

# KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

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

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## The Triple Crown Newsletter



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**Race One:** This was our THANKSGIVING Celebration and a nice crowd packed the Clubhouse to share in the festivities. DIPPY Danielle Kleiman opened the meeting asking all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag followed with a blessing by Henrietta Maier. It was a heart-felt and spiritual reflection of thanks and service. At that point, DPP x3 Gino came screaming and gobbling into the meeting room wearing a Turkey Outfit, along with Joseph Alfano, also in turkey attire. Pilgrim Bob Monahan then exited the lift and welcomed the crowd to Turkey Fest 2024. Bob then introduced some guests to get the meeting started.



**Race Two:** There were introductions of some honored guests and visitors. DPG Joe Corace and First Lady Nydia joined us along with SDPLG x2 Mike Miller, QWLG Melissa Verdi and First Gent Victor Montes, DPP George Silks and DIPLG Janice Bar, DPLG John Stahl and DPP Margie Stahl, DPP x7 Al Gentile, NYPD Inspector Greg Mackie and ALL of the Distinguished Past Presidents from the 3-2-1 Club. We will mention them in another Race as it was time to eat our amazing Dinner, sponsored by Werner and Hans Lehner from our partner Zum Stammtisch Restaurant in Glendale. You just can't beat their incredible food; Sliced Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Mashed Sweet Potatoes with Marshmallows, Creamed Spinach, Mixed Veggies, Stuffing and gravy. Everyone was treated to pies provided by Michael Addeo and Circo's Bakery. Coconut Custard, Pumpkin, Apple Crumb and Pecan Pies were devoured in a hurry. And all for \$15.



**Race Three:** There were 40 members, friends and guests having a totally fun time at the clubhouse. Unfortunately, PBQN and Community Affairs had an event sponsored by the Mayor so we were down 6-8 regular members there and that kept us under the 50 attendee norm. How about Ridgewood 3-2-1's Distinguished Past Presidents; Liz Fitzgerald, Gino Ancona, Janine Mahon, Bill Rennison and Danielle Kleiman being in the house. And let us not forget our President Elect Diane Cusimano who let everyone know that next year Pocahontas would be attending our Thanksgiving gathering wearing a Bob Tie.



*Just look at some of the crowd of 40 people at our Thanksgiving Celebration. As we have said many times, The Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club is blessed to have their own Clubhouse to decorate and prepare for up to 100 people. DPP x 3 Gino Ancona worked with his committee to set up the space, get the decorations, raffle prizes and more than enough FOOD to stuff all in attendance. Ridgewood 3-2-1 has averaged over 50 people at its last 4 meetings.*



**Race Four:** As everyone was enjoying their culinary delights, DPG Joe Corace got up to speak to the gathering. Seems that Joe and Nydia, along with sidekick George Silkes acquired a TIE for President Bob with his image on it. Joe gave a couple of options to raise funds for the club and had Bob put the tie on, in hopes for its removal. Well, when all was said and done, \$600 was raised and the tie now adorns the club banner. The tie was NOT cut & part of the "fun" raising was that President Elect Diane would wear the tie, next year at this event. Later on in the evening, Victor Montes and LG Melissa commented on how much fun it was to watch the club in action to raise money for Community Service. Look at the banner, carefully, and you will see a number of ties from members, dignitaries and friends, all making money for Service Projects.

**Race Five:** The money didn't stop there as the tally just kept climbing. Some of the GRYC and Business partners were at the meeting to enjoy their evening; Tracy Rodriguez, soon to be member, Mary Miller. Paul Hoffmann, Henrietta Maier, Shiv Ramsamooj, Tom Wilk, Clark McKinney, John Hennessey, Fernando Soto, Joseph Alfano and Jed Santiago. All together, we had 40 folks there to enjoy the food, fun and frivolity. It doesn't get much better than that, and Ridgewood is one club that continues to pack the house and all for a \$10 or \$15 meal. DPG Joe Corace thanked the 3-2-1 Club for ALWAYS being there for the KPTC and supporting their mission to serve those in need. The bucks kept flying around the room, one person after another, Joan Hoffmann, Queens West DPLG Janice Bar, DPP George Silks, DPP Bill Rennison, DPP Liz Fitzgerald, DPP Janine Mahon, Diane Cusimano P.O Pat Nessler, NCO Natiel Diaz, Hank Kraker and Mike Miller all had Happy Dollars. Al Gentile had happy dollars to introduce Michelle Butala who was just promoted to Manager and will become our newest member, Mike Porcelli was in the house and happy to be at the meeting, Michael Addeo had some sad dollars because it took him nearly 2 hours to get to the meet, but was happy to be with friends.

## What time is it... ..It's time to Serve!

**Race Six:** Each meeting is planned and arranged with a "THEME" and has a Committee that makes it all happen. Our Installation was packed with 70 members, friends, dignitaries and partners. German Day was packed with 50 members, friends, dignitaries and partners and was sponsored by one of our Corporate Members. English Day had 44 patriots in attendance and we are averaging over 50 people per meeting. Our Thanksgiving Celebration was no different, 40 members and friends made the trek to the Clubhouse. Some members recently attended the Queens West Division Meeting at Atlas Park and heard from some Key Club Officers about the Division covering Queens East and West. Ridgewood 3-2-1 paid for their 9 dinners at \$15 each. We will be donating 100 pre-cooked Thanksgiving Dinners to Ronald McDonald House and are preparing for our AKTION Club Holiday Party.



***People may doubt what you say,  
but they will ALWAYS believe what you DO.***

**Race Seven:** Really hard to fit all the things that happened at the meeting, but I'll try to consolidate some things in this race. We had our Board Meeting prior to our regular meeting. Lots going on and we are spending some money for our Service Projects. Had our monthly Birthday Party at Madison York Assisted Living for 30 of the Senior Residents; Preparing for our December 7<sup>th</sup> AKTION Club Holiday Party with White Castle on the menu; Had our Breakfast for the Vets on November 15<sup>th</sup> and it was quite enjoyable, Preparing 50 Blessing Bags for expectant Mother's at Wyckoff Heights Hospital, we will be sponsoring 3 neighborhood families for Christmas Cheer; purchased 12 Winter Coats, gloves, hats and scarves for the Homeless Vets on Borden Avenue; are sponsoring a Hot Cocoa with the Grinch for 180 youth & family members from the GRYC Beacon Program; partnering with Yonkers Club for the Candy Cane BINGO on December 7<sup>th</sup> at our Clubhouse to benefit KPTC; have our Toy Drive Meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> at noon and are planning our Claus N Elf project for multiple families in need. Jon Kablack is selling raffle tickets, \$20 each and 5 for \$100 to help his Basketball team get to an away game Upstate New York. The Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club took 10 chances and have our fingers crossed. John Hennessey had a Business Buzz and Bites Event at the Ridgewood Savings Bank on 11/13 that we attended and made some very nice networking contacts.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

- **December 4<sup>th</sup> – Toy Drive Meeting in the Clubhouse at NOON**
- **December 7<sup>th</sup> – AKTION Club Holiday Party in the Clubhouse from 12 – 2PM**
- **December 7<sup>th</sup> – KPTC BINGO at the Clubhouse starting at 6:00 PM**
- **December 18<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Party for Members at 5:00 PM in the Clubhouse**

**Race Nine:** The meeting was off the charts lucrative. When all was said and done, with Food Money, Auction Money, Happy Dollars, the Club raised \$1,150 for the evening. It doesn't get much better than that.

**ALWAYS HAVING FUN AT 3-2-1 !!!!**

**Passion + Respect + Inclusion + Diversity + Equity**

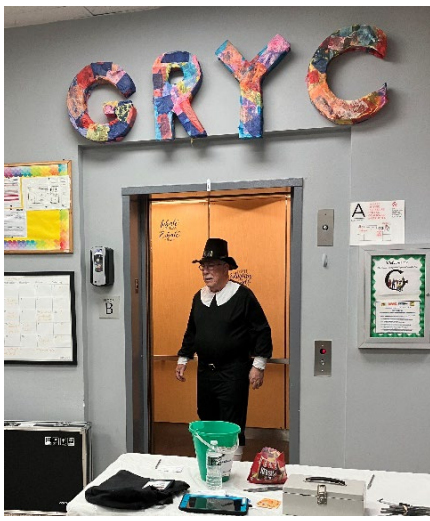
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**Partnership: working together for the good of the communities that we serve. This is the CULTURE of the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club and its members. For the CAUSE and not the APPLAUSE!!**



Yes, Pilgrim Bob definitely has had his fill of turkey and stuffing. Nap time!



When you look at the many pictures that are in each 3-2-1 Newsletter, notice the AGE of the members in Ridgewood Kiwanis. At a time when young people are shying away from Service Groups & Organizations, we have been able to attract a whole range of ages to offer service to our communities. The underlying reason can be pointed at Ridgewood 3-2-1's absolute commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and our mission to serve others while having a ton of FUN.



*If you miss the Board Meeting, you will be in a whale of trouble.*

*Yes, that is REALLY our 321 Member Chris Jardin fishing in the red hat. This is REALLY a whale of a tale. Congrats Chris on this God Moment!*



Yes, even Chris Jardin the Whale Hunter could use a little help to pull this sucker on board. Forget Turkey for Thanksgiving, I'm gonna have a whale of a celebration.

They don't call me Moby DICK for no reason. Keep reeling you bunch of turkeys! This is NEVER gonna happen gents!!!



# Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1

## Thanksgiving Celebration

OK, who thinks that this is funny? Uncle Gino tried to get into this outfit and, you guessed it, it didn't fit HIM, so, he picks me to stuff into it. Well now I want you to notice the bottle of wine on my left. Yeah, they're all sleeping inside so I'm gonna start to chow down on a drumstick, some mashed potatoes, stuffing and biscuits. Then I'll pop a can of coke and wait for the others to wake up. PERFECT THANKSGIVING



***Ridgewood 3-2-1 is celebrating our Thanksgiving Meal on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse. It is at 6:00 PM, immediately following our 5:00 Board Mtg. We would like as many folks to attend as possible. Please let me know if you're planning to celebrate with us, THIS WEDNESDAY Evening. Cost \$15.***

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WITH THE  
GRINCH**



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