



KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

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



The Triple Crown Newsletter

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Race One: The meet began with an attendance of 70 members and visitors on hand to celebrate our Kiddy Kidz Program with loads of laughter as it seems Jackass Bob, voted in at the last meeting to accompany our Sheriff Maricelis Romero, was in the house and ready for action. Number 1, President Liz Fitzgerald then called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag. Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club Sky Pilot, Father Angel Lugo, offered the grace, highlighting our youthful members and their enthusiasm and spirit. The room was filled with the smell of vegetarian and limited meat dishes since it is Ash Wednesday. The Apostles were mostly fishermen, what, no meat!!



Race Two: As mentioned above, Maricelis Romero was today's marshal and was really raring and ready to collect money from everyone in the room. It seems that at the last meeting, all but two people voted to have Jackass Bob accompany her as she galloped around the room. It was out to pasture for Hop-a-long Hank, used by Edwing Vilsaint, Polly/Nancy Kraker and Blazing Guns Bill Rennison and Bronco Bob who was used by Delphinium Diane Cusimano Temkin. Did anyone know that the picture shown was actually Delphinium?? Ah yes, it was a bit of Florist humor. Seems Maricelis was offered the Cowgirl Hat and shirt and opted out. She did however carry around her donkey.



Race Three: Here is the link to the video that was played to highlight our KIDDY KIDZ Club, a one of a kind club in the world. <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1322822551> Alan Bellone came at exactly 12:00 to deliver the KIDDY KIDZ t-shirts that he made and everyone worked feverishly to put them on for their performance. But, he



didn't have to pay the late fine. The little members sang songs for the over 70 members and friends present and it was hard to get the smiles off people's faces as they watched the children perform. Bob let the members know that this is a PILOT project in Kiwanis International and it is our belief that when folks see and hear about the accomplishments of the little folk and their parents, that this will become a new level of service in KI. To date, the Kiddy Kidz collected over \$200 for Trick or Treat for UNICEF, contributed baby clothes for our project to give every mother who delivers a baby at Wyckoff Heights Hospital a gift box to go home with, and they contributed hundreds of canned and dried goods to the Food Drive that we had for local Food Pantries. One week ago, the children sang and entertained the Senior Citizens at the GRYC and gave each a card and a hug. The KIDDY KIDZ received their new T-Shirts and did they ever look fantastic. Congratulations to Janine Mahon and the Teachers and Assistant Teachers, all members of Ridgewood 3-2-1, which make this, happen on a daily basis.

Race Four: President Liz continued her report on the club's participation in Kiwanis activities and mentioned the great night at the Knockdown Center where the 104th Pct. Community Council and member Len Santoro honored the Ridgewood 3-2-1 as the Community Partner of the Year. There were over 20 members of the Club in attendance. Everyone pictured is a member of the 3-2-1, EXCEPT the guy with the little head between Fr. Mike and Carlos. He was actually the DJ, LOL. Congratulations, too, to P.O. Lenny O'Toole, member of 3-2-1 for being honored as Cop of the Year. 30 years ago, Kiwanis gave Lenny the Cop of the Month Award and here he is, three



decades later, being honored AGAIN with Kiwanis. What goes around...comes around. Council Member Bob Holden gave Proclamations to both Lenny and the 3-2-1 Club and announced publicly that he intends to become a member of the Ridgewood Club, ASAP. Welcome Councilman Holden. We value your input and participation. President Elect Gino was seen imbibing with a straw from the two bottles of wine that were placed on the table. He was asked to put his shirt back on after dancing with some folks to the song, 'It's raining men'... only kidding, that wasn't the song.

Race Five: Bob gave a happy dollar for everyone who introduced themselves. The cost went up from \$70 to \$100 when Bob's old best friend Bernie made a comment about an additional \$30 for being in Kiwanis for 30+ years. That process took a LONG time and then everyone was asked to go up and get their LENTEN food. Limited meat was served because it was Ash Wednesday. We had a contingent of NYPD Officers from the 104 at our meet, most of whom had celebrated with the GRYC and Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club at the Community Council meeting where the club was honored as the Community Partner of the Year. Fr. Angel distributed ashes and make crosses in KING SIZE. And I mean KING SIZE. Wow.



Race Six: It was announced that there would be an additional two Builders Clubs joining the ranks. They are IS 77 and IS 204. Both are very active and that brings our total to 12. It should also be noted that the Ridgewood 3-2-1 has applied for 12 K-Kids Clubs and 11 of them are brand spanking new to Kiwanis International. Great things are happening for the Sponsored Youth Leadership component and we are really impacting on this great borough and NY State. This is what Kiwanis is all about, service, service and more service. Thanks for being a part of that mission. P.O. Michael Berish, one of the two officers slated to replace Det. Bell when he retires, submitted his application to join, as did, Rodolfo Garcia, VP and Store Manager at TD Bank in Ridgewood. Three other applications were distributed and it is anticipated that they will be joining within the next two weeks. Lucian Matej was back along with Kenny Dunn and Hank Kraker. Seems JR was sick today, and even stayed home from work. Feel better JR, we missed your quips about Jackass Bob. Nah, only kidding. Alan Bellone presented Bob with an embroidered baseball cap in fine neon green lettering. Tom Wilk was in the house and hoping that the bees on the roof were doing ok. Treasurer Dave Fitzgerald was at the meeting and congratulated Liz on her big night at the Knockdown Center. Retired Crossing Guard Tina continues her perfect attendance and was joined by her replacement at Summerfield Street, Rosemary Bernal, both gave shout outs to Lenny O'Toole, their supervisor for years. Janine Mahon, Number 3 as 1st VP, had to leave early for a Doctor's appointment in the City, but left a mixed \$20 for her son, Army Captain Colin Mahon who will have his own Tank Command in Korea for the next 9 months. Congratulations on this fantastic opportunity. This West Point graduate makes ALL of us proud and lets us know that we are safe. Lori-Ann Psarras from Cross County Savings Bank made the meeting again and was happy to be with the Club. Kevin and Maureen came to enjoy a fine meal and great company.

Race Seven: John and Margie Stahl were back from CA, where they presented a 3-2-1 T-Shirt to the club out west. Mike Romer owner of Force Fitness was in the house and Omar Torres came to see what was going on at the gathering. Omar came with Rudy Garcia, as they work together at TD. You can't make this stuff up, Bill Rennison won the opportunity to be the Sheriff at the next meet and will have to decide to take Hop-A-Long Hank out of retirement, or, slow down the pace on Jackass Bob. Decisions, decisions. Diane Cusimano-Temkin had Bob confused as all could be with J-Lo and Angelina Jolie and gave happy bucks for Liz and her speech at the event. Remember, next week is St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Celebration at the club. On Tuesday night, 3-2-1 Corporate Sponsor and Member Tony DiPiazza celebrated the Community Board vote to extend the Fresh Pond Road Festival to 4 days, doubling the length of time that it will operate. Tony and his supporters emphasized the Cultural and Community benefits of the festival and the opportunity to show off Ridgewood's new diversity and demographics. What a great opportunity for the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club to educate everyone as to what we do, what we are planning and how we serve our neighborhood. Members Kathy Masi, Bob Monahan, Bob Holden and Tony DiPiazza were represented at the dinner. It is quite possible that 3-4 other attendees will be joining our ranks.



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- March 10th – East Meadow Club Pancake Breakfast at East Meadow HS from 8:30 – 11:30
- March 17th – GOTT Market at the Gottscheer Hall on Fairview Avenue in Ridgewood from 11-4.
- March 18th – Builders Club Week for Kiwanis International...
- March 20th – St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Feast at Clubhouse @ 12 noon. Pastries by Michael Addeo
- March 30th – Aktion Club Easter Party at the GRYC Clubhouse starting around 6:00 PM.

Race Nine: Number 1, Liz ended the meeting right on time at 1:00 by hitting the gong. Happy Dollars and Food Money collected for this meet was \$ 570.

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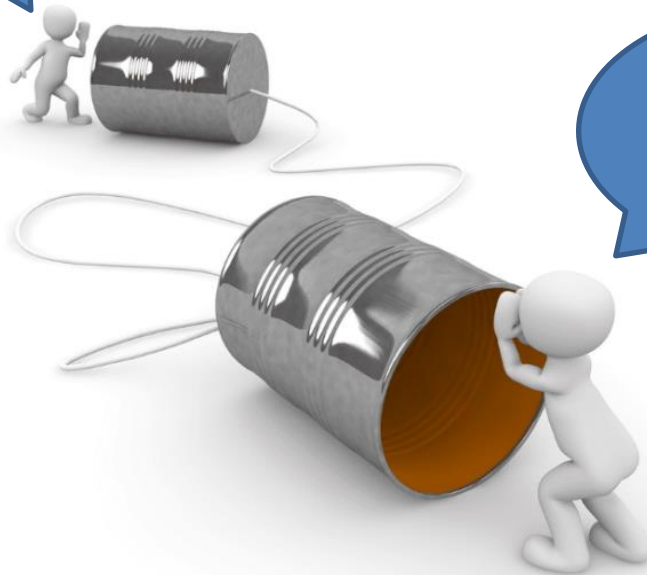


Sean gives Two thumbs up For Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club.



Meeting Notices for February, March, April, May & June 2019

What did you say? I think there's a knot in the string. Can you send me an email with the info!



Hey, these are the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Meeting Notices for the next few months.

March 20th – St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Celebration/Feasts

April 3rd – Youth Volunteer Corps Presentation

April 17th – English Day & Easter Egg Hunt

May 1st – German Day/Maypole Day Presentation

May 15th – Principal and Clergy Day Honors

May 29th – Triple Crown Festival Day

June 5th – Program on Homeless Veterans

June 19th – Summer Solstice Day Celebration

July 3rd – Happy Birthday America Barbecue