



# 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 an attendance of 64 members and visitors on hand to celebrate our St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day with great food and loads of laughter. It seems that Jackass Bob was in the house and ready to rumble. Number 1, President Liz Fitzgerald then called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag. Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club Sky Pilot, Father Mike Lopez offered the grace, highlighting our desire to enjoy serve others and make a difference on this planet. The room was filled with the smell of Corned Beef, potatoes and most especially, the smell of cabbage.

**Race Two:** Two times Sheriff Bill Rennison was today's marshal and was really raring and ready to collect money from everyone in the room. He was quickly reunited with Hop-a-Long Hank, his trusted steed to bring him around the corral to collect all the dollars. Blazing Guns Bill Rennison was more than ready for action. Seems Maricelis who was offered the Cowgirl Hat and shirt at the last meet, placed it back in the wrong closet and Bill had to go around in his civilian clothes. LOL

**Race Three:** Alan Bellone was at the meet and had made up some Shamrock Smiling Face T-Shirts for the members. Unfortunately, the shamrocks were so strategically placed that none of the women in the club could entertain wearing them. There was a ton of laughter, great stories, plenty of bucks and a Happy St. Paddy's Day to all. Liz then went on to speak about the Blessing Bags for Mothers who deliver babies at Wyckoff Heights Hospital and how the committee met on Sunday at the GOTT MARKET. In attendance were Margie Stahl, Janine Mahon, Liz Fitzgerald, Michaeline Van Drathen and Linda Manetta. Kenny Dunn came at the last three minutes to offer his manly advice and was escorted from the room with the group saying, "you men are the reason we are having these blessing bags to distribute in the first place". Kenny went into the other room and had a sandwich and snacks to ease the hurt. At this point in the meeting, everyone was invited up to eat lunch. A flier is attached about the Blessing Bags.

**Race Four:** Janine Mahon spoke about the new Unit that was built at St. Mary's Children's Hospital and how two anonymous donors from the club, whose initials start with J and end with M, and starts with L and ends with F, bought sheets, pillow cases, and more to brighten up the new rooms for in-patient chronic care children. It is an amazing space and the Ridgewood 3-2-1 is helping to make it more colorful and festive for the children and families that are utilizing this new space. Thank you JM and LF for your anonymous gift on behalf of the Club. It should be noted that Gino then mentioned the Walk-A-Thon for St. Mary's in May and Janine said that she, Liz and Claire, our member who works at the Hospital, are planning to put together a TEAM 3-2-1 to raise funds for this great cause.

**Race Five:** Just in case you haven't seen it, here is the link to the video that was played last week to highlight our KIDDY KIDZ Club, a one of a kind club in the world. <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1322822551> We only had two NYPD Officers from the 104 at our meet, P.O. Asar Sanad and P.O. Michael Berish, rumor has it that Detective Tommy Bell was at a Borough meeting, however, somehow, he made it back in the afternoon to get some Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potatoes, along with Irish Soda Bread to bring home. Oh wait, he didn't take Cabbage because he was traveling by train and the smell, well, you get the picture.



Damn it's cold in this room. Who's in charge of Facilities Management here at the GRYC? Oh yeah, it's you and me, Mary. Food should stay hot, there's lots of hot air up in the front of the room.



**Race Six:** Lucian Matej was back along with Kenny Dunn and JR. Hank Kraker was missing from the mix today, but, will Interclub with Mapleton Kiwanis this evening with Bob, Dave and JR for their St. Pat's and St. Joe's Fundraiser. Yeah, more corned beef, etc. Alan Bellone presented Bob with an embroidered baseball cap in fine neon green lettering that read; Hop-A-Long Hank. Retired Crossing Guard Tina broke her perfect attendance streak, but said she missed the club. Janine Mahon, Number 3 as 1<sup>st</sup> VP, had dollars for the presentation by Michael Addeo on St. Joseph's Day. It seems that March 19<sup>th</sup> is "Fathers Day" in Sicily and there is a whole tradition and story behind the different fillings in the pastries. Michael had Msgr. Calise bless the bread that actually spelled out, "ST JOSEPH" along with two breads shaped like fish and a cane and cross. Thanks Michael for the education and for sponsoring the whole dessert part of the day. Diane Cusimano-Temkin busy at work today, but sent along beautiful flowers to compliment Michael's outrageous St. Joseph's table. Kevin and Maureen came to enjoy a fine meal and great company. Fr. Mike announced that Kevin will be ordained as a Deacon in the Benedictine rite, Old Catholic Church on Sunday at Covenant Lutheran on Catalpa.



**Race Seven:** Mike Romer owner of Force Fitness was in the house and John Diamantis from Outreach was back to break bread and enjoy the company. Rokeya and Elizabeth Crowley were back for some good old Irish food and Italian pastries, and Henrietta Maier was at the meet, not too happy about getting a parking ticket at the meters because they were broken and she had to walk a bit to find one that was in good order. By the time she got back, bang, ticket on the car. Allison Napoli, Assistant Principal at PS 71 was present, and back in action was Peggy Swanson from IS 77 and GRYC fame. Welcome back Peg, great to see you. Fantastic to have the Maspeth Kiwanis Club at our meet. Barbara Pryor, Joan Sammon, Marie Breslin and Jim Regan stopped by to see what all the talk about Ridgewood is actually about. They said that they had a great time, and would be back. This is called an interclub, where 4 members from a visiting club join you for the fun and festivities. Thanks for coming and thanks for the happy dollars. Dan Alduino, Alex Lagombra and Jayne Wadhawan joined us again and are contemplating joining the group as members. John Stahl was in the house and he and Liz had a slow day at the GOTT Market last Sunday. A picture is worth a thousand words.



**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

- March 30<sup>th</sup> – Aktion Club Easter Party at the GRYC Clubhouse starting around 6:00 PM.**
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Youth Volunteer Corp Presentation at the Clubhouse meet – 12 noon**
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Diaper Raffle at the meet to collect items for the Blessing Bags**
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Blessing Bags kick-off at Wyckoff Heights Hospital. Margie Stahl has the details.**
- April 13<sup>th</sup> – Beatles Night Fundraiser at St. Pancras School in Glendale. Flier attached to newsletter.**

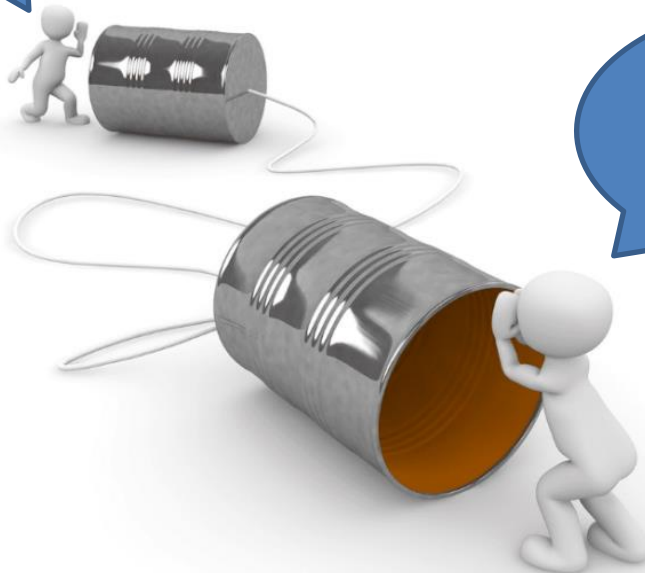
**Race Nine:** Number 1, Liz ended the meeting a few minutes tardy at 1:10 by hitting the gong. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 610.

**3 – 2 – 1... AND THEY'RE OFF**



## Meeting Notices for February, March, April, May & June 2019

What did you say? I think there's a knot in the string. Can you send me an email with the info!



Hey, these are the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Meeting Notices for the next few months.

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Celebration/Feasts**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Youth Volunteer Corps Presentation**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> – English Day & Easter Egg Hunt**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – German Day/Maypole Day Presentation**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – Principal and Clergy Day Honors**

**May 29<sup>th</sup> – Triple Crown Festival Day**

**June 5<sup>th</sup> – Program on Homeless Veterans**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – Summer Solstice Day Celebration**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Happy Birthday America Barbecue**

# WANTED

## ***Vandals who covered the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Posters for Beatles Night with Glendale Posters***



***Last week, the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club asked for, and was granted, permission to place our Beatles Night of Music Fliers in the enclosed and locked display case on the exterior wall of St. Pancras School, the location of the event on April 13<sup>th</sup>.***

***Yesterday, I came upon the display case and saw that someone had deliberately taped the Glendale Kiwanis Fliers, DIRECTLY OVER the 2 Ridgewood Fliers, one on each side of the case, covering them completely. There was plenty of room underneath and there was no need to sabotage the Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 event. Yes, I removed the two posters that were illegally taped over ours on the OUTSIDE of the case. This is an absolute violation of "Kiwanis Member Conduct" and there is no room in Kiwanis for this type of deliberate, vicious, nasty and mean-spirited act.***

**There is NO PLACE for this behavior in KIWANIS!!**