



KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

Meets 1st & 3rd 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 an outstanding crowd of about 60 members and guests as President Gino was on hand to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 12:00. In the absence of Sky Pilots Fr. Mike and Fr. Angel, Deacon Kevin Powell blessed us with a really nice grace, thanking the Supreme Being for the gift of each other, service to the community and the food prepared. Yes, this is Deja vu all over again.

Race Two: I had a meeting upstairs with Nick Melillo, a new potential member, but still got downstairs to actually see Kenny Dunn back in action, positioning himself at the first seat, at the first table to be first on line for the food. As said last time, now that's a first, LOL. Gino made a few announcements and explained the food assortment for today's meeting. I believe he called it a Continental Breakfast Lunch with a wide assortment of dry cereals, (until you put the milk in) croissants, bagels, juice, coffee, and a delectable array of Danish pastries. Oh Lord, I almost forgot the YOGURT. All this for \$10 and the club made money to spend on our community projects. Don't you just love this stuff, great company, lots of laughs, adequate food and comfortable surroundings. But, IF you have any suggestions about the food, please write them in this box and deliver it, to let Carlos know your thoughts.

Race Three: After everyone had an opportunity to get their food, Gino opened the floor to introduce any guests and began by mentioning that the Howard Beach Kiwanis Club was in the corral to interclub. Abe Garcia, originally from Ridgewood neighborhood and went to Grover Cleveland, Joe DeMarco, Dan Golom and Dino arranged the interclub and they made the trek and had some fun. For those of you who are wondering what that is, here is the long and short of it. All Kiwanis Clubs are encouraged, in the course of each year, to visit the other clubs in their Division. Our Division is Queens West and there are 17 Clubs in it. IF you visit all of the other clubs within the year, with 3-4 members in attendance, you get a ROUND ROBIN patch for your banner. We did that last year and will get our patch next week. It is fun and educational at the same time. Thanks Howard Beach for coming to the 3-2-1 club for our Continental Breakfast Lunch. I had added a flier for the Howard Beach Annual Dinner Dance on April 3rd. At that point, Hank Kraker gave happy dollars to announce the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club's BINGO NIGHT to be held at St. Pancras School in Glendale on April 24th at 6:00 PM. Depending on the number of folks in attendance, the final card could be as much as \$1,000 to the winner. Yes, it is a cash prize BINGO and will have a number of Door Prizes and stuff in between rounds. I believe that there will be 14 games to be played and a good time is expected. Howard Beach said that they will be coming to support our efforts.



What the hell is this Kombucha crap that Diane has on the table. If I win the 50-50 maybe I'll buy one. NAH!

Race Four: Next up, Bob spoke about the Mid-Winter Conference and the AWARDS that were won by the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club. Of the 12 total awards, 321 walked away with 6 of them, DISTRICT WIDE which means STATEWIDE. This was for the Diamond Division which represents Clubs over 60 members. First Up was the WIN Ticket for: Young Children Priority One – KIDDY KIDZ; a WIN ticket for The First Ladies Project – Supplies for Kamp Kiwanis; a WIN ticket for the NEWSLETTER (yes, this will be entered in next year’s contest) and a WIN Ticket for our Scrapbook (2nd Year in a row). I gave happy dollars for the Scrapbook win because I dedicated it to my dad who left this planet to become a star this past July. Next Up was the PLACE Ticket (Honorable Mention/2nd) for Spiritual Aims – Food Pantries; and a PLACE Ticket for the Single Service Project – Blessing Bags. These are RACING terms folks, WIN, PLACE and SHOW tickets. It should also be noted that Ridgewood 3-2-1 applied for 7 Awards and received 6 of those 7 awards. Great YEAR for IPP Liz Fitzgerald, who at this point was given her Club President Award from the members of our club.



Immediate Past President Liz speaks about her year and accomplishments,

BettyAnn, Bob, Gino and Jed selfie at Mid-Winter Conference in Binghamton, NY

Some Gino and Jed ART with items from the Mid-Winter

Bob announcing awards won by 3-2-1 Club at the Mid-Winter Conference

Race Five: Carlos set up a table and chairs for the NYPD members who attended our meet today, but, P.O. Brenda Hyatt blew past the table and hunkered in at the back of the room table to avoid the spotlight. Smart move Brenda, those were little chairs at the big table. Joining her were Community Affairs Officer Mike Berish, P.O. Pat Nessler, P.O. Lesa Craigg, P.O. Brodie, P.O. Santos and one visiting Officer who didn’t fill out his attendance slip and gets 5 demerits. Word almost out, PO Craigg could be sharing some news at the next meeting, but, Bob gave Lesa a hug, just in case. Nuff, said. Michael Addeo back in the house but missing were the boys from Cross County, Andrew Trumbetti and Craig Hubmeier and Lori Ann Psarras, too. Rafal Ziolkowski, Lucian Matej, and Linda Monte saw their names in the last newsletter for being unable to attend, and, voila, they were here at the meet. Diane Cusimano was responsible for our 50-50 making over \$75 for the club. Diane gave all ticket holders a nickname and the winner was TEES, (Alan Bellone who whined that he never wins anything) because Diane only knows him as the guy who makes our T-Shirts. I often say, “Oh I missed the Gym this morning... that makes two years in a row”! Well at this rate, Chris McDougall can say that about attending our meetings!! OUCH a weight must have fallen on my foot. Chris, next meeting is ST. PADDY’S DAY and ST. JOSEPH’S DAY at the club. Miracles can happen and there should be almost 100 people who could witness it. Bernie and Ann Zablocki made it to the meet and had happy dollars for the awards that we received and for my dad, who Bernie and Ann knew well. Henrietta Maier was back from her trip and came to break croissants and bagels with us.



Race Six: A solid representation of GRYC Directors and staff came to enjoy the meal. A good number were unable to attend as they were helping fellow Director David Volcy repair his attendance data since the City Computer System blew a fuse. Dina DePaola, Maricelis Romero, Ariel Triunfel, DIPPY Liz Fitzgerald, Beverly McBeth, Catherine Siegal, Sabrina Sierra, Jacklyn Hogan, Edwing Vilsaint, Paul Hoffmann, Danielle Kleiman, Maria Batista, Christine Halloran, Oscar Luna, Irene Pina, Maureen Powell, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, Mary Benitez, Linda Manetta and Diane Cusimano.

Race Seven: Captain Perry was at Borough-Stat where she speaks to the Chief of Queens North about the 104's progress. She did however tell me that her dream to establish a "Lending Library" at the Precinct is one step closer since Joe the Plumber showed up at the Precinct (could have been escorted there with pretty wrist ware) to measure it up and start the work at HIS expense. That is what happens every meeting at Ridgewood 3-2-1, folks offering their support and service at their own expense. I just love this guy who keeps giving and giving and giving. Joe, you da man!! Oh wait, you were with the MAN. Our most recent Corporate Member, Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal Savings was able to attend, and, the club will be having a night meeting at his branch on FPR one of these fine evenings. Also in the house were Jayne Wadhawan PLUS Alex Lagombra from Valley National and our NEWEST BUSINESS MEMBER Mia Carla Rodriguez from Investors Bank kept her perfect attendance streak going. Our buddy John Hennessey (I don't do breakfast) was stuck at the branch, but Joan Hoffmann was able to make it and so did Master Beekeeper Tom "DPM" Wilk. No Jimmy Canade because there was no JR Velepec. JR was over at the real stable looking in on his newest horse preparing to run races at Aqueduct. Did anyone see, Tina Forte, heard she was coming over and then she didn't make it. DPP Dave Fitzgerald came to the meet and was happy to report that Fasolino is now on board to assist with the Memorial Garden over at Fairview. Carlos, Mary Benitez and Alan "TEES" Bellone were hanging in the back of the room and Kevin and Maureen Powell were watching things along with Linda Monte. Our Sheriff, John Stahl let us know that wife Margie was out of ICU and beginning the healing process after her major surgery. Get Well SOOON, Margie. Nice Cowboy boots, John. Bronco Bill Rennison was in the corral sitting with Diane Cusimano with her bottle of Kombucha, see photo on page 1. Joan Hoffmann was offered a swig of Diane's healthy fermented yeast and bacteria mixture but opted to leave it to the Vegetarian Queen and had a container of milk. Last Friday, Diane, Liz, Janine, Linda Manetta and Gino went to pick up the rest of the Romm Family's donation for the Blessing Bags and we may even get a new member with Adam Romm interested in joining our ranks. It is looking good to get ourselves back up to 113



members, after the end of last year's adjustment. I am not certain who sent me this picture, but, it was apparent that the desserts consumed by our Power Women at the Glendale Diner (after their exhausting transport of the items from the Girl Scout meeting at the Methodist Church) were well deserved. Oh wait a second, what's wrong with that picture?? Hint, little yellow Splenda packets visible along with massive amounts of Rice Pudding drenched in Whipped Cream and a Chocolate, chocolate Cake. You go GIRLS!

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

March 8th – Taste of the Town at Queen of Martyrs Church in Forest Hills, call Hank or Kenny for details.

March 9th – Woman of Distinction Awards honoring President Elect Janine Mahon; 7PM in Woodhaven.

March 18th – Regular Meeting at the Clubhouse. ST. PADDY'S & ST. JOSEPH'S Celebration. Don't miss it!!

March 27th – NYPD Guardian Society honoring Captain Perry and Detective Bell; Antuns @7:00 PM

March 28th – AKTION Club Easter Breakfast Celebration at Clubhouse @ 10:00 AM

April 1st – Regular Meeting of the 3-2-1 at the Clubhouse. April Fool's Day Celebration, Lots of fun.

The Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 Webpage is just a Click away. Check out the winning Scrapbook on the site. If you have any pictures or stuff to use to update the site, please send it to me.

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Race Nine: The meeting ended a few minutes late at 1:05 PM. The total of the Happy Dollars and Food Money collected was \$736.

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There were lots of laughs, and fun at the meeting. NYPD contingent, Howard Beach Interclub, Awards all over the place, and to think, we had 20 regular members unable to attend the meet.

March 18th Meeting GOAL

100 members and friends in attendance.



Bob and Gino discuss which cereal has the best nutritional value;

Ariel, Maricelis and Diane woman the door for food tickets, 50-50's and Attendance Slips;

Abe Garcia receives a gift of artwork for the Howard Beach Golf Outing.

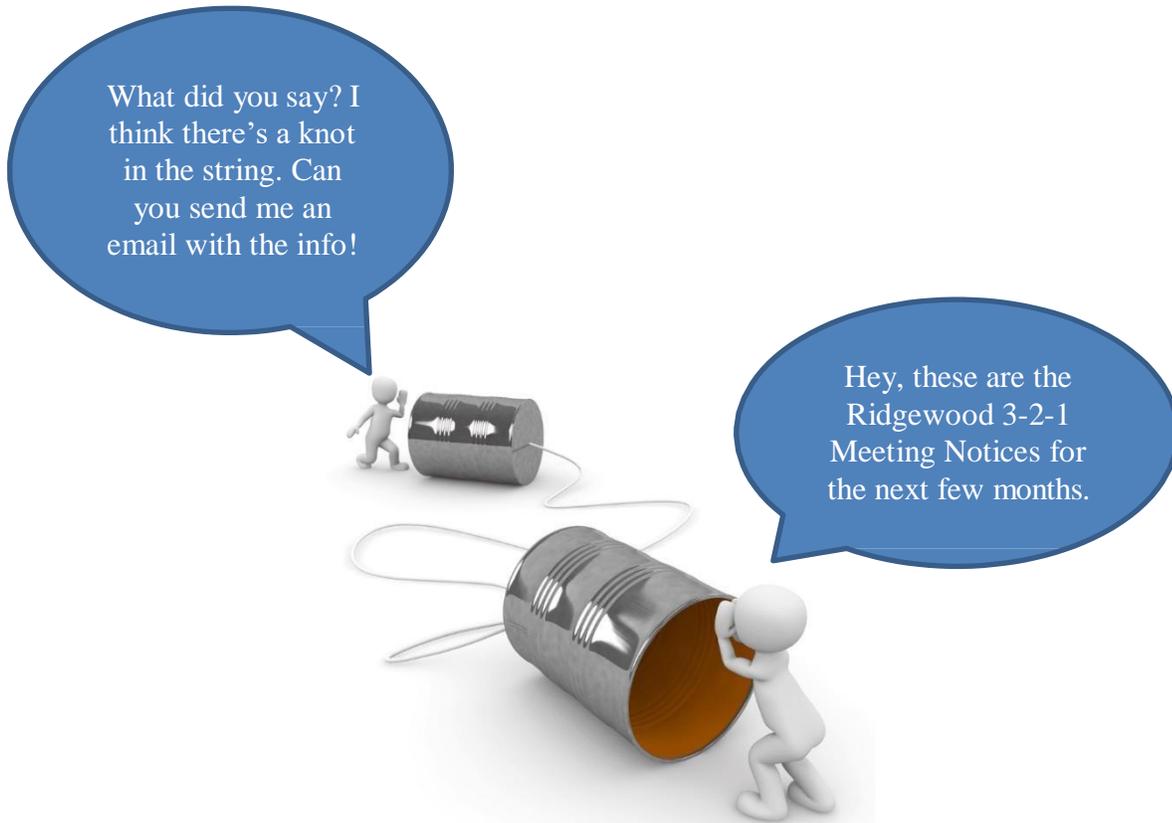
Diane has Abe pull out the winning 50/50 Ticket that went to TEES;

Bob and BettyAnn went to visit Gene and Margaret MacQueen in Suffern, NY. Gene and Mick Ennis sponsored Bob into Kiwanis 37 years ago.

3-2-1 is EVERYWHERE!!!!



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



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