

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

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

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Race One: What a majestic time for our English Day celebration and coronation of King Harry at the Palace. Things got rolling a bit tardy at 12:15 PM with President Bill Rennison hitting the gong with his gavel to call the meeting to order. We had a healthy group of 40 members and guests. This is an awesome showing for our Annual “across the pond” event. President Bill asked those in attendance to rise for the Pledge to our Flag and then asked Bob Monahan to say Grace. Bob gave a short reflection of thanks for our many blessings and the gift of life and health, while remembering those less fortunate. Amen.

Race Two: This was our Brits Day with trays of Bangers & Mash, Fish & Chips and homemade delights, Traditional Trifle and a special Chocolate Trifle fit for a KING. King William asked everyone to come up to eat as the first order of business and eat we did. In addition to this food fest, DPP Janine Mahon, along with DPP Gino Ancona and Danielle Kleiman and the committee, made Finger Sandwiches and had High Tea at every table. Top that off with some scones and it was a regal feast, truly fit for our royalty.



Race Three: After our members and friends loaded up their plates with food, King William (President Bill) introduced Bill Dobranski, a member of the Glendale Club and founder of Faith in the Future, who gave us an extensive (very long) history of their work and mission to serve those in need. Oy Vey, could be heard coming from DPLG’s Herman and Rebecca Ovadia as they waited and waited to go up for seconds. Joining those Dignitary ranks were DPG Joe Corace, DPLG Nydia Corace and SDPLG Carol Verdi. Also DPP Sam Esposito from Ozone Park stopped by for some fun and DPP George Silkes from West Hempstead came for some donations for the Victory Games. Yes, Joe Corace strikes again!!

"GET STUFF DONE"

3 hours of Service; **2** hours of Meeting; **1** hour of Administration.

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

Our Member, Claire Mahon is part of a team for the St. Mary's Hospital's Walk-A-Thon and is looking for some sponsors to join in this awesome event and cause. Please click on the link below to donate and make this another Service Project for our partners at St. Mary's.

http://events.stmaryskids.org/site/TR/WalkforStMarys/BigHeartsWalkforStMarysKids?team_id=3270&pg=team&fr_id=1251

Race Four: After folks ate their scrumptious meal, King Harry (DPP Hank Kraker) chairman of the Program, started asking trivia questions about England, the Coronation, the Throne, the Crowns, the Royal Family and the Beatles. He snuck in the fact that ST. PATRICK was really from Britain and was kidnapped, blah, blah, blah. Members and guests were winning prizes all over the place and DPP Janine won a prize and decided to give it away to one of our guests. Bob decided that it was a good gift for Sam Esposito who was "spotted" leaving the premises with a pack of delicious Auntie's Steamed Puds. Yes, he was smiling from ear to ear with his special gift from the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club. Laughing and joking are healthy ways to keep our members and friends coming back to meetings.



Race Five: Happy Dollars were flowing like cheap wine at a 60's Rock Festival or Beate's Concert and the members and friends were really showing how happy they were to be at our meeting. JR Velepec, aka **Sherlock Holmes** and sheriff for the day, was on HIGH TEA ALERT that Yosemite Sam Esposito was in the Palace looking for some adventure and High Jinx. In case you are wondering, High Jinks, also spelled hi-jinks, is defined in our dictionary as "boisterous or rambunctious carryings-on" or "carefree antics or horseplay," and if it sounds a bit old-fashioned, that's because it is. High jinks was in its heyday in the mid-1900s, though it still sees plenty of use today. How appropriate is the word "horseplay" for the 3-2-1 Club and how sad that others don't understand the true meaning of fun and games in Kiwanis.



**Have Gavel...
...Will Travel**

Race Six: Having a number of events and project in less than a month, means a lot more work for the Editor, so in an effort to streamline things, here are some pictures and things from our Cereal Day on May 3rd and our Kentucky Derby Day on May 6th. On 5/3, David Isaacs came to speak about his Roller Skating Program that our partner, the GRYC, will try to offer in the Spring and Summer months to our neighborhood youth and families. As you can see, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk, Maureen Powell and Jayne Wadhawan are very attentive to what David is saying. Others in attendance were Joseph Alfano, Dina DePaola, Francesca Fedkowskyj, David Volcy, Mary Benitez, Cat Siegel, Danielle Kleiman, Linda Monte, Joan Hoffmann, Henrietta Maier, Shiv Ramsamooj, Diane Cusimano, Paul Hoffmann, P.O. Dilsia Bonilla, Inspector Kevin Coleman, P.O. Sammy Baez, Papi Chulo, Bill Rennison, & DPP Janine Mahon.



And then we had the Kentucky Derby Party on the first Saturday in May with a really nice group in attendance to watch the race. We broke out the fancy hats that can be seen in the picture to the right, worn by Joan Hoffmann, Marybeth Reynolds, Diane Cusimano, BettyAnn Monahan, Bob Monahan, Julie Rennison, Gino Ancona, Janine Mahon, Maureen Powell, Tracy Rodriguez and then not so fancy hats were worn by Fr. Kevin Powell, Bob Temkin, John Hennessey and Mike Reynolds. Also in attendance were Sara & Chuck Grote, Peter, Connor, Thomas and Madeline Grote, Sean, Liam and Owen Reynolds, Joe and Nydia Corace who enjoyed Cinco De Mayo food from DeliDelicious on Myrtle Avenue & it was absolutely DELICIOUS. Janine and Diane made a Mint, Lemon Iced Tea, and Diane brought awesome Donuts from Williamsburg. Great time was had by all, especially the Pool Winners. That will be displayed on later pages of the newsletter.



Race Seven: Now let's see who was in attendance today: President Bill Rennison, DPP Janine Mahon, DPP Gino Ancona, Paul Hoffmann & Joan Hoffmann, Diane Cusimano, Mary Benitez, Shiv Ramsamooj, BettyAnn Monahan, DPP Hank Kraker, Linda Manetta, JR Velepec, Dina DePaola, Danielle Kleiman, Francesca Fedkowskyj, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, Henrietta Maier, Kenny Dunn, Bill Dobranski, Laura Snazelle (guest of Janine) Joseph Then, Joseph Alfano, Cat Siegel, David Volcy, Liz Fitzgerald, Edwing Vilsaint, Andy Villion, and the dignitaries that were mentioned in the earlier race.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- **May 22nd – Division Meeting at YERMAN's on 88th Street, Glendale at 7:00 PM**
- **May 24th – Memorial Service at the Columbarium at 6:00 PM**
- **May 29th – Memorial Day Parade, Myrtle Avenue, looking for marchers**



Race Nine: Bill closed the meeting at 1:25 PM. We collected \$1,081 in Happy Dollars, Food and Auction Money. 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.***



**Neighborhood
Coordination
Officers**

**Members of 3-2-1
Nessler & Diaz**



Kentucky Derby Time at the Ranch. Everyone had a blast, wearing the hats, playing games and races, delicious food and desserts, watching the race and seeing who won in the FIVE Pools that the club had. Congratulations to all those who won.

Editor's Page

Dear Readers,

As a Distinguished Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale and a member of that club for 35 years, I want to say that "borrowing" another Club's gong or gavel has a deep seeded tradition attached to it in the spirit of fun and comradery. It is one that I have passed along to the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club over the last 5 years. During my 40 years as a Kiwanian, I have visited many, many clubs in an effort to "acquire" a treasure to bring back to my Club, and in turn, have also gone to interclub with other members to re-acquire our borrowed treasured possessions. **NEVER** was it seen as an affront or nasty thing to do, it was pure and simple fun. Many a "Round Robin" patch was achieved because clubs had to visit other clubs to recover their possessions. Some of the stories are legendary and any attempt to eliminate fun from our meetings will only add to the mass exodus of members from boredom and a culture of ill-spirited behaviors that are becoming more obvious every day.



Look at the "SAD" faces on the members of Ridgewood 3-2-1, both, while inside inter-clubbing with Woodside and outside after they had borrowed the Woodside Club Gavel. On the right, President Bill Rennison and Diane Cusimano were giving HAPPY Dollars for their visit and impending fun. NO ONE at the Woodside Club carried on or thought it nasty, and, had even more fun getting it back at one of 3-2-1's future meetings. Lighten up folks, it's been going on for over 50 years!!



Long Time Woodside Kiwanis Member Bill Bellis shows off the gavel that was borrowed by his Son-In-Law, Tom Wilk of the 3-2-1 Club. Gavel, gavel... ..gotta travel.



SDPLG Carol Verdi borrowed the 3-2-1 gavel **during her installation ceremony** of our Officers. It took us a month to realize that it was gone!! In Kiwanis tradition, we brought **10 members** to their meeting to get it back and laughed our fannies off about the whole thing. **Not to mention, they made A LOT of Happy Dollars to go with the humor.**

In my office, I have MY President's Gavel, my sponsor Mick Ennis's Gavel and my best friend Bob Pullano's Gavel. I also have MY Original Pie Plate and 3 Pie Plates that were gifted to me, for Horst Blumenthal, Bob Pullano and Mick Ennis. Each is a reflection of SERVICE to others with integrity, compassion, humor and selflessness. Moments shared as TRUE Kiwanians.

The Middle Picture is what needs to happen to bullies and mean-spirited individuals!!

Ridgewood 3-2-1 Kiwanis Club – 2022-2023 Officers

President – Bill Rennison

Board of Directors

President Elect - Danielle Kleiman

Immediate Past President – DPP Maricelis Romero

1st Vice President – Fr. Kevin Powell

2nd Vice President – Betalis Nunez-Reyes

Treasurer – Dave Fitzgerald

Secretary - Hank Kraker

Past Presidents Panel - DPP Liz Fitzgerald,

DPP Gino Ancona, DPP Janine Mahon

Board Advisors (Non-Vote) - DPLG John Stahl, DPP

Bob Monahan, DPP Margie Stahl, SDPLG Mike Miller

2022-2023

Claire Mahon

Francesca Fedkowskyj

Tracy Rodriguez

2022-2024

Maureen Powell

Fredric "JR" Velepec

Joseph Alfano

2022-2025

Iralda Frias

Diane Cusimano

Joan Hoffmann

Kentucky Derby Pool Results

8	Mage	Rob Monahan	\$500
3	Two Phil's	Bill Rennison	\$250
14	Angel of Empire	Kevin and Mo	\$125
21	Cyclone Mischief	Ridgewood 3-2-1	\$125
8	Mage	Papi Chulo	\$250
3	Two Phil's	John Hennessey	\$125
14	Angel of Empire	Michael Addeo	\$50
21	Cyclone Mischief	Kevin and Mo	\$50

8	Mage	Sara Grote	\$100
3	Two Phil's	Chris Jardin	\$60
14	Angel of Empire	Joe the Plumber	\$20
21	Cyclone Mischief	Diane Cusimano	\$20
8	Mage	Lucian Matej	\$100
3	Two Phil's	Rob Monahan	\$60
14	Angel of Empire	Chris Jardin	\$20
21	Cyclone Mischief	Danielle Kleiman	\$20
8	Mage	Liz and Dave	\$100
3	Two Phil's	Kevin and Mo	\$60
14	Angel of Empire	Papi Chulo	\$20
21	Cyclone Mischief	Chris Jardin	\$20

MAY IS KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MONTH

What are your Club's plans to increase membership?



MEMBERSHIP MONTH

New Member Fees

Last year Kiwanis International and NY District changed their new member dues structure.

Clubs are now billed dues for new members on a pro-rated basis based on the month that new member joins Kiwanis.

The chart to the right shows the schedule that clubs will be charged for a new member.

Month	International	District	Total
October	\$77.00	\$24.00	\$101.00
November	\$70.58	\$22.00	\$92.58
December	\$64.17	\$20.00	\$84.17
January	\$57.75	\$18.00	\$75.75
February	\$51.33	\$16.00	\$67.33
March	\$44.92	\$14.00	\$58.92
April	\$38.50	\$12.00	\$40.50
May	\$32.08	\$10.00	\$42.08
June	\$25.67	\$8.00	\$33.67
July	\$19.25	\$6.00	\$25.25
August	\$12.83	\$4.00	\$16.83
September	\$6.42	\$2.00	\$8.42

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL DUES BREAKDOWN

Many people ask about our club dues. Members of the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Kiwanis Club need to pay \$125 for the year – but where does that money go? This provides a breakdown of your dues money. For each person who is on our club roster as of October 10, 2022, the Ridgewood Kiwanis Club now receives an invoice for \$106 for each member. It is important that everyone understand the breakdown of this money.

Kiwanis International (“KI”) Dues:	\$52
Insurance (General & Officers/Directors)	\$17
Risk Assessment Fee (New Fee)	\$5
KI Magazine	\$8
<u>NY District</u>	<u>\$24</u>

Dues per Member \$106

KI automatically reimburses NY District for its portion of the dues.

As a result, the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Kiwanis Club only keeps approximately \$19 per member out of the \$125 dues. This \$19 per member goes into the Club’s administration account and can be used for any purposes related to the Club’s need to conduct its business.

It should be mentioned that Kiwanis International has a resolution for a \$30 INCREASE in dues for next year. This will be voted on by the membership present at the Convention. Although unlikely that this amount will be approved, there will most likely be an increase for next year.



BACKGROUND CHECKS

Kiwanis International requires all Kiwanis advisors to student clubs who accompany the students off school grounds to have background checks. This must be done. If your Kiwanis advisor did not complete a background check, that person will not be permitted to be the club's Kiwanis advisor.

In addition, any Kiwanis club member who around children on a regular basis as part of his/her Kiwanis duties or role, should have a background check.

Background checks are also required for anyone who acts as a chaperone for students or who attends District functions with the student clubs. With the COVID-19 pandemic behind us and most people and organizations returning to their pre-pandemic activities, this is important to keep in mind.

The background check costs \$25 and is good for two (2) years. Clubs can reimburse for the \$25 fee can do so from either the club's administration account or its community/fundraising account.

The full requirements and link to for the background check can be found at:

<https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/risk-management/background-checks>.

KPTC Inaugural Nine & Dine

May 16th at the Golf Club at Middle Bay

The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center ("KPTC") Foundation is hosting its inaugural Nine & Dine golf and dinner celebration on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The event includes nine (9) holes of golf at the Golf Club at Middle Bay in Oceanside starting at 4:30pm. Dinner will be at 7:00pm, at Frank's Steaks in Rockville Centre.

Nine holes of golf, cart refreshments on the course, and dinner at Frank's costs \$175 per golfer; \$95 per person for those who only attend the dinner. Various tiers of sponsorships are also available.

The KPTC Foundation, Inc., is one of three authorized foundations operating in the New York District of Kiwanis International that addresses the needs of children. It also supports community education programs related to child safety that are designed to prevent common injuries sustained by children living in the local communities serviced by over 125 Kiwanis Clubs. Funds are also raised throughout the year to respond to proposals received from Level 1 pediatric trauma hospitals located in Long Island, specifically Cohen Children's Hospital/Northwell and Stony Brook Children's Hospital.