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Meeting Notice for March 7, 2024



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We had a rather happy bunch for today's meeting at Züm Stammtisch. President Ingrid rang the bell promptly at 12:30 and began the meeting. She asked Karen Kramer for an Invocation, and she delivered an appropriate message about asking for help to stay on course in our lives. We recited the Pledge and sang our Patriotic Song. Pres Ingrid introduced the Past Leadership, and unlike previous meetings, she made a boo-boo. She needed to be reminded that her hubby Richie, a Distinguished Past President of this club, was in attendance.

DIPP Bruce Kramer took a bow for being named a **Distinguished President**, and thanked the club for all the support he received during his year. He also had Happy \$\$ for the **Scrapbook Honorable Mention**, and thanked Kathleen O'Hara for putting it together by paying for Kat's lunch. DPLG Kerrie Hansen followed with a Mid-Year Conference report.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri had his aide Maria and his daughter Jackie Capobianco along; Pat Maher was a lunch guest of DPP Big Bill; PG Joe Ruggiero and District Membership Chair Mark Pohl came to our meeting.

Today was Leap Day. Pres Ingrid started the program with a **Did You Know..**

- Leap years happen due to a mismatch between the calendar year and the Earth's orbit. Each trip around the Sun takes 365 days and approximately 6 hours, so every four years we accumulate an extra day.
- Adding the extra day keeps calendars and seasons in sync. Failure to do so might cause us to celebrate the 4th of July in a snowstorm.
- Pope Gregory XIII implemented the Leap Year system, hence the Gregorian calendar.
- Approximately 5 million people in the world were born on February 29. Leap year babies are called *leapers* or *leaplings*.
- In Ireland, women are encouraged to propose to men on Leap Day. **Sadie Hawkins Day** is an American folk event and pseudo-holiday originated by Al Capp's hillbilly comic strip **Li'l Abner** (1934–1977).

Our guest speaker today was Angela Mirabile, Executive Director of the **Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corps**. GRRC is a non-profit organization founded in 1975, dedicated to preserving and upgrading the housing stock of Ridgewood and its neighboring communities (Glendale, Middle Village and Maspeth) in Queens Community Board 5. Their programs are aimed at providing overall community development improvements to raise the quality of life, maintain stability, assist tenants to remain in their homes, and preserve valuable housing stock through improved management and building code enforcement, and removing graffiti. Angela has served the GRRC for 42 years.

Her main focus today was the **graffiti removal** program they implement. Their anti-graffiti building cleaning program began in 1992. Since then, they have cleaned nearly 7600 sites, 688 in 2023 alone. The program is in operation from January through December, on properties where the owners have given written permission. They remove graffiti from buildings with a high-pressure hot water washer and caustic chemicals, or by painting over non-washable surfaces, such as wood or roll down gates. They work with vandals and others assigned community service to undo the damage they cause. If you are 'tagged', call them ASAP, so the paint doesn't set.

While the program is free of charge, recipients are encouraged to make voluntary donations. Grants and donations by Councilman Robert Holden's office and NY State cover some of the cost of insurance, maintenance, fuel, supplies, and paint. To that end, we made a \$1000 donation so they can continue their quality of life programs.



DPP Vinnie Alberici reported that he worked with the GRRC for 36 years. He said that learning about 'tag interpretation', specifically the advertisement of drug selling in his own neighborhood, got him started in graffiti removal. He advised everyone to keep a can of **GUMOUT®** carburetor spray cleaner and rubber gloves on hand. It removes spray paint and magic marker if treated quickly.

The **Fundraiser to Support the Aiello Family** continues to come together. The clubs of the Queens West Division continue to work hard on the **Dinner Dance** on Saturday, March 16th 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 statewide 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 medical bills continue to grow for Carole Aiello's care, and we need this to be a big success.

Club News:



George Schwille reported that Glendale Maspeth United Methodist Church is hosting another wonderful **Pancake Breakfast** on March 9th, from 7:30 am to noon. Former First Lady Lorraine Gering hopes you can all make it.

We will be hosting our next **Karaoke for a Cause** on Saturday, March 9th, at the Avenue Bar Restaurant. Join us for a fun evening of song, and help us raise funds to support Pres Ingrid's Major Emphasis, scholarships for trade school students. The party starts at 8:00pm.



Karen Kramer reported that the February **First Saturday Food Drive** was another success. Besides collection 20 cases of groceries at the Stop & Shop Supermarket, we received a delivery from a private donor: 19 cases of apples, 3 cases of lettuce, 12 cases of yellow squash and 7 crates of 8 oz. containers of milk. All the food was delivered to the Fenix Food Pantry in Ridgewood. Next month, we will be back at Stop & Shop on Saturday, March 2nd, from 10am-2pm. All are welcome to help.

On Monday, April 15th, the **Election** of the next Queens West Lt Governor will be conducted at the Division Meeting, which will be held at Donovan's Pub in Woodside. We have three delegates attending.

We received three generous donations to our **Huber-Ritter Trade School Scholarship Fund**: \$1000 from DPP Len Licata, \$100 from DPP Teresa Donahue and \$50 from Marie Artale. President Ingrid Huber was grateful for the support of her Major Emphasis.

DPP Richie Huber had Happy \$\$ for his 2Q and 3Q wins in the Super Bowl® Pool

Sheriff: DPP Richie Huber for Melissa Bonet. Marie Gulotta donated the Attendance Prize on her behalf.
Lunch Monitor: Rosemarie Fitzsimons
Invocation: Karen Kramer
7-11 Pot Passer: DIPP Bruce Kramer
7-11 Winners: Claudia (DPP Richie), Anna Mastrolembo and SDPLG Bob Kueber
W-L Finder: DPP Richie Huber
Losers: DPP Big Bill Maher, Mark Pohl, Leona Hansen and Karen Kramer
Winner: Kathleen O’Hara
Pig Stroller: Marie Gulotta
Happy \$: 162
Pig: 26
Next Meeting: Birthday & Business/Queens Public Library **Sheriff:** James Bonner

Calendar of Events:

March 2	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop Supermarket	10am-2pm
March 9	Karaoke for a Cause	@ the Avenue Bar	8:00pm
March 14	 Irish Day	@ Yerman’s Pub	12:30pm
March 16	Aiello Family Fundraiser	@ St Helen’s School	7:00pm
March 18	QW Division Meeting	@American Legion Post #1424	7:00pm
March 21	Councilman Robert Holden	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
March 26	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman’s Pub	7:00pm
April 12	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)

Looks like they found a better way to secure the border.

