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Meeting Notice for March 14, 2024



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Editor's Note: Due to work commitments, I was unable to attend today's meeting. This edition was made possible by notes taken by DPLG Kerrie Hansen. Enjoy. -BK



President Ingrid rang the gong promptly at 12:30 PM. The meeting started with a beautiful invocation by Karen Kramer. We proceeded with the Pledge and a patriotic song. President Ingrid was on point announcing the dignitaries in the room.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri introduced his aide Maria; Pat Maher was a lunch guest of DPP Big Bill; DPLG Kerrie Hansen introduced Susan Latham from the Public Library Foundation.

Today was our monthly **Birthdays and Business** meeting. Although none of our Birthday members were at the meeting today, we were still entertained to hear who they share their Birthdays with:

JR (Fred Velepec)	March 7 th	Michael Eisner	Former CEO of The Walt Disney Co.
DPP Teresa Donahue	March 13 th	Miley Cyrus	American singer/songwriter.
Joe Vessio & Kevin Spann	March 16 th	Erik Estrada	American actor/reserve police officer in Indiana & Idaho, as well as a private investigator for Internet Crimes Against Children
Gjorgi Kukuviokov & James O'Reilly	March 29 th	John Tyler	10 th President of the United States
Melissa Bonet	March 31 st	Christopher Walken	American actor

Did you know that today is International Women's Day? So, to all the women out there, Happy International Women's Day:

- **Did you know** that International Women's Day actually began over 100 years ago. It began with the aim to achieve equality for all people across the world, especially women.
- **Did you know** that International Women's Day is celebrated worldwide every year on March 8th to renew women's commitment to achieve gender equality and to celebrate and honor the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.
- **Did you know** that globally, women hold only 2 of every 10 science, engineering, information and communication technology jobs.
- **Did you know** that the United Nations 2024 theme for International Women's Day is "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress" with a focus on addressing economic disempowerment, while the campaign theme for this year is "Inspire Inclusion."
- **Did you know** that the colors for International Women's Day are purple (equality) and green (hope).

Fran had Happy \$\$ for International Women's Day, for being able to come to the meeting today, and for her grandson's 20th birthday. DPP Bill Maher jumped up with Happy \$\$, as he just realized that this weekend is his and Pat's 63rd wedding anniversary. DPP Steve congratulated our new DIPP Bruce Kramer and the Club for being Distinguished. Steve had Informative \$\$ to share with the club: **Did you know** that President Ingrid is very chatty, and he had found out first hand on their three hour trip up to the conference in Albany.

Susan Latham came to visit with us once again from the **Queens Public Library Foundation**. She thanked us for always supporting their Foundation and that she enjoys visiting our Club.



- Susan shared a **Did you Know**: The Queen Public Library is celebrating its 128th Birthday on March 19th. The Library colors are purple and white.
- Our very own Vin Arcuri is the longest serving member of the Foundation (since 1992). The Queens Public Library Foundation was founded in 1989.
- Last year the NY Met's partnered with the library to create a Met's library card. Each member was given a card that can be activated at your local library.
- Susan shared programs that are available. The Computer Labs that have been installed through the various libraries and programs have been put in place to teach individuals to use them. They spent \$350K on their extended WiFi. The libraries customers are able to print.
- National Grid provided grants to the libraries to refurbish their garden spaces.
- The libraries no longer have hours on Sunday, because of budget cuts.
- Libraries are committed to providing children with a safe space. The libraries are comfortable spaces, providing programs that focus on STEM, enrichment, homework assistance, etc.
- There are mini grants provided to 66 local libraries in the amount of \$2,500 each, for programs (i.e. sewing), activities, chess clubs, teen programs, holiday events, books, zumba, etc.
- This year the Library once again will donate the Queens Public Library Baby Card Package for our annual Baby Shower (May 16th).
- **Joke of the Day**: What is the largest Library in Queens? I don't know, but it has a lot of stories.

Some **Did You Knows**, and some interesting facts about libraries:

- **Did you know** that Benjamin Franklin started up his own lending library in 1731 in Philadelphia and called it the Library Company, but it required a subscription fee of 40 shillings.
- **Did you know** that Andrew Carnegie, a very wealthy industrialist, donated \$55 million dollars or \$1.6 billion in today's dollars between 1886 and 1919 to open 2,509 libraries worldwide, including 1,679 in the United States.
- **Did you know** that many libraries were built with apartments on the top floor so that the library's custodians could live there and could keep shoveling coal into furnaces at all hours of the day and night.
- **Did you know** that librarians had to adopt a particular type of handwriting called "librarian hand". Melvin Dewey, who invented the Dewey Decimal System, believed that legible handwriting was a must for card catalogs, which was the way a user could find a book in the library. The typewriter eventually replaced the handwriting.
- **Did you know** that the two lion statues erected in 1911 located outside the New York Public Library are named "Patience" and "Fortitude." Originally, they were named "Leo Astor" and "Leo Lenox" after the library's co-founders, John Astor and James Lenox. They were later "anointed: as "Lady Astor" and "Lord Lenox" before getting their current names of "Patience" and "Fortitude" in the 1930's.

Rosemarie Fitzsimons had Happy \$\$ for the program and noted that she had enjoyed reading the encyclopedia and the annuals in her local library when she was a teenager. Pres Ingrid remembers the Summer reading programs in the library growing up. The Library still runs the Summer reading program with Summer meals.

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 many 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:

When Fran Cottone entered the room, everyone applauded when they saw her again. Fran hasn't been able to come to our meetings, because she has been helping her husband Dominick recover. Also, the crowd was happy to see Trudy Eppich return as well. She had Happy dollars to see her Kiwanis family again.

DIPP Bruce Kramer was happy to announce that they collected 21 boxes of food at the **First Saturday Food Drive** last weekend. This month's food donations went to Sacred Heart's Food Pantry.

George Schuille had Happy \$\$ for his granddaughters birthday, and shared that the Glendale Maspeth United Methodist Church Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday, March 9, at 7:30am.

DPLG Kerrie had Happy \$\$ for Susan's great program, and to welcome back Fran and Trudy, and Happy Birthday to all the birthday peeps that could not make today's meeting.

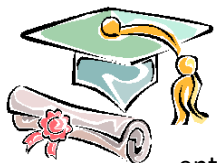


Flyers were handed out for the **Wine Tasting Dinner** scheduled for Apr. 12th. Proceeds will support the Trade & Technical School Scholarships.

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.



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.



This year's annual **Scholarship Award Program** has been announced. Each year, we award scholarships to student residents of Glendale and Ridgewood (11385) who demonstrate academic excellence, good citizenship, and a sustained record of community service. Students must either be entering the 9th grade (High School), or be an enrolled freshman in a recognized college or university, for the September, 2024 school year. In addition, this year we are offering a new category: Trade & Technical Schools. Those students who are planning to attend a trade or technical school / educational program may apply for this scholarship. Applications are available, and must be completed and submitted by Tuesday, April 30th 2024. *No applications will be accepted after this date.* Contact DPLG Debbie Kueber for details and applications.

Sheriff: Fran Cottone for James Bonner, who donated the attendance prize.
Lunch Monitor: Rosemarie Fitzsimons
Invocation: Karen Kramer
7-11 Pot Passer: DIPP Bruce Kramer
7-11 Winners: DPLG Kerrie Hansen and Rory (DIPP Bruce)
W-L Finder: DPP Steve Hansen
Losers: Rose Marie Fitzsimons, Maria Hermanos, Vin Arcuri, Marie Gulotta
Winner: Trudy Eppich
Pig Stroller: DPP Steve Hansen
Happy \$: 90
Pig: 22
Next Meeting: **Irish Day @ Yerman's Pub** **Sheriff:** Joe Bonventre

Calendar of Events:

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
March 28	STAR Northwell	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
April 4	Everyday Heroes	@ TBD	
April 12	Wine Pairing Fundraiser	@ Gino's Trattoria, NHP	
May 3	Ozone Pk-Woodhaven 70 th Gala	@ Roma View, Howard Beach	8:00pm



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