of what 80 members and guests in attendance looks like. WOW



President Gino, CM Bob Holden, Captain Perry, Allison Napoli, Bob, Faye Kotzer DPG Joe Corace and Janine Mahon

Thanks to all who strive for excellence and make this community a great place to work and play and live. We didn’t formally celebrate Global Day of Play, but we did have an incredibly fun meeting. Lot’s of laughs and jokes and little comments and stuff that make you want to be here. Fun, fun, fun.

Race Five: Just think about this for a second, IF members who usually attend had come, along with other Principals, we may have tested our MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY with nearly 100 folks present at the meeting. Michael Addeo, Joe the Plumber, Rafal Ziolkowski, Andrew Trumbetti, Craig Hubmeier, Lucian Matej, Diane Cusimano, Linda Monte, 4-5 Directors, 2-3 Police Officers, (and maybe one day, Chris McDougall), PLUS 4-5 Principals and we are scrounging for chairs and food. How awesome would that be to have that much service power in one room at the same time. Carlos, Mary Benitez and Tina Forte were enjoying the view from the back of the room, John Hennessey from Ridgewood Savings was there with no tie on, or did he say that he “tied one on for SB Sunday”, I don’t know, it was one of those things. I saw Charlie Gruber in the house for the first time on Wednesday, Kevin and Maureen Powell, John and Margie Stahl, who stayed to stuff Blessing Bags for Wyckoff Heights after the meeting, Bronco Bill Rennison was in the house and gave me his sponsorship for one of the 3-2-1’s Builders Clubs. Joining him in that mission to keep our Builder’s Clubs going were: Hank Kraker, Lucian Matej, Kenny Dunn and Bob Monahan. The club allocated funds for 7 other Builders Clubs and we now have a total of 12. If you don’t know what that means, Builders Clubs are Junior High School/Intermediate School aged students who are members of Kiwanis and are driven by service projects and more. They follow the model of a Kiwanis Club and meet regularly and have elected officers and raise money for causes that they believe in. Magnificent stuff going on.

Race Six: A fantastic representation of GRYC Directors and staff came to enjoy the meal. I hope that I don't forget anyone. Ricky Wahmann, Aidan Leavens, Dina DePaola, David Volcy, Ariel Triunfel, Maricelis Romero, Mark Darius, Jacklyn Hogan, Sabrina Sierra, Jennifer Lamberty, DIPPY Liz Fitzgerald, Raquel Chin, Carmen Resto, Cynthia Ortiz, Irene Pina, Beverly McBeth, Eleana Crespo, Catherine Siegal, Lilibeth Arias, Edwing Vilsaint, Patrick Wagner, Paul Hoffmann, Danielle Kleiman, Maria Batista, Christine Halloran, Oscar Luna, Michele Woerner, Irene Pina, Maureen Powell, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, Mary Benitez, Montana Balzer, Xiomara Pina, Walter Welsh, Kevin Goodish and Diane Cusimano.

Race Seven: I spoke with former City Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley who will try to join us at our next meeting. Elizabeth is a candidate for Queens Borough President and seems to be picking up steam with endorsements and donations for her run. Elizabeth was extremely generous to the GRYC in her many years as a City Councilwoman. Michael Addeo taking it a bit slower but will be at our next meeting. Kenny Dunn, Master Beekeeper Tom "DPM" Wilk who chatted with the Councilman after the meeting and is looking at funds for his Bee keeping Organization. Networking 101 at its best. Jennifer Lamberty was the Sheriff today and was zipping around the room. So much so that her picture was blurred. Jimmy Canade (guest of JR Velepec) said that he loves coming to the club, Hank "Hop-a-long" Kraker and Henrietta Maier kept their attendance streak going along with Tina Forte. Luciano Saladino and Hilda Coll Valentin were unable to attend. Meeting after meeting, we continue to have an active and awesome diverse group of folks having fun doing community service.



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- February 8th – Methodist Church Pancake Breakfast from 8 – 12 on Central Avenue in Glendale. \$7 per ticket
- February 8th – Vasilopita at Alba's Restaurant on Queens Blvd. Queens Blvd Club at \$35 per person
- February 12th – Breakfast Meet and Greet for Community at Investors Bank on Myrtle & Forest; 9:30 – 11:00
- February 19th – Regular Meeting of the 3-2-1 Club at 12 noon in the Clubhouse. DCA Free Tax Prep Information
- February 21st – NY DISTRICT Convention in Binghamton, NY. Gino is our Delegate. Report to follow.
- February 27th – 104th Pct. Community Council Cop of the Year at Knockdown Center – 6:30 and Cost \$75 per

The Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 Webpage is up. Check it out by clicking on the link below. If you have any pictures or stuff to use to update the site, please send it to me.

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

Race Nine: The meeting ended right on time. The total of the Happy Dollars and Food Money collected was \$700.

3 – 2 – 1... AND THEY'RE OFF





Bob Monahan, President of the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council invited some friends to Dinner at Zum Stammtisch in Glendale. Joining Bob were Inspector Mark Wachter, Captain Victoria Perry, Monique Bell, Detective Thomas Bell, Chief Scott Shanley and retired NYPD Officer Lenny O'Toole. Lots of laughs, stories and great food. There are 5 members of Ridgewood 3-2-1 at that table.



Council Member Robert F. Holden



14 mins • 🌐

Had a great time at lunch yesterday with the Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood 3-2-1, where we heard from local schools about how the club can support them. Thank you to President Gino, GRYC President Bob Monahan, Father Mike Lopez, Captain Perry and the 104th Precinct, and all the club's members for their dedication to giving back to the community!





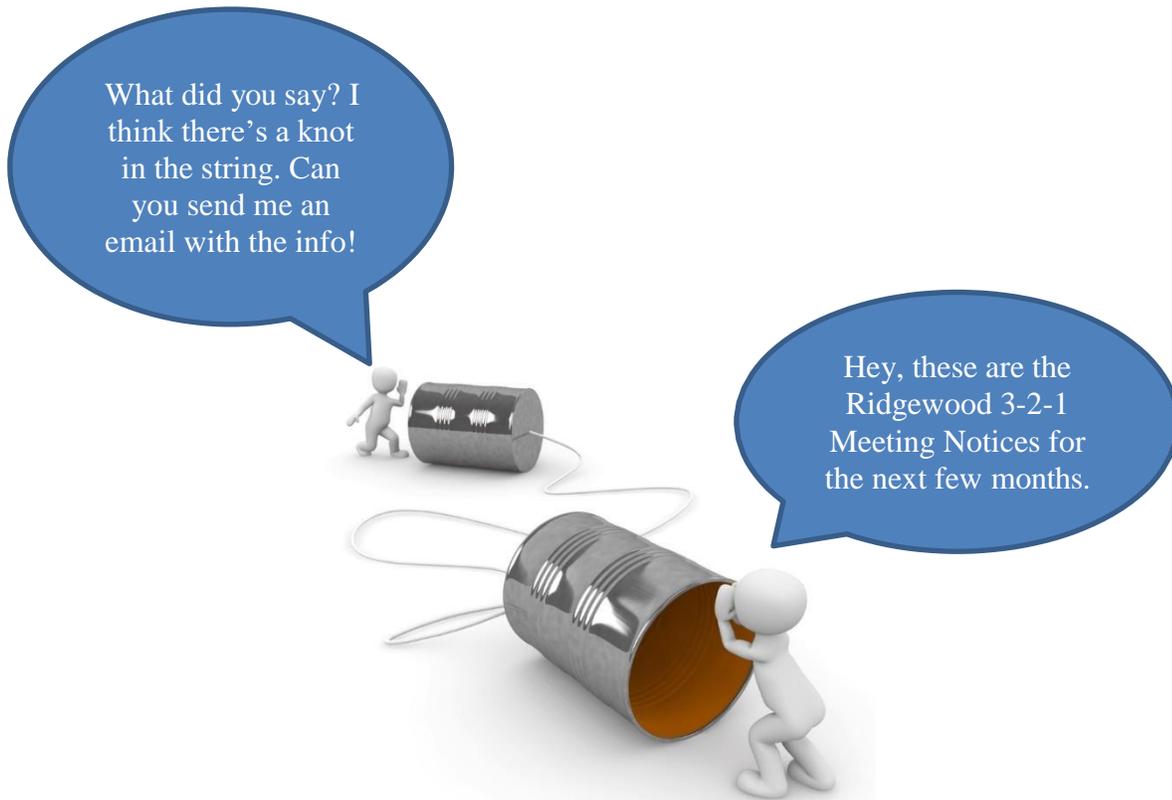
Seems someone found my tie on the front Desk and decided that it might look good on the banner. I'll pay \$50 to get it back. Nothing is sacred at Ridgewood 3-2-1. Cha-ching!!!

I was at Stammtisch too, but they taught me in Captain's School to just smile and nod. I'm going home after this meeting. Asar, kick me under this little table if I close my eyes.

Nighty night...
Damn, that dinner at Stammtisch last night put me in a food coma. Tell me when Monahan is finished talking...



Meeting Notices for February, March, April, May & June 2020



- February 19th – Girl Scout Presentation/DCA Tax Prep**
- March 4th – Mid Winter Conference Report & Diaper Drive**
- March 18th – St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Celebration/Feasts**
- April 1st – April's Fools Celebration**
- April 15th – English Day & Belated Easter Egg Hunt**
- May 2nd – Kentucky Derby Day at the Ranch**
- May 6th – German Day/Maypole Day Presentation**
- May 20th – Honor Our Veterans Meeting**
- June 3rd – Ready for Summer Barbecue**
- June 6th – Triple Crown Festival Day/ Belmont Stakes**
- June 17th – Summer Solstice Day Celebration**
- July 1st – Happy Birthday America Barbecue**