

Meeting Notice for February 8, 2024



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We began today with some very sad and tragic news. On January 6<sup>th</sup>, DPP Hank Kraker and his wife Toni were involved in a horrible car accident riding in a cab in Atlantic City. On Tuesday, Toni Kraker passed away from her injuries. She was a fixture around our club and the neighborhood, attending many events and meetings, including the Beatles shows we hosted over the years. We send our heartfelt condolences to Hank and his family during this difficult time.

Despite a mild day, we had a surprisingly small turn out for today's meeting. Never the less, President Ingrid began the meeting with a smack of the gong. After requesting a moment of silence for Toni Kraker, she asked DPP Richie for an Invocation, and he delivered an appropriate message about mourning and surviving. We recited the Pledge and sang our Patriotic Song. Pres Ingrid introduced the Past Leadership perfectly, even remembering her Secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri had his aide Maria with him once again; DPP Richie Huber paid for the President's lunch.

We had a very special program today. Everyone knows we meet at the Mecca of German cuisine, *Züm Stammtisch*. Their reputation for wonderful food and service is literally worldwide, Today, State Senator Joe Addabbo joined us today to announce that Züm Stammtisch has been added to the *New York State Historic Business Preservation Registry*. The registry is administered by the Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP), and is for businesses that have been in operation for at least 50 years and have contributed to their communities' history. Local businesses are the backbone of villages, towns and cities across the state and have helped to shape the history, heritage, and identity of the communities they serve. At a time when many businesses face new and unique challenges, the registry recognizes and honors historic businesses, while providing educational and promotional assistance to ensure their continued viability and success.

Zum Stammtisch was founded in November 1972 by John Lehner and two partners. John Lehner immigrated to the US from Freising, Bavaria Germany. It was always John's dream to open his own bar/restaurant like his father. After serving two years in the U.S. Army, he married his wife Erna. They had two children: Werner and Hans. After a lot of hard work, it was clear that the Stammtisch was working out to be a popular restaurant and a great meeting place for locals. The two partners were bought out within the first ten years, and John ran the day to day operations. The restaurant was expanded in 1988 when the building next door became available. John Lehner trained his sons early in the art of running a restaurant. They both worked their way up, learning every job to fully understand how it works. When their father passed away in 1993, Werner and Hans took over and have been running the business ever since, maintaining the standards set by their father while introducing their own ideas to keep things authentic.

After years of success, Hans and Werner expanded once again, opening up a German Pork Store next to the restaurant. The store offers authentic meats and delicacies, and an extensive selection of German imports.

Another side of the business is the service that they provide to the community. They have partnered with our club on many neighborhood projects, such as the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. They provide catering for our fundraisers, and allow us to have a meeting place for so many Kiwanians to join us each week. It is a wonderful partnership, and we congratulate Werner and Hans on this remarkable recognition.



Werner and Hans Lehner with Sen. Joe Addabbo and President Ingrid Huber

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 continue to be favorable, and we pray for a successful recovery. The fundraisers being planned to help with the staggering medical costs are coming together. Ridgewood 3-2-1 Kiwanis has put a grid together which raised \$10,000. The clubs of the Queens West Division are working hard on the *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 *need* a large turnout from our club to support our favorite Governor. See the attached flyer for sponsorship opportunities.

## Club News:

At Wednesday night's *KPTC Board Meeting*, DPLG Kerrie Hansen was announced as the Recording Secretary for the Board. Congratulations!

Frances Cottone announced that her husband Dominic is going to have knee surgery Friday. We wish him well.

Also, Kathleen O'Hara is back from the hospital after another round of treatments for kidney-related issues

The **Super Bowl Pool** is sold out, thanks to the hard work by Fred Velepec. Good luck everyone.

The next *Karaoke Night* 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.



**Sheriff:** Dorie Figliola for Vin Arcuri

Lunch Monitor:Marie GulottaInvocation:DPP Richie Huber7-11 Pot Passer:Karen Kramer

**7-11 Winners:** Thomas (Karen Kramer) and Claudia (DPP Richie)

**W-L Finder:** DPLG Kerrie Hansen

Losers: Irene Kofler, Dorie Figliola, Trudy Eppich and Pres Ingrid Huber

Winner: Fran Cottone
Pig Stroller: Fran Cottone

**Happy \$:** 160 **Pig:** 33

**Next Meeting:** Birthday and Business **Sheriff:** Councilwoman Joann Ariola

## Calendar of Events:

February 15Valentines Day@ Zum Stammtisch12:30pmFebruary 20QW Division Meeting@ Buccaneer Diner7:00pm

February 22 TBD TBI

**February 22-25** Mid-Winter Conference @ Desmond Hotel, Albany

February 27Board of Directors Meeting@Yerman's Pub7:00pmFebruary 29Greater Ridgewood Restoration@ Zum Stammtisch12:30pmMarch 16Aiello Fundraiser@ St Helen's School7:00pm



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