

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

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Race One: Things got rolling at exactly 12:00 PM with President Bill Rennison hitting the gong with his gavel to call the meeting to order. We had a healthy group of 60 members and guests. This is an awesome showing for our Annual St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Celebration. President Bill asked those in attendance to rise for the Pledge to our Flag and said that we would have a dual Grace, one by Fr. Kevin Powell and the other by Michael Addeo. Fr. Kevin was wonderful, giving a reflection of thanks for our many blessings and the gift of life and health. Michael asked those that would like to say the Our Father, as Sunday, March 19th is Father's Day in Italy. It was a beautiful moment as all participated in this prayer. Amen.



Race Two: This was our St. Patrick's Irish Heritage Celebration with Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potatoes, along with Irish Soda Bread and Kerry Gold Butter. It was prepared by our friend and sponsor, Werner Lehner from the famous eatery, Zum Stammstisch in Glendale. Anyone who wouldn't allow Zum's Butcher Shop to prepare their Corned Beef is missing out BIG TIME. Our member Alfred Ziegler from Forest Builders was in the house and said that only in Ridgewood would an Irishman go to a GERMAN restaurant for IRISH food!! Then he said that HE, as the chair of GERMAN DAY at Ridgewood 3-2-1 wouldn't be going to an IRISH Pub to get his GERMAN food. Yes, Alfred said that Zum's would be providing his delicacies for his special GERMAN HERITAGE Celebration. Lots of fun and laughter. It was even funnier when Werner called Bob at the exact time that Alfred was giving his confused dollars and Werner heard the whole exchange. Community Affairs from the 104 were in the house and so was Retired Detective Tommy Bell and Chief Scott Shanley, former CO of the 104th Precinct and now running the Counterterrorism Unit of the NYPD. All are welcome **guests** at our Clubhouse for their service and commitment to our safety and well-being.



Race Three: Before our members and friends had a chance to load up their plates with food and desserts, President Bill asked Bob to introduce one of our Dignitaries who was in a bit of hurry to get to another event. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards was in the house to speak with our members and friends. He opened with the question, “Where’s the Pizza”, since the last few times that he’s visited with us, that’s what we served for lunch. The BP spoke about his outstanding partnership and friendship with Ridgewood 3-2-1 and the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council and how together we are serving so many youth and families throughout this great borough. He was also pleasantly surprised by our generous donation to his Period Product Drive for “Herstory” month being celebrated in Queens. Then he went around and greeted everyone in the clubhouse and was off and running on his busy, busy schedule. Thanks BP Richards for being our friend and partner.



“GET STUFF DONE”

3 hours of Service; **2** hours of meeting; **1** hour of administration.

Get it!! Ridgewood **3-2-1**.

Race Four: After folks ate their scrumptious meal, the St. Joseph’s Altar Table was open for our members to enjoy the pastries donated by Michael Addeo, Jr. as part of his 37 year tradition of providing these desserts to numerous places throughout Brooklyn and Queens. Over the past 5 years, this has become more and more elaborate and decorative and Michael also described the two different types of pastries with cannoli cream and zeppole cream and quite honestly, I just went and took one of each and reached for the Metformin.

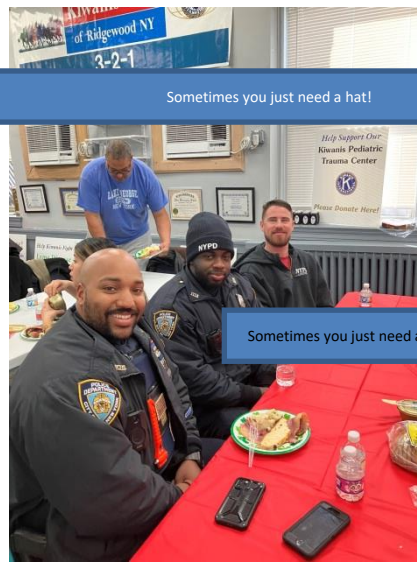




Michael had to pack up from the Ridgewood 3-2-1 celebration, left our meeting to go to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Williamsburg and set up this awesome table at a meeting down in Brooklyn. Thank you Michael for your generosity and dedication to St. Joseph.

Race Five: Happy Dollars were flowing like cheap wine at a 60's Rock Festival and the members and friends were really showing how happy they were to be at our meeting. Francesca Fedkowskyj jumped in to be the sheriff and got some workout going back and forth for bucks. Gino was taking some pictures, and the folks were all trying to figure out how to speak while they shoveled more food into their mouths. P.O. Mike Berish was most generous with his happy dollars and we will leave it at that. Thanks Mike for always being there for Ridgewood 3-2-1 and most of all, thanks to you, Dilsia and Mike for always being there for our Precinct Community. There are none finer in the NYPD. P.O. Pat Nessler, Diaz and Whyte were in the clubhouse along with our Commanding Officer Kevin Coleman and Sammy Baez. PBQN Detective Nugent was there with her partner who told us about a new program that is going on in the borough. It has to do with mentoring and hair-cutting lessons for young men. Linda Manetta and Mary Benitez didn't have to wear party hats this week and were chowing down on their full plates. They were joined by Joan and Paul Hoffmann, AND Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez. Let's see what Carlos had going on, shall we?? It is not often that you can see sparks flying out of plastic knives and forks, but that phenomenon occurred at our meeting. Top that off with 2 of EACH of the St. Joseph's Pastries and there was no need for dinner at home for the night. I sure do hope that there was enough left over to bring a slice or two of corned beef home for the family, oops, hope that I'm not getting anyone in trouble, here. Tracy, sorry that you were under the weather because we know that this is one of your favorite meetings. Pictures DON'T LIE, do they Papi Chulo.





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This flattering picture was taken by, none other than, Carlos "Papi-Chulo" Rodriguez of an unsuspecting Bob Monahan. It was transformed somehow to the photo on the right. I guess that our NYPD friends needed some work also. Nice hats. Funny I never saw Elton John come in.

Race Six: Bill was a busy President today with so many members and friends at the clubhouse, but, and I mean a BIG BUT, no, get your mind back out of the gutter, he had a chance to EAT and enjoy some Corned Beef with ALL of the trimmings. Hey, pictures never lie, do they?? This president knows that delegating and sharing the duties of running a meeting are critical to success. And Bill was successful in getting a chance to eat. It was also at this time that Bob realized the City Councilmember Joann Ariola and Chief of Staff Phyllis Inzerillo had quietly entered the Clubhouse and were sitting in the back of the room. After stating his sheer embarrassment at missing our friend's entry, Bob introduced the Councilwoman who gave a happy \$32 to be representing CD #32 and some of our community/neighborhood in the re-districting for 2024. Happy dollars were flying around to welcome our Elected Official to our diverse club. Then we were also blessed to have PDG Forbes Irvine and Helene from the Richmond County Club; DPG Joe Corace and Nydia and DPG Joe Ruggiero at the ranch. They love, love, love St. Paddy's and St. Joseph's Day at our club. Lorraine Gering was a guest of Henrietta Maier and gave Happy Dollars to remember hubby Charlie Gering, DPP of the Glendale Club. Dan Solo from Teacher's Choice Plus on Myrtle Avenue came to donate some items for our Rummage Sale and enjoy lunch, John Harris and Timothy Chubinidze from the Borough President's Office came along and Tim stayed for lunch and gathered up our donation to the Period Product Drive at Borough Hall. DPP Leo Galante of the Glendale Club stopped by to see what we are always bragging about and enjoyed himself, immensely. Auriluz Pacheco from the NY Foundling was in attendance and Jon Kablack and Tanya Broschart from the 104 Community Council came for some fun and food. If I missed anyone, you didn't fill out attendance slips and that's not good. Alfred Ziegler said that he invited Ben Messing but he...



Race Seven: Now let's see who was in attendance today: President Bill Rennison, DPP Janine Mahon (came before the final gong), DPP Gino Ancona, Paul Hoffmann and Joan Hoffmann, Maureen Powell and Fr. Kevin Powell, Diane Cusimano, Shiv Ramsamooj, BettyAnn Monahan, Bernie Zablocki, Community Affairs Officers Mike Berish, Dilsia Bonilla, Mike Gonzalez, Captain Kevin Coleman, Chief Scott Shanley, Detective Tommy Bell, P.O. Pat Nessler, P.O. Andrew Incantalupo, Aidan Leavens, John Hennessey, DPP Dave Fitzgerald, DPP Hank Kraker, Linda Manetta, Mary Benitez, JR Velepec, Dina DePaola, Danielle Kleiman, Francesca Fedkowskyj, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, Sabrina Montero, Diane Marzuillo, Henrietta Maier, Tom Wilk, Joseph Then, Michael Addeo, Thelma Cole from Cross County Bank, Dennis Gallagher, Dareen Mohamed, Joseph Alfano, David Volcy, Cynthia Rivera, Carmen Resto, Cat Siegel, and some other folks that missed signing in. Then we had a member come down and sign a slip as an I O U for his overflowing plate of food and a couple of desserts. If I read it correctly, it could be WALTER WELSH.



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- **March 18th – Aktion Club Karaoke Day at the Clubhouse – 12 to 2 PM**
- **March 25th – Rummage Sale at the Clubhouse 10-5, all needed and welcome**
- **April 5th – Easter Egg hunt and more fun things**



Race Nine: Bill closed the meeting at 1:15. We collected \$851 in Happy Dollars and \$600 in cash for food, plus \$60 in VENMO. It was a good day!!!



Passion ✦ **Respect** ✦ **Inclusion** ✦ **Diversity** ✦ **Equity**

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George Santayana says this line in the closing section of Volume I of his book back in **1905**. He basically argues that, **if our world is ever going to make progress, it needs to remember what it's learned from the past.** After all, ***change isn't the same thing as progress.***

In a 1948 speech to the House of Commons, **Churchill paraphrased Santayana when he said, "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it."**

You do know they call him Jackass Bob, right!

If Liz finds out that I'm here, there's no dinner tonight. I'm wearing Liz's nametag so maybe I'll get away with this.



I'm staying out of this one.



This is our serious face, so stop bothering us when we're trying to eat. Thanks



Having Fun at 3-2-1



What is interesting about these pictures is that the wall of fame shows the many, many Achievement Awards won by the 3-2-1 Club in only FIVE years. We have another SIX to get framed and hang up from last year.

And then our diverse club displays how to use the nametags. Joseph is wearing his, Daren and David have them displayed and Cat, well...???

Yup, Aryssa always warns me not to forget my nametag. I think she is our youngest member. That's really cool.

Yeah, that nice young lady at the front always reminds me to take off my tie!!



It is too early for our first meeting in May but it surely would show our diversity. Gino took this picture and it truly shows that timing and positioning are everything in photography. It is said that Spanish and Italian are classified as Latin Languages, is that true?? Hmmm, what's going on here??? Give up? Look at the bread behind Bob spelling out, St. Jose!!



Buddy Valastro from The Cake Boss joins our NYPD Community Affairs Officers, Mike, Dilsia and Andrew in front of Zum Stammtisch on Myrtle Avenue. Taping a show at the famous restaurant, Buddy took time out to chat and video with our Ridgewood 3-2-1 members. Buddy did a Facetime with Andrew's wife, who is a big fan.



CAKE BOSS

Buddy Valastro

comes to Zum's to tape

a NEW show!!