



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: What a beautiful day to celebrate the winding down of Summer at the ranch. We had over 25 people on hand to break bread with us. President Janine was unable to make the meeting, so, President Elect Maricelis Romero stepped up to slam the gong, get everyone's attention, and asked all to rise from their seats to recite the Pledge to our Flag and then asked Deacon Kevin Powell to give the Blessing. Kevin did a magnificent blessing and asked 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. Can I get an "AMEN"!

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. Soon to be President, Maricelis welcomed everyone to the meet and then introduced the Chief of Staff to continue with the meet. Everyone was invited up to eat and with Kenny Dunn missing from the meeting, Bronco Bill Rennison bucked his way up to the front of the line, edging out Sexy Legs Bernie Zablocki. It was truly a sight to behold. On tap for lunch was Sandwich Trays from Boston Market, a huge salad with dressing, delicious Hot Dogs and Burgers from the GRYC barbecue at 113 and a jug of lemonade and other drinks. Everyone was able to chow down and enjoy plenty of good food. Oh, did I say that Kenny Dunn was unable to make the meeting!! OUCH!



Well look here, Linda Manetta, Carlos "Nathan's Hot Dog Contestant" Rodriguez, DIPPY Gino Ancona and "Rookie" Joseph Then made it to the food court; and OOPS, there's Bill Rennison digging in with Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk on his heels. Wait a second people, is that Diane Cusimano already heading back to her seat. Good Lord that woman is faster than a speeding bullet.

Race Three: After everyone had a chance to get their food, Bob asked Jon Kablack, Vice President of the 104th Precinct Community Council to come up and say a few words about their awesome role in the community. Jon talked about their being a true liaison with the NYPD, coordinating and running Night Out Against Crime and all sorts of other supportive activities and events for our neighborhoods. He then thanked Community Affairs Officer Mike Berish for his constant support and guidance as we all try to navigate our way through these trying times. Ridgewood 3-2-1 is blessed to have both as members of our Club. Then, Jon reached into his pocket and pull out a \$500 check from the 104 Community Council for the HWY3 Fitness Center Fundraiser. Thanks to Len, Jon and the Board for their generous donation for a great cause.



Here is a little sequence of Jon's presentation to the members of the 3-2-1 Club.

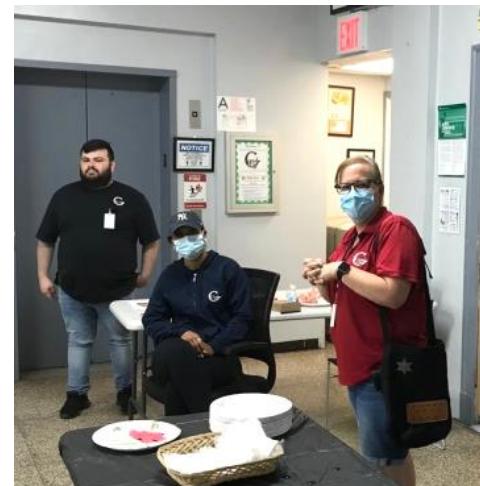
Photo One: Mike is making sure that folks are paying attention. **Photo Two:** Mike begins to meditate on the profound words. **Photo Three:** Deep Meditation!!!

Jon presents \$500 donation for HWY 3 Project

Race Four: Happy Dollars started to fly around the room as Sheriff Mary Benitez got in her steps for the day. More about Mary in a race or two. Jumpin' John Hennessey was back at the ranch and was immediately given his "Triple Crown Cup" for winning the \$100 Pool in the Kentucky Derby. John had given the cup back to the club for this year's winner and you guessed it, he won it back again, dust and all. What's the fancy word that they use, patina?? Glad to have you back my friend and thanks for bidding on the Aigner's Chocolate Pizza Slice, or was it the Chocolate Handcuffs. Not sure what this meant, but Diane Cusimano was really anxious about those handcuffs and even sent a picture of their use, after getting them home to her house. I can only say that that picture could be a great fundraiser unto itself.



Race Five: President Elect Maricelis had happy dollars for getting a taste of what it will be like in a month or so. Then Gino and Diane raised Happy Dollars AT THE SAME TIME and the comment was made "Age before Beauty" or something like that, and the next thing we knew, Gino was speaking and giving Happy Dollars for Maricelis and the Program and his upcoming vacation, and chocolate handcuffs, and, and, and. Not to be outdone, Diane gave dollars for Night Out Against Crime, the awesome Summer Day Camp Program that she was a major part of with Liz Fitzgerald and Cynthia Ortiz. Bob (me) gave Happy Dollars for the presentation, for two more days of Summer Programs, for Maricelis and the gong, WHAT?? Also, Mary Benitez was fashioning her new COACH handbag that she received for her birthday. If a picture is worth a thousand words, what do you think Gino and Maricelis are thinking about that very expensive bag? My guess, "Mary put that down for one split second, and it's gonna disappear!" Jealous and more jealous. To say that it was a fun meeting is an understatement, lots of laughs and good fun humor.



Race Six: Our very own Sky Pilot Deacon Kevin Powell will be ordained on Saturday. Happy Dollars for Kevin who will be a Priest in the Old Catholic Benedictine Order. President Janine Mahon will now ask Father Kevin to give the blessing after the Pledge. Since this is a couple of weeks late, it was a beautiful ordination and Kevin celebrated his first Mass on the Sunday in the heavy rain. Congratulations Kevin on your spiritual journey. Bronco Bill Rennison, Diane Cusimano, BettyAnn Monahan, Fr. Mike Lopez, Fr. Angel Lugo, Bernie Zablocki and Maureen Powell attended the Ordination. Happy Birthday Mary Benitez and thanks Gino for the surprise cake and song. Next time, please, no dancing on the table.



Race Seven: A nice showing of members from the "G" at today's meet as the SONYC Intermediate School Directors had completed their Summer Day Camps. However, the COMPASS Elementary School site Directors were still in full swing with their Summer Day Camps. Edwing Vilsaint, Andy Villion, Joseph Then, Mary Benitez, Linda Manetta, JoAnn Siegel and Maureen Powell along with hubby Deacon Kevin Powell were able to make it. Joining them were Also at the ranch were Wild Bill Rennison, Joan Hoffman, Master Beekeeper Tom Wilk, Mike Miller, Danielle Kleiman, Francesca Fedkowskyj and Maria Batista. Shiv Ramsamooj, brought his sidekick Joseph along to enjoy some Kiwanis fun and let's not forget Xiomara Pena and Walter Welsh who took a few minutes from their busy, busy schedule to share with us. Our Club Secretary, Hank Kraker was unable to attend and JR Velepec was busy at work and unable to break free. Clark McKinney was in the hood, as was member Jayne Wadhawan from Valley National. We are hopeful the Michael Addeo, Inspector Louron Hall, and our COMPASS Directors will all make it to the next meet. WE miss you when you're not with us. If I missed anyone, I truly apologize & will make it up next time. Here are two of our "gingers" who have left the GRYC but remain members in good standing and come to meetings when they aren't working at St. Mary's Children's Hospital (Claire Mahon) and going to school (Jason Demeloitz).



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

September 1st – Regular Meeting at the Clubhouse. Queens DA's Office will be giving a short program about their Youth Initiatives. 12:00 PM or pay a buck for being late.

September 8th - 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.

September 15th – Regular Meeting at the Clubhouse. Program to be announced in next newsletter.



Race Nine: The meeting ended at 1:00 PM and the total amount of money collected in Happy Dollars and Food Money was \$450 and a few more in VENMO.

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