



KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

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



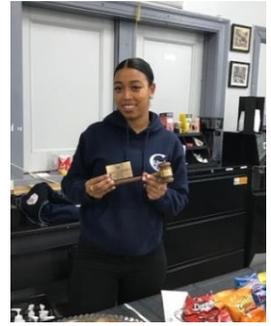
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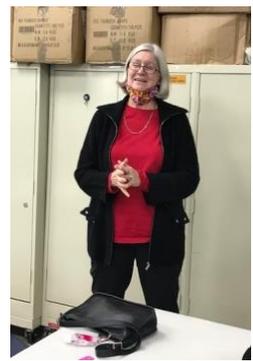
Race One: What a nice day for a meeting. It began with, President Maricelis Romero hitting the gong to open the meet. There were only 40 people on hand to witness Maricelis ask all to rise from their seats to recite the Pledge to our Flag. At that point, Father Kevin Powell was summoned to give the Blessing. Sky Pilot Kevin gave a magnificent blessing, asking the club to remember those in need, thanked God for the gift of each other and asked us to reflect on the gifts that we have to offer in service to others.

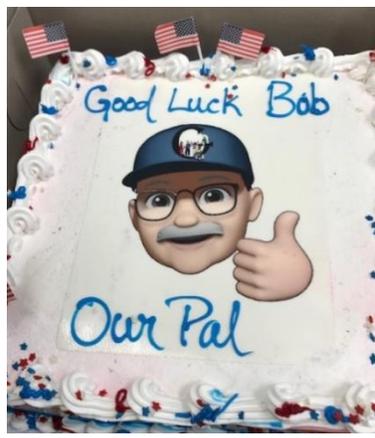
Race Two: The meet was held indoors in the large meeting room at the clubhouse and arranged in a way that allowed for compliance with CDC rules. President Maricelis, our new leader, then welcomed everyone in attendance. People just kept coming in and Maricelis didn't fine anyone since there was a problem with traffic on Myrtle Avenue, Central Avenue and Cooper Avenue. OK, that's a lie, but it sounded really good. At that point, Bob mentioned that we had some gifts for our new leader and stepped up to the podium. First gift, a personalize gavel for Maricelis for her 2021-2022 Administrative Year. It was clearly stated that it is very important to protect that fancy hammer to avoid anyone from taking it during the meeting. Next was a pretty gold nametag to be worn at official events. Then, Gino got one for being a Distinguished Past President and Liz and Janine may have forgotten that they opted out of getting one of these fancy nametags. Now that they have seen them, maybe you'll get one at the next meeting. LOL



Race Three: Next order of business was to invite everyone up to eat the awesome assortment of 3 Foot Heroes from Deli-delicious on the corner of 71st Street and Myrtle Avenue. As is always the case, Kenny Dunn was up and waiting before the invite was extended. PP Kenny was so quick, the 6 Rookie Police Officers didn't stand a chance against the old pro. After Kenny got up to the food, everyone else in the room, moved. That is the "respect" shown to this Distinguished Past President. One thing is certain, we have a lot of fun at Ridgewood 3-2-1.

Race Four: Happy Dollars started to fly around the room as President Maricelis had her Chief of Staff start calling on folks to donate buckaroos. Sheriff Josiah Vera was so proud to have the role that he took the cowboy hat to his school, PS/IS 102, to show off to his student participants. I must admit, he was a really good looking young sheriff. Josiah started his collecting as PP Janine Mahon gave \$\$ for Monday's Walk Out for GRYC President Bob Monahan on his "season of retirement". Hank Kraker sent bucks for his Green Bay Packers wins and for being on the Board of the GRYC and Bob's retirement. Dollars kept flying around the room as folks jumped in and gave their input on the subject. BettyAnn Monahan had sad, I mean mixed dollars for Bob's retirement and said it would be fine if he continued to work OUTSIDE of the house. Ouch!! Chris Jardin had lots of dollars for missing a number of meetings and then gave Bob a big bear hug for the comments made by BettyAnn. Just look at Chris with our 6 new NYPD Rookie Officers who were brought to the Ridgewood Club to learn about community partnerships and the support they will always be given if they find time to come to our meets. Sgt. Kevin Lo was in the house with his new officers along with Community Affairs Officer Dilsia Bonilla. Mike Berish is on vacation but PBQN Officer Richard Bufano was able to join us.





P.O.'s Frank Nicacci, Jonny Pickett, Jason Batista, Malcom Darham, Jenna Jaworski, Megan Billotto joined us at the meeting. Sgt. Lo gave an overview of their next few months. Welcome to the 104 and 321!!

Race Five: Present at the meeting was Michael Addeo who brought along a delicious cake to celebrate with the club. Michael spoke about his dad, Michael Addeo, Sr. who was a member of Ridgewood Kiwanis back in the day and how he and Bob were buddies going back nearly 40 years. Then Michael had to say that he was only 21 at that time and how Bob has seen him mature. He said some other emotional things but you had to be there to really appreciate the heartfelt sentiments. Thanks Michael for carrying on your wonderful dad's legacy in Ridgewood Kiwanis. Ben Messing asked Alfred Ziegler to represent Phoenix/Forest Builders at the meeting as they have now become Business Sponsors. Alfred had happy dollars and also gave Gino a journal ad for the GRYC's 40th Anniversary event on November 21st at Russo's on the Bay. We will have a membership round-up for the remainder of November and install our newbie's at our Holiday Meeting on December 4th at the clubhouse. We are hopeful to have 10 NEW dues paying, active members in November. Diane Cusimano was joined by Joan Hoffmann, Paul Hoffman, Linda Monte and Michael Addeo. Some dollars were given for who drove whom to the meet and why it all happened. All we know is that the club made money because someone got a free ride to Summerfield Street. Maureen Powell and Fr. Kevin Powell were in the house along with Bronco Bill Rennison. DPLG John Stahl and Margie Stahl were at the front table with thoughts of double teaming Kenny for bragging rights, but will wait for a hot meal. Linda Monte spoke with the GRYC to move her Girl Scout Troops to the Summerfield building for their meetings. Welcome! Sexy Legs Bernie Zablocki, was at the corral along with Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez. We missed our Distinguished Secretary Hank Kraker who had a ton of work out in East Rockaway. Jayne Wadhawan and Alex Lagombra from Valley, John Hennessey from Ridgewood Savings and Lucian Matej were also unable to make the meet. You were all missed.



Race Six: A nice showing of members from the "G" at today's meet as President Maricelis leads the way. Here was the lineup for today's game: Katie McMullin, Celina Rosario, Josiah Vera, Joseph Then, Mary Benitez, JoAnn Siegel, Danielle Kleiman, Francesca Fedkowskyj, Paul Hoffmann, President Elect David Volcy, Aidan Leavens, DPP Liz Fitzgerald, Cynthia Rivera and Dina DePaola rounded out the lineup. That might be a bad term to use with so many NYPD friends in the house. If I missed anyone, I truly apologize & will make it up next time. There was still time to show a 15 minute slideshow/video of some of Ridgewood 3-2-1's accomplishments and service activities over the past few years. Hope that it opens and that you like it. Here is the link:

You may have to hold the Ctrl key to get it to play...

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/2433991277>

Race Seven: On Sunday, November 21st, the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club will be attending the GRYC 40th Anniversary Celebration at Russo's on the Bay from 12:00 to 5:30 PM. This is also to celebrate Bob Monahan's retirement after a 40 year affiliation with the Agency. The cost is \$150 per person or a table of 8 for \$1,100. It is the first fundraiser for the GRYC in SIX YEARS and donations and sponsorships are also available. There are limited seats available so contact DPP Gino Ancona, ASAP at gancona@thegryc.org

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

November 10th - Board Meeting in person at the clubhouse. Start time is 4:00 PM. Any 3-2-1 members may attend and see how we do business and spend our money. Please join us.

November 17th – Regular Meeting at the Clubhouse. Program to be determined.

November 21st – GRYC's 40th Anniversary Celebration at Russo's on the Bay. Tickets required. See Race 7 for details.

Race Nine: The meeting ended at 1:10 PM and the total amount of money collected in Happy Dollars and Food Money was \$550 and a few more in VENMO.

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Let's figure this out. I got this nice bag filled with stuff and then they throw all this confetti on me and say, CONGRATULATIONS! OK, that works...



Last weekend, BettyAnn and I decided to have a sleepover for Sean, Liam and Owen, three of our grandchildren. Early Sunday morning we drove into the City to the Highline on the West Side in Chelsea. Of course, I parked on 14th Street and what appears on a wall, right in front of where we got out; this lovely wall. At 12 years old, Sean and Liam got such a kick out of it and were taking pictures to show it to their parents and friends. OK, OK, I did the same thing to show my friends. Who knew that one could label some folks in so many different and creative ways. No, all of these words cannot be embroidered on my hat. LOL

Yes, you are correct! I missed the last newsletter because I was out of town. Next question?