



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: The meet began with an outstanding crowd of about 60 members and guests as President Gino was on hand to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 12:00. In the absence of Sky Pilots Fr. Mike and Fr. Angel, Deacon Kevin Powell blessed us with a really nice grace, thanking the Supreme Being for the gift of each other, service to the community and the food prepared.

Race Two: I actually got downstairs a few minutes early and got to see Kenny Dunn positioning himself at the first table to be first on line for the food. Now that’s a first, LOL. Gino opened the meet by introducing Michelle Veliz from the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs who spoke to the members about a free, yes you heard it right, FREE Tax Prep for folks who make under \$54,000 annually. She gave out brochures and information on how to get that done. Thanks Michelle, it was very informative. After that presentation, Gino had everyone come up to eat. As all should know by now, Carlos “Papi Chulo” has taken charge of the lunch menu and we had a fine sampling of sandwiches, finger foods, and salads. That’s two – 3 FT. heroes, American and two – 3 FT. heroes, Italian and 2 Giant Ring Sandwiches. Plenty of food, especially, since we had left over pizzas and chicken fingers from a GRYC event the day before. If you have any suggestions, please write them in this box and deliver it to let Carlos know your thoughts.



Race Three: After everyone had an opportunity to get their food, Gino asked our two other speakers, Samantha and Madeline Romm from the Girls Scouts to speak about their service projects that the club helped support. First up was Madeline who spoke about her project to support our Blessing Bags for Wyckoff Heights Hospital and brought along three big bags of diapers and wipes and items that she collected. Not only did she collect items, she made little song books for the moms to be able to sing to their newborns and other handmade items. What an amazing presentation for someone so young before a very large crowd of 60+ members. Awesome is an understatement as we were informed that there are more items at the Methodist Church on Central Avenue. Yes, that is Henrietta Maier’s church where 11 members went and had pancakes and a phenomenal breakfast a couple of weeks ago. Full Circle, folks, that’s how this service thing works. At that point, Diane Cusimano gave happy dollars to speak about the Woman Power that was in the room and demonstrated by our young lady guest and her ability to speak so eloquently in public at such a young age. Captain Perry joined in and gave dollars, then Janine and Gino and a whole mess of other folks. It was precious to see Madeline’s face when Bob asked if she knew who the Captain was and was told that that POWER WOMAN was the Commanding Officer of the 104th NYPD Precinct.



Oh, wait, that means that she gets to BOSS around Detective Tommy Bell and Sgt. Reiman, both in attendance. I am woman hear me roar!!!, OK, I'm older than most of you and actually remember Helen Reddy sing this song back in 1971. Those were the days, my friend. Oh, that's a different song, sorry. Check this out if you get a minute.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rptW7zOPX2E>

Race Four: Next up, Samantha Romm, Madeline's older sister who presented on her Silver Star project for the Girl Scouts. The project was to create a book library at a Homeless Shelter in Queens where each child at the shelter received a Blessing Bag with books, crayons or markers, puzzles, and other gifts. There were over 125 young people who received bags, courtesy of Ridgewood 3-2-1 and the Glendale Kiwanis Club who also supported this project. After Samantha's great explanation, Michaeline, 3-2-1 member, announced that the Friends of Ridgewood Library were going to contribute books to the project. There were so many books that Michaeline had to bring her shopping cart along. Then, Captain Perry stood up and had a brainstorm moment where she wants to establish a "Lending Library" at the Precinct. Bob politely asked the Captain to "sit down" because every time she has a moment like that, it costs the club money. LOL. How perfect that Joe the Plumber stood up and offered to make the Book Case for the Precinct at HIS expense. That is what happens every meeting at Ridgewood 3-2-1, folks offering their support and service. Lots of Happy Dollars for the Romm Family, sisters; Samantha, Madeline, Anabelle and Mom & Dad, Cindy and Adam. Happy bucks for the fine contribution they are making to our communities and beyond. BTW, Samantha and Madeline are graduates of the GRYC Little Stars Pre-K. Bob gave moolah for that.



Race Five: Joining Captain Perry, Detective Tommy Bell, and Sgt. Reiman were Community Affairs Officers Asar Sanad and Mike Berish, P.O. "G" Lenford, Captain Avi Baran, and P.O. Pat Nessler. PO Lesa Craig was missing this week and rumor has it that she collecting the bottles from the precinct to pay for next meeting's lunch. Times are tough. On a great note, rumor has it that Captain Perry's son was asked to send his transcripts to YALE University. WOW, that is cool. Michael Addeo had a meeting on Long Island, Rafal Ziolkowski, Andrew Trumbetti, Craig Hubmeier, Lucian Matej, and Linda Monte unable to attend. Diane Cusimano, who was responsible for getting the young Girl Scouts to us in the first place, was enjoying herself at the meeting. Yesterday, Chris McDougall came to my office and asked where the meeting was, Carlos, Mary Benitez and Tina Forte were enjoying the view from the back of the room, John Hennessey from Ridgewood Savings was there with his tie on, Kevin and Maureen Powell, John and Margie Stahl, along with Bronco Bill Rennison were in the house and each brought Diapers and Wipes for our collection day. Hank Kraker was treated to lunch at the Avenue by one of his vendors, Kenny Dunn and JR Velepec were definitely taking in all of the stuff going on at the meet. Magnificent stuff going on. Bernie Zablocki and Ann were in the City for one of Bernie's doctor visits, Henrietta was off doing great things, someplace. OK, I didn't want to say that she was in Florida working on her tan.



Race Six: A fantastic representation of GRYC Directors and staff came to enjoy the meal. I hope that I don't forget anyone. Ricky Wahmann, Aidan Leavens, Dina DePaola, David Volcy, Ariel Triunfel, Shiv Ramsamooj, DIPPY Liz Fitzgerald, Raquel Chin, Carmen Resto, Cynthia Ortiz, Irene Pina, Beverly McBeth, Eleana Crespo, Catherine Siegal, Edwing Vilsaint, Paul Hoffmann, Danielle Kleiman, Maria Batista, Christine Halloran, Oscar Luna, Irene Pina, Maureen Powell, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, Mary Benitez, Linda Manetta, Xiomara Pina, Walter Welsh, and Diane Cusimano. Many of the GRYC Directors were on trips with their sites during the holiday week. Speaking about outings, the AKTION Club went to Laser Bounce for an hour of Arcade Games. Ridgewood 3-2-1 member Joe D'Amico gave the Aktion Club members an unbelievable discount and a Pizza Party in partnership with the GRYC and Ridgewood 3-2-1. Matt from the Aktion Club told us that they had a great time and enjoyed every minute of their visit to Laser Bounce.

Race Seven: The KIDDY KIDZ donated items for Assemblyman Mike Miller's Valentine's for Veterans Drive and it was a huge success. Congratulations, Assemblyman Miller on your ongoing work for the Veterans. Then, Mike came over to PS 306 to see the kids and staff in action during the holiday break. It was really nice to see him engaging the students as they did their science project. Our most recent Corporate Member, Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal Savings was unable to attend, but did call me to see what happened and if he could contribute to anything. Also in the house was Jayne Wadhawan (minus Alex Lagombra) from Valley National. NEW BUSINESS MEMBER Mia Carla Rodriguez from Investors Bank was back having fun at the meet and brought Alla Koumoullous along to share in the fun and festivities. Craig and Andrew from Cross County couldn't make it but Lori Ann Psarras was at the meet to represent the bank. Welcome back Lori. Our buddy John Hennessey was here and as mentioned, kept his tie. Joan Hoffmann was able to make it and so did Master Beekeeper Tom "DPM" Wilk who was actually selected as sheriff for the next meeting. Jimmy Canade (guest of JR Velepec) said that he loves coming to the club, membership soon?? Tina Forte was recognized as the greatest Crossing Guard for the GRYC. A few members attended the Meet and Greet at Investors Bank that was advertised in the last bulletin and Joe Aiello, Hank and JR met with DPG Forbes Irvine and Dennis from Staten Island to discuss the BINGO that we will sponsor on April 24th at St. Pancras. Oh, yeah, I was there too.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

February 21st – NY DISTRICT Convention in Binghamton, NY. Gino is our Delegate. Report to follow.

February 27th – 104th Pct. Community Council Cop of the Year at Knockdown Center – 6:30 and Cost \$75 per

The Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 Webpage is up. Check it out by clicking on the link below. If you have any pictures or stuff to use to update the site, please send it to me.

<https://robmonahan.wixsite.com/website-8>

Race Nine: The meeting ended right on time. The total of the Happy Dollars and Food Money collected was \$600.

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Assemblyman Mike Miller joined the students in the GRYC Holiday Program at PS 306



It was great to have Glendale Kiwanis member, Assemblyman Mike Miller join the students and staff at PS 306. Mike has supported the GRYC and Kiwanis for many years. PS 68, 91, 239, St. Thomas Academy, PS 60 & IS 77 are all in Mike's District and are thankful for his support.

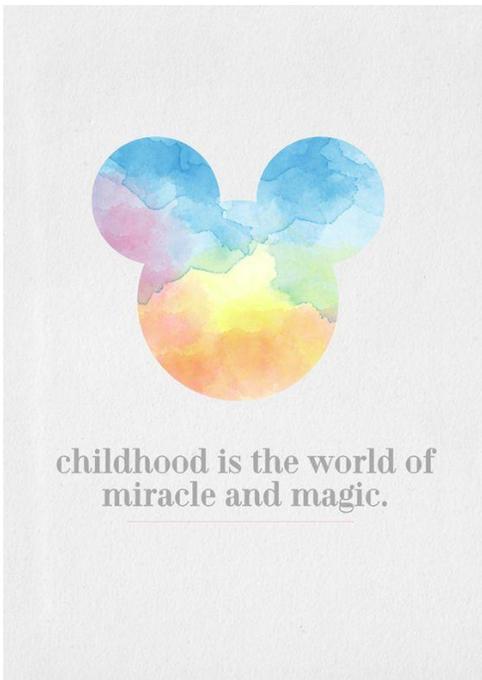


Students at the GRYC Holiday Program enjoy a Pizza Party to celebrate Assemblyman Miller's visit

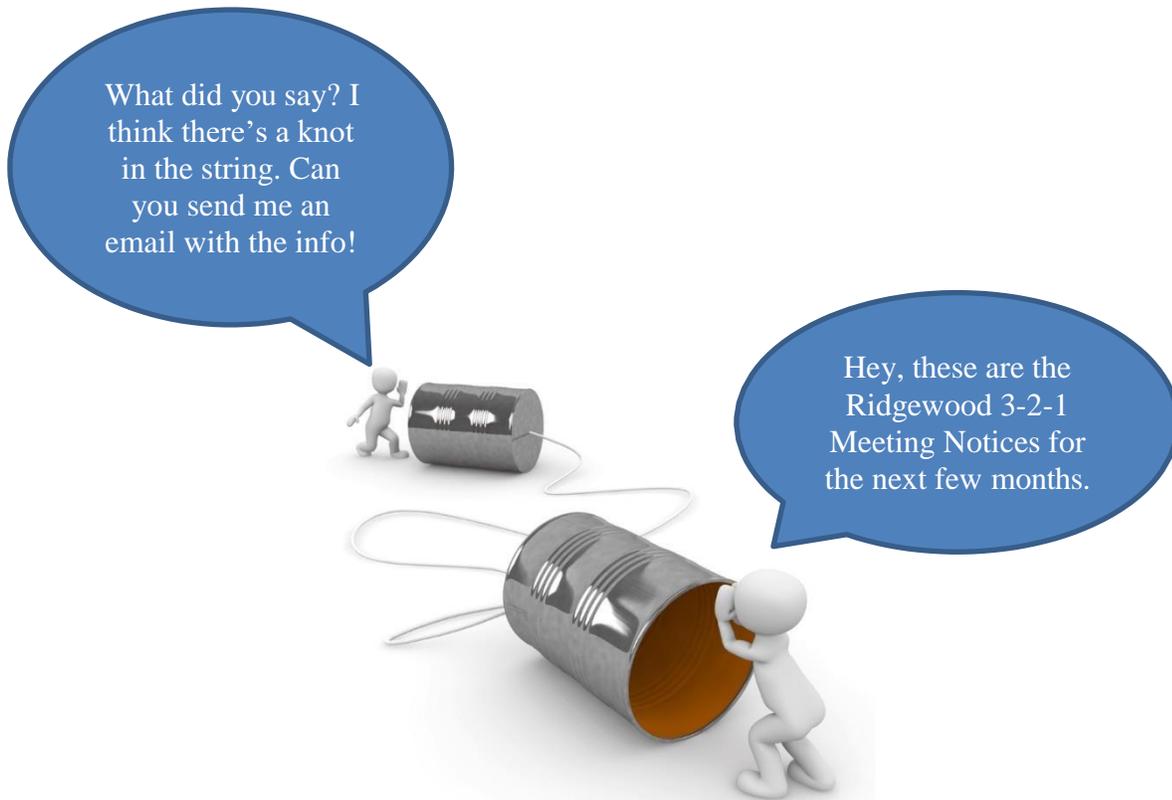




*There were lots of laughs,
and fun at the last meeting.
Amazing to see service
projects from our new
friends at the Girl Scouts
and see the generosity and
kindness from the members
of Ridgewood 3-2-1.*



Meeting Notices for February, March, April, May & June 2020



- March 4th – Mid Winter Conference Report & Diaper Drive**
- March 18th – St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Celebration/Feasts**
- April 1st – April's Fools Celebration**
- April 15th – English Day & Belated Easter Egg Hunt**
- May 2nd – Kentucky Derby Day at the Ranch**
- May 6th – German Day/Maypole Day Presentation**
- May 20th – Honor Our Veterans Meeting**
- June 3rd – Ready for Summer Barbecue**
- June 6th – Triple Crown Festival Day/ Belmont Stakes**
- June 17th – Summer Solstice Day Celebration**
- July 1st – Happy Birthday America Barbecue**