



KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 12 Noon @ GRYC Clubhouse, 59-03 Summerfield Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385



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Race One: What a great day to meet in the Clubhouse. A bit overcast but it didn't dampen any spirits. Plenty of space to allow for social distancing and a great crowd of 40 members were on hand to watch President Janine Mahon use her new gavel to hit the gong and start the meeting. Janine then asked everyone to rise from their chairs to recite the Pledge to the Flag. At the completion of the Pledge, Janine asked **Deacon** Kevin Powell to give the blessing. As always, Kevin was inspiring as he asked for a moment of silence for the soul of my mother, Rosemarie Monahan, and then had the club remember those in need and the gifts that we have to offer in service to others.

Race Two: The meet was, as mentioned, held indoors in the large meeting room. Janine asked everyone to come up and get their lunch. Maricelis and Ariel had arranged for Spanish Food because it was Hispanic Heritage Month. Awesome meal catered from Jorge's and everyone seemed to load up on Chicken, Rice and Beans, Potato Salad and other choices. Kenny Dunn was unable to make the meet, so Bernie Zablocki was up like a shot to lead the rumba food line. Bronco Bill Rennison followed the Bernista, up to the line and enjoyed the early start on meal time.



Race Three: Bob was asked to introduce the Distinguished guests and friends. First up, was Jenifer Rajkumar who will be the Assemblywoman come January, NYPD YCO's from One Police Plaza; P.O. Richard Bufano and Sgt. Derek Barreto are part of the Community Affairs Bureau/Youth Strategies Division. They were joined by 104th Pct YCO's Amato and Bush, along with Sgt. Ed Reiman. Our very own Deputy Inspector Victoria Perry is also a big part of this group. They had a great time and promised to return to collaborate with the Club and the GRYC. Next up was Isaac Morales from Lifehouse Community Church on Irving Avenue. Seems last week he came to the GRYC to inspect the school feeding program at Summerfield for our Learning Lab Program and really liked what he heard from Gino. Put in his Application for membership and was given 60 Blessing Bags for his Church. Oh, did we say that it was his birthday and he shared it with us. Awesome time was had by ALL. Michael Addeo also celebrated his 60th Birthday on Monday and the club, against COVID guidelines and recommendations, sang Happy Birthday to the two men. Almost got another of Michael's ties, but was spared the scissors because it was his special day. NEXT TIME, no mercy, buddy. It's coming off.



Induction Day at the Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood 3-2-1. 5 of our 7 NEW members were able to make the meet to be inducted into the Club. (Soon to be Assemblywoman) Jenifer Rajkumar, Kati McMullen, Raquel Chin (Bob & Janine) Bryana Winkleman and Josiah Vera were given their certificate, nametag and K pin. Welcome everyone.

Race Four: Joan Hoffmann was given a break from serving lunch today and got to eat our delicious Spanish food with her son Paul, also a member of 3-2-1 and a Director at PS 239 for the GRYC. Joan got a chance to give some advice on the upcoming Election and things to do to guarantee your vote counts. Bob chimed in that Joan is the most diligent Board of Elections worker and has the polling site at Summerfield humming on election days. She comes the day before to arrange and organize all of the machines and then is sitting outside the building at 4:30 AM with her crew and stays until 10:00 PM to tally up the votes. How blessed we are to have her in our midst and as a Board Member. Diane Cusimano has been making money for the club each week through her muscling sales methods. Her 50-50 raised another \$110 with the club making \$55 and Joan was the winner. How appropriate and well deserved. Hank Kraker was unable to make the meeting as he had a doctor's appointment. Our new member, Captain Louron Hall was on vacation, as was P.O. Asar Sanad. NO they were not vacationing together. Joining all of the other NYPD Officers was our very own Community Affairs Officer Mike Berish who gave sad dollars for my mother's passing. Other dollars were also given for her and I thanked everyone for their well wishes and prayers. Missing from the mix was former Detective Tom Bell but DPLG John Stahl (retired NYPD) was at the meet to collect diapers and wipes for the Blessing Bags at Wyckoff Heights Hospital. Margie was unable to make it, but, John and Margie get attendance credits for delivering the major league amount of goods donated by the Club to MICHC. Thanks to everyone who donated the diapers.

Race Five: Corporate Sponsor Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal Savings Bank was unable to attend today, but is looking forward to the next meeting. So that meant that our Master Fencer and our Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk who is recovering from surgery were unable to be with us today. We apologize to Michael Addeo who delivered an awesome Napoleon cake (Janine's favorite) to celebrate her special day two weeks ago and we forgot to get one for HIS birthday. Our bad, Michael, but we did let you leave with your tie. Since I mentioned Janine, Army Captain Colin Mahon is back in Texas preparing for his new command in Mississippi and unfortunately, Claire took a spill and injured her foot and is in a boot. Busy week for our President who was balancing work, Kiwanis and her family. Joe Florio, Chris McDougall, Rafal Ziolkowski and John Hennessey were unable to attend and the only really good excuse was from John, who is prohibited by Ridgewood Savings Bank to be out there at meeting to be Covid safe. It was great to see TJ Ritter back at the ranch to enjoy some fun and good food with us. Looking really awesome TJ, thanks for taking the time to stop by your old haunts.



Race Six: Another fine showing of GRYC Directors and staff who took time from their incredibly busy schedules to enjoy the meal and support their friend and boss, Janine. Bob didn't make the mistake of leaving the meeting today as he remembered that, in Kiwanis, Janine is Bob's President and boss. LOL If I remember correctly, here is the roster of attendees: Ricky Wahmann, Aidan Leavens, Dina DePaola, Ariel Triunfel, Edwing Vilsaint, Andy Villion, Marc Darius, Danielle Kleiman, Maria Batista, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, and Patrick Wagner. DPP Liz Fitzgerald, Mary Benitez, Josiah Vera, Raquel Chin, Joseph Then, Bryana Winkleman, Christine Halloran and Paul Hoffmann were at the ranch along with Sky Pilot Kevin Powell and his bride Maureen Powell. Kati McMullin was in the building running our Learning Lab Program. Next meeting, Celina Rosario, Elvira Rodriguez, Isaac Morales and Sabrina Montero are slated to be installed as members of this fine Club. Should be a nice day to grown our base of servants to the community. Speaking of those who serve, please continue to keep Tina Forte, our best Crossing Guard ever, in your prayers as she is battling some medical issues. Bronco Bill Rennison was in the corral and paid up for his Pool and Football participation. Seems the Giants won a game and it cost him \$20. Thanks Bill for always being there. Gino gave Bill and Diane their certificates for Kiwanians of the Year, spelled correctly this time. Nice touch IPP Gino A.

Race Seven: Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams sent his regards through Tommy Torres and said that he really had a great time at our meet and would be back again to break bread. There will be dues notices going out to some members who haven't taken care of that for this new year. There are also members who haven't squared up with their Pool money and Football Donations. Carlos has volunteered to go out and collect for a small percentage of the donations and fees. HMMM, sounds better every day. If anyone has a hardship, and I am certain that some of our business members do, please let me know and we can work something out. PLEASE don't ignore this request. In addition, we have worked on the Committee List and will distribute it at the next meeting and send it to you by email.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- October 31st – Distribution of Halloween Blessing Bags to our Aktion Club Members.
- November 4th – Regular Meeting at the Clubhouse – 12 noon. Indoor and Patio dining.
- November 11th - Monthly Board Meeting at the Clubhouse. (Time To Be Determined).
- November 18th – Regular Meeting for Thanksgiving and Spirit Week.



Spirit Week was the brainchild of Peter Grote, my grandson.

Race Nine: The meeting ended a bit late because we had a lot of stuff to take care of. The total of \$605 was collected in Happy Dollars, Food Money, raffle and the 50-50 collection.

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Math Test
1. Bob has 36 candy bars. He eats 29.
What does he have now?



A stomach ache and the...



I know that I've seen this one before...

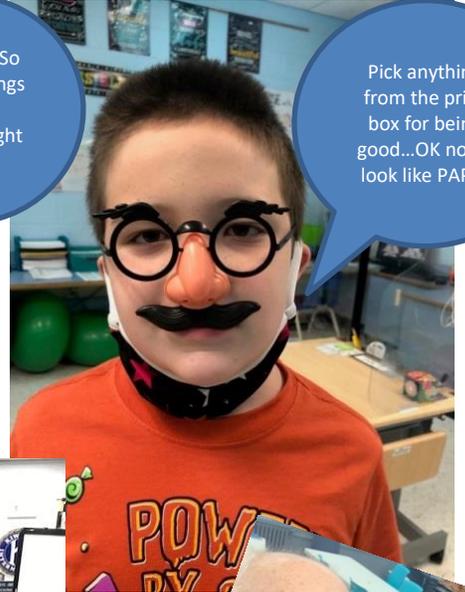




Lucian told me it was hunting season, I better hide in this box!!



Hhhmm!! So are the things that I'm thinking right now!!



Pick anything from the prize box for being good...OK now I look like PAPA.



Ach Du Liebe!! The Hills are alive with the sounds of music. Yes I'm German and Italian.



OK, take the picture, this is my good side.

