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The cold weather did not keep our members away from today's meeting at the Stammtisch. DPP Steven Hansen was our 'President for a Day', and he opened the meeting as soon as we could get everyone seated. Karen Kramer delivered a fine Invocation, and after the Pledge and our Patriotic Song, he walked the room and introduced our Past Leadership. He did a fine job, with one exception; he forgot *himself*. He cheerfully paid the dollar, as did Mike Porcelli for walking in late.

**Today's Guests:** Tina Kotnik was treated to lunch by hubby Frank; Vin Arcuri had his aide Maria along; Bill Dobranski introduced his wife Joann and brother John.

We had a full agenda for today's meeting, and we began with a word from Werner and Hans Lehner, owners of our favorite restaurant. Unfortunately, the news wasn't good. After 13 years of running the premier pork store in the neighborhood, they announced the closing of the doors in March. The cost of quality imports and the changing demographics in town have made continuing to be an unnecessary drain on their core business, which is the legendary Züm Stammtisch. Werner and Hans assured everyone "110%" that the restaurant isn't going anywhere, which is welcome news. It must have been a difficult decision for them, and we wish them well in the future.



DPP Steve took the opportunity to start the meeting with his famous 'On This Day' opening, this time with a musical theme. On this day..

1976 - The *Donnie and Marie Osmond Variety Show* debuted. Donny and Marie (18 and 16 years old, respectively, when the program premiered) were the youngest entertainers in TV history to host their own variety show.



1980 – Paul McCartney, Beatle, hitmaker, and knight-to-be, was arrested at Tokyo's Narita International Airport for smuggling nearly half a pound of marijuana.



1992 – Eric Clapton, recorded *Unplugged*, a live album in front of an audience for the MTV television series. It includes a version of "Tears in Heaven" and an acoustic version of "Layla".



The album itself won six Grammy awards and became the bestselling live album of all time, selling 26 million copies worldwide.

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Our club just keeps on growing. We installed our two newest members today. DPLG Kerrie Hansen introduced **Doreen O'Hara** and **Susan O'Connor**. They are the mother and aunt, respectively, of our deceased President Kathleen, and were sponsored by her before her unfortunate passing. They felt that our club was too good an opportunity to pass up, and want to share their desire to do community service in her honor. Kerrie presented them with their pins, certificates and aprons, which were passed around and signed by all the members on hand. It was a bittersweet moment for all, and we welcome them with open arms.



Next up was a presentation by SDPLG Bob Kueber to Bill Dobranski, club member and founder of **'Faith in the Future'**. Bill's foundation has been raising money for over 30 years to fund scholarships for Catholic education, both for 'at risk' children, and men who wish to attend Seminary. Bob and Bill met during Bob's year as our President (2009), and Faith in the Future was his Major Emphasis. Since then, we have been supporting Bill's cause, and we presented this year's donation. As an aside, Bill mentioned how at home he and Joann feel here with all the Greenpoint, Brooklyn connections in our club.

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Our guest speaker today was Kevin Smiley, Chief Legal Counsel for **Wyckoff Heights Medical Center**. Kevin is one of the most animated speakers you will ever meet, and he is *obviously* passionate about the hospital he serves. Wyckoff Heights Medical Center is a 350-bed teaching hospital located in the Wyckoff Heights section of Bushwick, Brooklyn. The hospital is an academic affiliate of the New York Presbyterian's Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University, the New York Medical College and New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine. The primary goal of the center is to train future physicians that are qualified medically and personally.

In 1887 the German Hospital Society of Brooklyn was organized by the Plattdeutscher Volksfest-Verein for the purpose of raising funds, purchasing land, and constructing a hospital to serve the large German immigrant community in Brooklyn. The hospital opened its doors in 1899 as the German Hospital of Brooklyn, but was renamed Wyckoff Heights Hospital after World War I because of anti-German sentiments and eventually renamed Wyckoff Heights Medical Center.

Kevin reported that Wyckoff fights a constant struggle to remain open and improve their reputation. He said that other hospital systems in the state receive up to 8 times the amount of reimbursement than they receive.

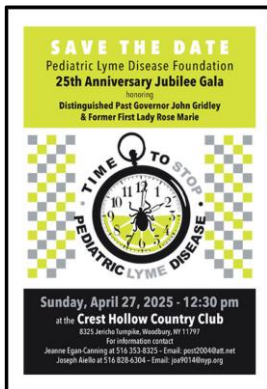
Yet, they work hard to raise the quality of healthcare, doctors, cleanliness and service they deliver. Last year, they handled 90,000 emergency room visits and almost 120,000 patients. The work is paying off. They received a \$16 million grant for a diabetes center, to treat and educate a major cause of illness in this country. They maintain an award-winning cardiac unit and a New York State designated stroke center to provide treatment and follow-up without having to 'farm out' the service.

Kevin had high praise for our own Vincent Arcuri, a long-time member of the Board of Directors at the hospital. He also praised our club for the weekly socialization our meetings provide, because it has been proven that being surrounded by people improves well-being as well as mental health. Imagine that! It was wonderful to have Kevin join us again.



### Club News:

Due to conflicting appointments by several **Board of Directors** members, the date of the next meeting has been changed to Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The location remains unchanged: Yerman's Pub, 70-26 88<sup>th</sup> St, Glendale. All members are welcome to attend, and see how our Board operates.



The **Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation**, one of NY District's major foundations, is celebrating 25 years of raising awareness and funding for medical treatment for children with this disease. They are hosting a gala on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm, at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury (site of our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presidents Dinner). Tickets are \$125 each. Please consider supporting this worthwhile fundraiser, and honor DPG John Gridley for his 25 years of service to this cause.

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| <b>Sheriff:</b>             | Fran Cottone for SDPLG Bob Kueber, who provided the Attendance Prize     |
| <b>Invocation:</b>          | Karen Kramer   |
| <b>Lunch Monitor:</b>       | Anna Mastrolembro  |
| <b>7-11 Pot Passer:</b>     | DPP Bruce Kramer   |
| <b>7-11 Winners:</b>        | Luke (DPLG Debbie), Leah (DPLG Debbie), Mike Porcelli, Anna Mastrolembro |
| <b>Winner &amp; Losers:</b> | DPLG Kerrie Hansen   |
| <b>Losers:</b>              | Leona Hansen, DPLG Kerrie Hansen, DPP Teresa Donahue, Karen Kramer       |
| <b>Winner:</b>              | Trudie Eppich  |
| <b>Pig Walker:</b>          | Richie Adams   |
| <b>Happy \$:</b>            | 426  |
| <b>Pig:</b>                 | 40   |
| <b>Next Meeting:</b>        | Ridgewood Savings Bank   |
| <b>Next Sheriff:</b>        | Gjorgi Kukuvikov   |

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## Calendar of Events

January 21	QW Division Meeting	@ Lenny's Clam Bar	7:00pm
January 23	Ridgewood Savings Bank	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
<b>January 29 (New Date)</b>	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
January 30	Key Club Meeting	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:  
Zum Stammtisch 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385

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