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The holidays are a time to rejoice about the many blessings we have. Religious observances and traditions with family and friends give real meaning to our lives. Unfortunately, life goes on without fail, and we are often reminded of the frailty of our existence, and the need to celebrate each day to the fullest. This week, we were reminded of this twice. First, we lost Alma Haller, the mother of DPP Fred Haller and the wife of DPP Fredrick 'Bud' Haller at the age of 95. Then, in the middle of our holiday celebrations, we lost Kathleen O'Hara, our President and friend, at the age of 43. Kathleen was an inspiration to us all, as she took on the responsibilities of the leader of a Kiwanis club in October while fighting a life-long struggle with kidney disease. She had received two transplants, which were successful for a time, and she was constantly receiving dialysis treatments. Yet, she fought bravely and threw herself into community service with all her might. Besides taking on the role as a servant leader in Kiwanis, she had founded the Kidney Coalition of NYC, which provided supplies and support to persons going through the same struggle she was. She was a tireless fundraiser in both organizations, and

inspired everyone around her to serve as well. She never seemed to miss an appointment, even though we knew she was ill. She was an amazing woman, and she will be missed.

We offer our sincere condolences to her husband Kenny, her mother Doreen and father Dennis, as well as the Haller family, for their losses.



Alma Haller



President Kathleen O'Hara

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We had a meeting scheduled for January 2 to start off 2025 with some ***New Year's Resolutions***. The loss of Pres Kathleen caused a change in plans. What followed was truly the most difficult, yet meaningful meeting we ever held.

Kiwanis International bylaws state that, should the President of a Club be unable to complete their term, vacancies will be filled as follows:

- President: by the President-elect (if any), or Immediate Past President, or the vice president (if any).

Fortunately, Immediate Past President Ingrid Huber has volunteered to step up and will assume the role for the month of January, until the Board of Directors can put a plan in place to finish Kathleen's year. We are in good hands.

IPP Ingrid started the meeting with a prayer for Kathleen from Karen Kramer and a minute of silent reflection. It was Ingrid's idea to pass slips of paper around, and ask the members to write their personal memories of Kathleen. Each member read what they had wrote, and raised \$\$ of sadness or gladness to have known Kathleen. Afterwards, we took a break for a wonderful lunch at Zum Stammtisch (as always), and wonderful conversation as well. We did take attendance, and we had a Sheriff's Prize donated by Joe Kruk, so we pulled a Winner, Pat Helgar. There were no Losers, because anyone that met Kathleen O'Hara could never be a loser.

Before we closed the meeting, we spoke briefly about how we will move forward with our service year. We have several positions on the Board that need to be filled. Several suggestions were proposed, and several members spoke about stepping up. We will consider the possibilities at our next Board meeting.

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We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:  
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