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# Distinguished

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale has been named a *Distinguished Club* for the 2022-2023 Service Year. Due to the leadership of our President, Bruce Kramer, his First Lady Karen, the Board of Directors and all the members of this great club, our Seventieth year was a huge success. Our club was one of six clubs in the Queens West Division under the guidance of Lt. Governor Victor Rodriguez to receive this honor, joining Lefferts-Liberty, Ozone Park-Woodhaven, Queens Boulevard, Ridgewood 3-2-1 and Sunnyside.





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**Meeting Notice for February 29, 2024**



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We had another good showing for today's meeting at Züm Stammtisch. President Ingrid rang the bell promptly at 12:30 and began the meeting. She asked DPP Richie Huber for an Invocation, and he delivered an appropriate message about safety for all our first responders and active military. We recited the Pledge and sang our Patriotic Song. Pres Ingrid introduced the Past Leadership perfectly once again.

**Today's Guests:** Vin Arcuri had his aide Maria along; Rudy Jonke brought his wife Marilyn. Maspeth Kiwanis Club joined us for an Interclub: Glen Rudzewick, Ken Rudzewick, Tom Rudzewick, Barbara Rudzewick, and DPLG Mike Terry and his wife Lisa were with us.

Today's special guest speaker was the new **Commanding Officer of the 104<sup>th</sup> Precinct**, Captain Karan Chowdhury. He was joined by Detective Michael Berish of the 104 Community Affairs Council. After a rousing 'How Do You Do?', Captain Chowdhury introduced himself and gave us a quick bio. He is no stranger to this precinct, having been previously assigned here until 2012. He is happy to be back, and looks forward to working with all the community groups that he says "provide the glue that keeps our community strong". He turned the program over to Det. Berish, who gave us a rundown of recent crime statistics, and some common sense precautions everyone should take. He reported that:



- Tire and rim thefts are rising again, so securing your vehicles and investing in lug locks is a smart idea.
- Check washing is still a major problem. He suggested investing in special indelible ink pens, and doing your mailing at the post office if possible.
- Text and email scams are not going away anytime soon, so we need to stay vigilant, and avoid any attempts by scammers to request payments with gift cards or giving your bank account information.
- Package thefts are still a problem. Investing in a Ring camera or security system is a deterrent that works. Report any thefts to the precinct.

He also reported that the precinct staffing is approximately 25 officers short, due to supplying officers to Impact patrols on Roosevelt Avenue, as many other precincts are doing. Finally, the antiquated Mobile Command Vehicle is a hot topic that is an expensive problem to solve. It would cost roughly three quarters of a million dollars to properly upgrade it with state of the art technology.

It is always great to have the 104<sup>th</sup> Precinct join us, and we wish them well.

The **Fundraiser to Support the Aiello Family** continues to come together. DPP Richie Huber hosted a Bourbon Sampling event, and collected \$2000 in donations. The clubs of the Queens West Division continue to work 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, including two big screen TVs and an I-Pad, prize grids and a 50-50 offered. The cost will be \$85 a person, and the entire

proceeds will benefit the Aiello family. Tee shirts were also printed up and are on sale for \$20. The tickets for the 50-50 raffle were brought up to the NY District Mid-Year Conference in Albany, and making the raffle statewide should insure a large payout. The medical bills continue to grow for Carole Aiello's care, and we need this to be a big success.

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**Club News:**

Jon Kablack gave us a report on his Basketball team and their recent trip to SUNY Morrisville, Jon's alma mater near Syracuse. They traveled there to play exhibition games against the college and traveling teams from Australia. He reported that his team performed well and won their games. He also proudly reported that he has been nominated to be added to his school's Wall of Fame, an amazing recognition for an amazing man. He thanked everyone for the financial support provided to get his team up to Morrisville.

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**Sheriff:** Toni Binanti took her first turn on the bag.  
**Lunch Monitor:** Rosemarie Fitzsimons  
**Invocation:** DPP Richie Huber  
**7-11 Pot Passer:** DPP Teresa Donahue  
**7-11 Winners:** Dorie Figliola, Rosemarie Fitzsimons and George Schwille  
**W-L Finder:** DPP Steve Hansen  
**Losers:** DPP Richie Huber, Phyllis Criscuoli, Toni Binanti and Rosemarie Fitzsimons  
**Winner:** SDPLG Bob Kueber  
**Pig Stroller:** Richie Adams  
**Happy \$:** 221 **Pig:** 90  
**Next Meeting:** Greater Ridgewood Restoration **Sheriff:** Melissa Bonet

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**Calendar of Events:**

<b>February 22-25</b>	Mid-Winter Conference	@ Desmond Hotel, Albany	
<b>February 27</b>	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
<b>March 7</b>	Birthday & Business/Queens Public Library	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
<b>March 9</b>	Karaoke Night	@ the Avenue Bar	8:00pm
<b>March 14</b>	<b>Irish Day</b>	@ Yerman's Pub	12:30pm
<b>March 16</b>	Aiello Family Fundraiser	@ St Helen's School	7:00pm
<b>March 18</b>	QW Division Meeting	@American Legion Post #1424	7:00pm
<b>March 21</b>	Councilman Robert Holden	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
<b>March 26</b>	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
<b>April 12</b>	Wine Pairing Fundraiser	@ Gino'sTrattoria, NHP	



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