

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

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

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Race One: The meeting for July 24th had to be cancelled, so here is an UPDATE on what's been happening at Ridgewood 3-2-1. It is a photo compilation and some other information that might be helpful as we wind down the year. President Danielle Kleiman has been incredibly busy managing the 225 Summer Youth Workers over at the GRYC Fairview location and what a fantastic job she is doing. Just think, 225 – 14 & 15 Year Olds who are doing **SERVICE** Projects for 6 weeks and having fun learning about our communities. It is an enormous undertaking and working with our community partner, the GRYC, has to take precedence right now.

Race Two: That said, let's see who else might be busy this summer in our partnership with the GRYC. To bring that to light, you must understand that the Youth Council serves over 4,300 Day Camp participants and their families on a DAILY BASIS at over 12 different DOE Schools throughout Queens and Brooklyn. The hours are from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM – Monday through Friday for SEVEN weeks. Throw in an additional 1,000 Summer Youth Employment Program participants working at over 40 different locations and it gets a bit busy. Making this happen requires patience, patience and more patience from everyone involved. Who are some of these 3-2-1 members working at the GRYC, you ask?? How about DPP Janine Mahon, DPP Liz Fitzgerald, DPP Gino Ancona, DPP Maricelis Romero, Diane Cusimano, Joan Hoffmann, Paul Hoffmann, Joseph Alfano, Joseph Then, Carlos "Papi Chulo" Rodriguez, Tracy Rodriguez, JoAnn Siegel, Cat Siegel, Shiv Ramsamooj, Mary Benitez, SDPLG Mike Miller, Robert P. Monahan and DPP Bob Monahan. If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies.

What time is it?

It's time to Serve!

Race Three: The Day Camp participants at the GRYC Summerfield location got a chance to meet Ridgewood 3-2-1 Corporate Member John Hennessey from Ridgewood Savings Bank and got treated to an amazing Carnival that was held at the Bank.



The Day Campers from the GRYC Summerfield location visited Ridgewood Savings Bank for their Carnival. There were clowns, face painters, cotton candy and snow cones and the campers and staff at the Ridgewood Branch had an incredible day of fun and laughter. John Hennessey, Branch Manager and Board Member of the GRYC was the Master of Ceremonies and had the top hat and bow tie to prove it. Please John, wear the bowtie to a Ridgewood 3-2-1- Meeting.

Race Four: Did you know that the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club has partnered with the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council and the NYPD to create a “Cops & Kids Gaming Initiative that brings NYPD Officers together with youth to participate in gaming. **GAME – ON** is helping to connect young people with Officers through competitions and fun with the goal of breaking down barriers and establishing friendships



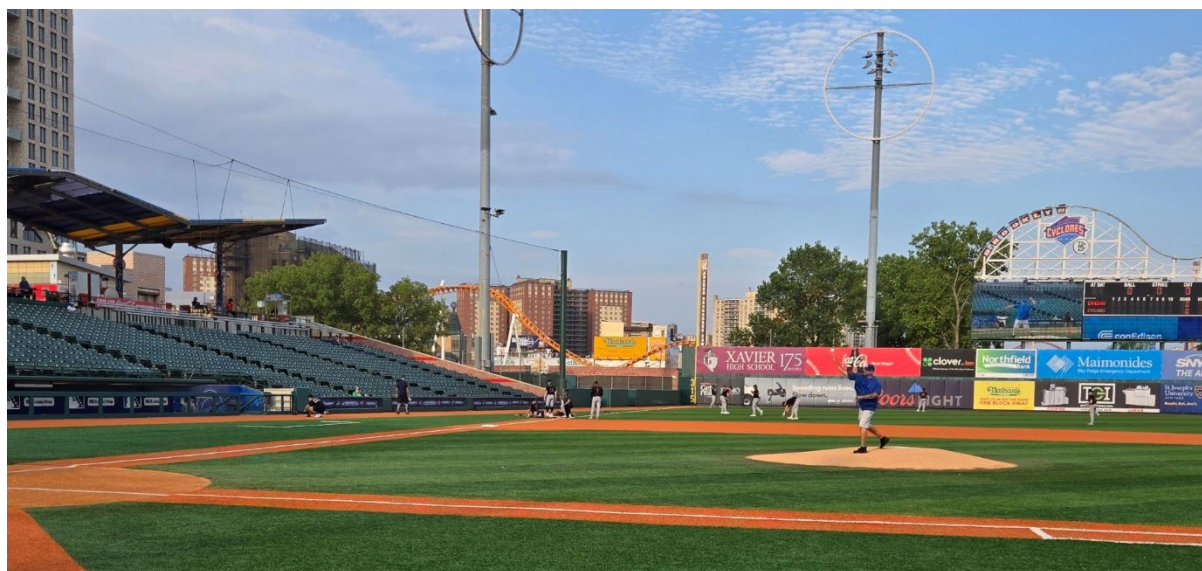
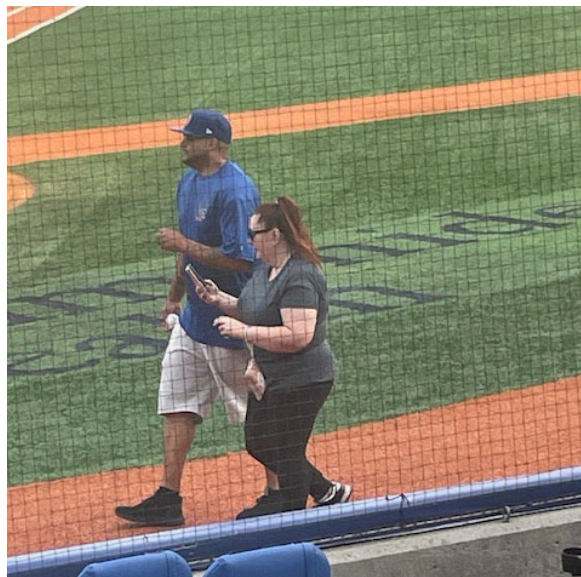
Partnership: working together for the good of the community. This is the trademark of the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club and its members.



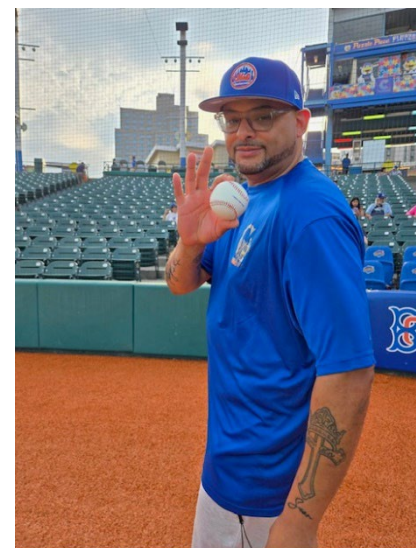
In partnership with the NYPD, the 3-2-1 Club and the GRYC have begun its GAME-ON Program the connects Cops and Kids in the GRYC Gaming Labs. PBQN has each of its 8 Precincts bringing youth to build bridges through gaming. In addition, the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club welcomed the 12 NEW Police Officers at the 104th Precinct to a Youth Program information session and lunch. Welcome ALL. To top that off, the 3-2-1 Club partnered with the NYPD PBQN to transport children and families from Ronald McDonald House to Coney Island for a day of fun and memories. Thanks DPG Joe Corace for the opportunity to bring smiles to the Ronald House children and their families.

As if that were not enough, KPTC donated a Pediatric Trauma Kit to the owners of the Amusement Park and the smiles tell the rest of the story. Kudos to Partnerships.

Race Five: Sometimes you just get a chance to throw out the FIRST PITCH at a ballgame and here is what that looks like.



Rocket Arm, Carlos “Papi-Chulo” Rodriguez throws out the First Pitch at the Brooklyn Cyclones Game. The Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club sponsored 80 AKTION Club members to attend the game which supported the NYD KPTC. Of course, of course, right over the plate for a STRIKE!!! Sign him up!



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

Race Six: Here are some pictures from other stuff that is going on with our members and friends. Enjoy!



DPP (2X) Gino Ancona from the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club and PRIDE Club attended the Queens West Division Governor's Visit. Joining Gino were his sister, Leonora and his nephews Carmelo and Matteo. Carmelo can be seen presenting the Club's Gift to Governor Lucien Giancursio on the Sky Princess Cruise Ship.



The Day Camp participants at IS 93 and IS 77 got to enjoy the NEW Foam Truck at their IS 119 Summer Camp location. It is absolutely all CLEAN FUN. The Foam Truck and Game Trucks are provided by David Schwartz, NEW Corporate Member of the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club. David is donating a Game truck for Night Out Against Crime for the 104th Precinct at Juniper Valley Park.



Race Seven: Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for families who are struggling with children who have been diagnosed with Cancer or Allied Diseases. Ridgewood 3-2-1 recently provided 80 Hamburgers, 100 Hot Dogs, Potato Buns and Rolls, all of the condiments and “To – Go” boxes for families who were unable to join us in the dining room. DPG Forbes Irvine, DPG Joe Ruggiero, DPG Steve Sirgiovani, DPG Joe Corace, members of the Sayville Club, QWLG Janice Bar and Joseph Alfano were on hand with additional food, salads, desserts and water and drinks. This is an easy service project for a club to embrace, sending pizzas, heroes, trays of pasta and whatever would make life a bit easier for the families to eat. Remember, most families are spending their days at the hospital with their children undergoing treatments and don’t have a lot of time to cook. Pick a day of the week, pick a day every two weeks, ANYTHING is helpful and most appreciated. Thanks to DPG Joe Aiello, DPG Joe Corace and QWLG Janice Bar for putting this whole thing together.



Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

- **August 6th – Night Out Against Crime will be our next meeting and service project. We will up at Juniper Valley Park distributing 1,000 Mamita’s Ices to the crowd. Join us for some fun and service.**

Race Nine: The meeting was cancelled, so money was exchanged.



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**Don't miss Night Out
Against Crime @
Juniper Valley Park
on August 6th – 5PM**