



# THE PLAGIARIST

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## Fáilte go dtí Ár gCeiliúradh ar na Gaeil

(Welcome to Our Celebration of the Irish)

Today, we were ‘Wearing the Green’, as we celebrated our annual *Irish Day* at Yerman’s Pub. Every year around St Patrick’s Day, we acknowledge the accomplishments and contributions of the men and women from the Emerald Isle. The gong rang promptly at 12:30 PM. Unfortunately, President Ingrid wasn’t the ringer. She showed up late (apparently, there was a lot of traffic on 88<sup>th</sup> Street). The meeting started with a beautiful Invocation about friendship by Karen Kramer. We proceeded with the Pledge and a patriotic song. When Pres Ingrid arrived, she introduced the dignitaries in the room. DPP Steve Hansen enjoyed reminding her that he was a DPP, and collected the fine.

**Today’s Guests:** Vin Arcuri introduced his aide Ola; Pat Maloney Maher was a lunch guest of DPP Big Bill; DPLG Kerrie Hansen introduced her friend Sophie Ritter; Richie Adams brought his wife Barbara to lunch; Rudy Jonke brought Rudy Jr along; Irene Kofler treated her friend Donna; Trudy Eppich had her daughter Trudie Jr with her.

Before lunch was served, Pres Ingrid took care of some unfinished business. She called our DIPP Bruce Kramer up and presented him with two souvenirs from his distinguished year as our leader: The scrapbook created by Kathleen O’Hara and submitted at the Mid-Year Conference, and a book printed by DPP Lou DiRico and Arland Printing containing the 47 *Plagiarists* newsletters documenting the fantastic year we had. DIPP Bruce had Grateful \$\$ for the club and all the support he received last year.



When lunch was brought out, we feasted on several Irish staples: Bangers and Mash, Shepherd’s Pie, Fish and Chips and of course, Corned Beef and Cabbage, which isn’t actually an Irish dish at all. Corned beef and cabbage’s popularity took shape during Irish immigration to the United States. Pork was the preferred meat in Ireland since it was cheap; if you’ve ever been to an Irish diner you’ve most likely seen Irish bacon on the menu. In Ireland, the high price of cattle meant the animals weren’t slaughtered for food unless they were old or injured; they were too important for milk and dairy production and farming. In contrast, beef was inexpensive in the United States. When the Irish immigrated to the U.S., they often faced discrimination and lived in slums alongside Jewish and Italian groups. It was at Jewish delis and lunch carts that the Irish experienced corned beef and noticed its similarity to Irish bacon. Cooking the corned beef with cabbage was another choice based on cost efficiency. Even better, the entire meal could be cooked in one pot, making it cheap, easy to prepare, and, let’s not forget, tasty.

DPP Big Bill Maher started the program, sort of. He mentioned that he had lost the list of things he wanted to say, so he just introduced DPP Teresa Donahue for the next section of the program. Teresa gave a brief history of the Irish

immigration into the United States, which currently stands at approximately 38 million, 7 times the actual population of Ireland. She presented a Top Ten of more recognizable names of folks of Irish descent:

Number 10	Walt Disney	Creator of Mickey Mouse and the worldwide Disney Empire
Number 9	Eileen Collins	1 <sup>st</sup> Female Pilot (Discovery) and 1st Commander (Columbia) of a Space Shuttle
Number 8	Gene Kelly	Dancer, actor, singer, director and choreographer
Number 7	Michael Flatley	Created and performed in Irish dance shows Riverdance and Lord of the Dance
Number 6	Kurt Cobain	Lead singer, guitarist, and songwriter of the rock band Nirvana
Number 5	Henry Ford	Industrialist, made automobiles affordable by creating the 'assembly line'
Number 4	JFK and Jackie	35 <sup>th</sup> President and First Lady, both of Irish descent, 1 <sup>st</sup> Catholic President
Number 3	Billy the Kid	Born Henry McCarty, outlaw and gunfighter of the Old West
Number 2	Bruce Springsteen	Rock singer, songwriter, and guitarist. Nicknamed "the Boss"
and		
Number 1	Barack Obama	44 <sup>th</sup> President, maternal ancestry small amount of Scotch-Irish

She turned the program over to DPP Steve Hansen, who began with one of his famous "On This Day" facts:

- In 2006, the Irish band U2 had the highest grossing concert tour, eclipsing the Rolling Stones.

He then began his annual 'Irish Trivia Contest'. He started with several questions from last year's contest, to see if anyone was paying attention:

- How many seconds for a perfect Guinness pour? (119.5 seconds)
- What is the oldest pub in Ireland? (Sean's Bar, founded around 900AD)
- What is the oldest Irish pub in the USA? (White Horse Tavern, RI, founded in 1673)
- What is the oldest Irish pub in NYC? (McSorley's Old Ale House, opened during Civil War)

Then he added these gems:

- What is the oldest lighthouse in Ireland? (Hook Lighthouse, County Wexford, built 1172)
- What is the longest highway? (Wild Atlantic Way, 1553 continuous miles)
- What is the longest Irish word? (*muckanagherdauhaulia*, which means pig marsh)
- What is the symbol of Ireland? (Not the shamrock, but the harp)
- Where was the 1<sup>st</sup> St Patrick's Parade held? (The Charitable Irish Society of Boston organized the first observance of Saint Patrick's Day in 1737)

Each correct answer was rewarded with a beautiful imported Irish souvenir purchased and donated by DPP Big Bill. We closed the program and the meeting in the usual manner, with a twist. After singing 'When Kiwanis Calls', SDPLG Bob Kueber toasted all the men and women from the Emerald Isle and their descendants for their contributions to our way of life, and counted off in Irish: *A haon, a dó, a trí, Sláinte!*

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The **Fundraiser to Support the Aiello Family** was a success by all accounts. Over 200 people attended the event at St Helen's School Auditorium in Howard Beach. *Risky Business* played three set of great dance music. Everyone dined on over twenty trays of various hot foods, donated by local restaurants, caterers and clubs, and cheerfully served by members of the Circle K clubs at Adelphi University and Pace College. DPG Joe Aiello made an appearance, and thanked everyone for their generosity and love. At last count, donations totaled over \$50,000, a large portion coming from Joe's home club, Glendale, and the Ridgewood 321 club. Now that's how **KIWANIS HELPS ONE OF THEIR OWN.**

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It was a rather wet evening for **Karaoke for a Cause** on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Avenue Bar Restaurant. Who am I kidding? It was **POURING** rain! It kept the crowd way down for a Saturday, but we still managed to have a fun evening of song, and help us raise funds to support Pres Ingrid's Major Emphasis, scholarships for trade school students. We had guests from the Rockaway Club and the Howard Beach Club join us, and we raffled off five baskets and a 50-50 to make the best of it. Thanks go to Karen Kramer for putting the fundraiser together.

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**Club News:**

As is usually the case, members always have **Happy \$\$** for special occasions:

- SDPLG Bob Kueber had a Happy 46 because on March 18, 1978, he married the former Debbie Galpin, the day after a St Patrick's Day blizzard. Most of the guests were already drunk or hungover.
- Richie Adams had \$\$ for his mom, who would have turned 94 today.
- DPP Teresa Donahue had a Happy 20 for her birthday last week. Age undisclosed.



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

On Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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<b>Sheriff:</b>	DIPP Bruce Kramer for Joe Bonventre, who donated the attendance prize.		
<b>Lunch Monitor:</b>	DPLG Debbie Kueber		
<b>Invocation:</b>	Karen Kramer		
<b>7-11 Pot Passer:</b>	Karen Kramer		
<b>7-11 Winners:</b>	Irene Kofler, DPP Big Bill Maher and Sophie Ritter		
<b>W-L Finder:</b>	DPLG Debbie Kueber		
<b>Losers:</b>	DPLG Kerrie Hansen, Rudy Jonke Sr, DPP Vinnie Alberici and Sophie Ritter		
<b>Winner:</b>	DPP Teresa Donahue		
<b>Pig Stroller:</b>	Richie Adams		
<b>Happy \$:</b>	268		
<b>Pig:</b>	30		
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Councilman Robert Holden	<b>Sheriff:</b>	Daniela Cazan

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**Calendar of Events:**

<b>March 26</b>	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
<b>March 28</b>	STAR Northwell	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
<b>April 4</b>	Everyday Heroes	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
<b>April 12</b>	Wine Pairing Fundraiser	@ Gino's Trattoria, New Hyde Park	7:00pm
<b>May 3</b>	Ozone Park-Woodhaven 70 <sup>th</sup> Gala	@ Roma View, Howard Beach	8:00pm

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