



# KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

## The Triple Crown Newsletter



**RESULTS Of MEET For: November 7, 2018**

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**Race One:** Today's meet began with another packed stable with over 60 members and visitors on hand to celebrate some beautiful autumn weather at about 60 degrees outside! Number 1, President Liz Fitzgerald called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag. With the delicious smell of Chinese food teasing everyone's senses, Number 11 Bob Monahan gave a prayer of thanks for being with a great group of people, our young cheerleaders, parents and Dave Fitzgerald and asked everyone to continue to be of service to others.

**Race Two:** As we continue our custom at the Club, the winner of the last meets sheriffs prize, Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez was today's marshal and paid the price of running from person to person as Bob, once again, asked for a coordinated, staggered, long walks around the room approach to collecting the happy dollars and issue fines to folks for just about anything. Fortunately, C-Rod had to add more tables to accommodate the larger than expected crowd. No fancy letters this week as Carlos was playing hooky from Pre-K getting the building ready for our visit from NYPD dignitaries. The members enjoyed watching Carlos span the room with the happy dollar feed bag hanging from his neck. That just added to the great fun had by all at the meet. Papi was a great sport about it, until we tired him out and he asked his buddy Mary Benitez to take over for him. A picture of his status is shown above. Paging Carlos, has anyone seen Carlos since lunch? Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 403.



**Race Three:** Madam President began the meet today by giving happy dollars that hubby, Club Treasurer Dave was at the meet, walked in with his cane, and has been home doing his Physical Therapy and O/T and exercises as part of his long road to recovery. DAVE then responded by offering thanks to the club and his friends and gave an impassioned plea for everyone to work at maintaining their health and to stress less. It was amazing as he spoke of his 12 weeks of healing and then told a story about Bob and Lucian coming to visit with him at 7:00 AM on a Sunday while he was still sleeping. He heard them talking in the room, opened his eyes and began calling for the nurse saying he was having a "nightmare" after seeing Bob's face next to him. Liz and Dave want everyone to know how much they appreciate the kindness that has been expressed to their family.

**Race Four:** President Liz continued her report on the club's participation in Kiwanis activities and also on the upcoming events and happy dollars were flying around the room, non-stop. Liz talked about the interclubs that Ridgewood participated in; Woodhaven/Richmond Hill, Lefferts-Liberty, Maspeth, Queens Blvd, and Woodside. An interclub is when **at least 3 members** of a Kiwanis Club visit another club in the Queens West Division, along with the Lt. Governor at installations or other events. If the Lt. Governor is not present, four members are needed to complete the interclub. Diane Temkin announced that Linda Monte would be holding a Veteran's Day event at the Onderdonk House in Ridgewood on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. This week we finally had vegetarian food and that also made Diane a happy woman. Sgt. Reiman and his NCO officers were present, along with Det. Bell and P.O. Belicka in preparation for the afternoon meeting with Chief Hoffman from Community Affairs. He had happy dollars to take credit for bringing the new Principal of Grover Cleveland HS, Marc Pascente to the Meet. Principal Indiana Soto introduced her little OWLS cheerleaders and parents and gave lots of Happy Dollars for her partnership with the GRYC. Indy was so happy, she brought dessert for the entire club. Thanks, hugs to you... At this point, everyone was invited up to eat.

**Race Five:** It was announced that the final number of Charter Members enrolled in Kiwanis International and the NY District was 137. This made the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club the largest Chartered Club in New York State and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest club in NY District. Only East Meadow has more members with 141. Now, each member has to participate in a committee or two to expand our reach and accomplishments.

**Race Six:** Tom Wilk spoke to the members about the December 9<sup>th</sup> GOTT Market at the Gottscheer Hall located at 657 Fairview Avenue in Ridgewood. We will be exploring ways to promote this event through different mediums. Crossing Guard Tina was present again and states that retirement suits her. Alan Bellone came in late and had sad dollars to say that the Belt Parkway really bites and Beverly McBeth had happy dollars for her Belt Parkway story where she clearly found out the Big Brother is Watching...Janine Mahon, Number 3 as 1<sup>st</sup> VP, had happy dollars for a bunch of things including the cheerleading program, and Trick or Treat for UNICEF. The Club, in partnership with the GRYC, raised \$3,000 for this great cause and that brought a smile to PLG John Stahl's face. John and Margie should make an additional \$7,000 at PS 229 for the same cause. Kudo's to everyone for their participation.

**Race Seven:** Happy dollars were given as it was mentioned that the Club has begun its paperwork to reactivate 11 Builders Clubs and activate 10 New K-Kids clubs at each of the GRYC after-school programs. Ricky Wahmann is the District Builders Club Administrator and will have a phenomenal year of support from his buddies traveling around the State. Last night, Ricky, Bob and Gino went to the Long Island North Division to a celebration event honoring the Kiwanis Sponsored Youth groups from their K-Kids, Builders, Key Club and Aktion Clubs from local clubs. Ricky is also travelling up to Villa Roma this weekend to mix it up with the Division Leadership to plan out his year for Builders Clubs throughout the state. Liz spoke about the AKTION Club Halloween Party and Haunted House here at the Summerfield Clubhouse on October 27<sup>th</sup> and they were raving about how awesome it was and the food donated by Lucian Matej for their event. Hank and JR went to the AKTION Club on Wednesday night and everyone echoed Liz's comments about how amazing the Haunted House was created and how much fun they all had. This club is over the edge fantastic when it comes to creativity and service. Bill Rennison wants everyone to know that there is a fundraiser at the Woodhaven House on November 17<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Fitzgerald and Aiello families starting at 1:00 PM. We have grid boxes and raffles available. The cheerleaders had a citation for Hank Kraker for his donation to their program. Last meeting, Hank bid \$100 for a \$5 t-shirt and they really appreciated his generosity.



**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

**November 12<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day Event at Onderdonk House at 10:00 AM**

**November 14<sup>th</sup> – Interclub with Corona/East Elmhurst at Buccaneers Restaurant at 7:00PM**

**November 17<sup>th</sup> – Fundraiser for Sam and Dave at Woodhaven House from 1:00 – 5:00 PM**

**November 19<sup>th</sup> – Division Meeting at Porto Bello's at 6:00 PM**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> – Ridgewood 3-2-1 Thanksgiving Feast at Summerfield Clubhouse at 12:00 Noon**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> – THANKSGIVING MEAL served by Fr. Mike at Summerfield Clubhouse for seniors and families**

**Race Nine:** Number 1, Liz ended the meeting right on time at 1:00 by hitting the gong.

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