Meeting Notice for February 1, 2024



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We had another good turnout of members and guests at Zum Stammtisch today. President Ingrid Huber was on time today and opened the meeting on time as well. She asked IPP Bruce Kramer to deliver an Invocation. We followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and our Patriotic song. Pres Ingrid introduced our Past Leadership, and remarkably missed her Secretary DPLG Kerrie for *the second week in a row*. George Schwille walked in late, and while he was paying the fine, he was immediately followed by DPP Vinnie Alberici. They kept substitute Sheriff DPLG Debbie Kueber on her toes.

**Today's Guests:** Vin Arcuri had his aide Maria with him once again; Our guest speaker Pete DeLucia was a guest of the club.

Today's guest speaker was a great friend of our club. Peter DeLucia is the property manager of *the Shops at Atlas Park* in Glendale. We have known Peter for many years, since we first moved our annual Community Day to the mall in 2009.

At his property, our annual event has grown exponentially, due in no small part to the support of the staff at the mall.

Today, after a fine 'How Do You Do?' Peter gave us an overview of Atlas Park. The mall is at its highest occupancy ever. Because they are an open-air mall, they weathered the pandemic better than most indoor malls. They have a wide variety of businesses; retail, medical, cinema and restaurants all enjoy the foot traffic through the property. Also, they offer space for monthly blood drives. They have added a seasonal outdoor roller rink and an indoor pool for youth. In short, they have adapted the space to meet the needs of the community, and Peter is a tireless reason why. Good to see you Peter.



Peter DeLucia and Pres Ingrid

As you know by now, Carole Aiello, DPG Joe's First Lady, has been struggling with some severe medical issues and had the Whipple Surgery to address the long term effects of her chronic pancreatitis on Tuesday. Reports are favorable, and we pray for a successful recovery. DPLG Debbie Kueber reported on the fundraisers being planned to help with the staggering medical costs. The first event will be a *Dinner Dance* on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at St Helen's School Auditorium in Howard Beach. The dance will include a hot and cold buffet, with soft drinks served. BYOB. Great dance music will be provided by Risky Business. There will be raffle prizes, grids and a 50-50 offered. The cost will be \$85 a person, and the entire proceeds will benefit the Aiello family. We hope to have a large turnout from our club to support one of our more influential members. See the attached flyer for sponsorship opportunities.

## Club News:

Rudy Jonke raised 46 Happy \$\$ that he collected with the *Glendale Kiwanis Mailbox* that he keeps on the counter at his Glendale Auto Tech shop. The mailbox has been with our club for many years, first on Erwin Petschauer's desk at his travel agency, and now at Rudy's.



DPP Teresa Donahue presented 93 Happy \$\$ from Rosemary Darmstadt, who celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We haven't seen Rosemary in a while, and hope she is doing well and will join us soon.

Fred Velepec is running this year's **Super Bowl Pool**. About twenty are left. If you want to join in the fun, give JR a call. \$20 a box.





IPP Bruce Kramer announced the next *Karaoke Night*. It will be held at the *Avenue Bar Restaurant* on Saturday night, March 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8pm. Besides all the fun and nonsense, we will be raffling off several baskets and a 50-50, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Trade School Scholarship Fund, which is President Ingrid's major emphasis.

## Did You Know?

- The history of Atlas Park began with Morris Hemmerdinger, who migrated to the US in 1888, began a career in the rag industry, buying fabric waste from the garment industry and selling it to other manufacturers to wipe up spills and stuffing for upholstery.
- In 1922, Morris' son Henry continued in his father's steps, and purchased 19 acres of farmland in Glendale and called it Atlas Terminals. It contained a few industrial buildings that had been used to produce the first underwater telephone cables for transatlantic transmission. By the time Henry died, he expanded Atlas Terminal from four buildings to 31 with 786,000 sq. ft. of space.
- Henry's son Monroe Hemmerdinger managed his father's property, expanded it to 40 buildings, 5 miles of paved roads and 8 miles of railroad tracks because much of America's goods were moved by rail at the time.
- In the early 1950's, Atlas was one of the very few industrial parks within NYC. Some prestigious tenants included Kraft Foods, General Electric, NY Telephone and Westinghouse.
- After Monroe died, the company was run by non-family members until 1967, when Henry Dale Hemmerdinger began running the property, and became president of ATCO Properties.
- In 2006, Dale's children Damon and Kate, the fourth generation, took an active role in the corporation and converted Atlas Terminals into a retail shopping center called the Shops at Atlas Park. In 2011, it was purchased by the Macerich Company, who operate it today.

**Sheriff:** DPLG Debbie Kueber for DPG Joe Aiello

Lunch Monitor:Rosemarie FitzsimonsInvocation:IPP Bruce Kramer7-11 Pot Passer:IPP Bruce Kramer

**7-11 Winners:** Jake and Abby (Karen Kramer)

**W-L Finder:** JR Velepec

Losers: DPP Big Bill Maher, SDPLG Bob Kueber, DPLG Debbie Kueber and Vin Arcuri

Winner: Rudy Jonke
Pig Stroller: Rudy Jonke

**Happy \$:** 369 **Pig:** 37

**Next Meeting:** NYS Historical Business Registry **Sheriff:** Vin Arcuri

## Calendar of Events:

January 30	Board of Directors Meeting	@Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
January 31	KPTC Annual Meeting	@Northwell Health Facility	6:30pm
February 3	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop	10am-2pm
February 8	Birthday and Business	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
February 15	Valentines Day	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
February 20	QW Division Meeting	@ Buccaneer Diner	7:00pm
February 22	TBD	TBD	
February 22-25	Mid-Winter Conference	@ Desmond Hotel, Albany	
February 27	Board of Directors Meeting	@Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
February 29	Greater Ridgewood Restoration	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
March 16	Aiello Fundraiser	@ St Helen's School	7:00pm



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at Züm Stammtisch, located at 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385 (unless otherwise specified)