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It was a perfectly bright afternoon for a meeting. DPP Ken Voisin took a turn as our 'President for a Day'. He began the program in the usual manner. After the Pledge and our Patriotic Song, DPP Bruce Kramer delivered an inspirational Invocation about music in our lives. Ken then introduced the Past Leaders without a problem.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri introduced his aide Ola; DPP Big Bill Maher treated his wife Pat to lunch.

In keeping with this year's custom of our 'President for the Day' relating facts about their year in the seat, Ken informed everyone that he was President in 2014-2015, which was ten years ago. During his year, some of the memorable events were:

- The Glendale Kiwanis began sponsoring the **Christmas Tree** on the triangle by Züm Stammtisch, after the Chamber of Commerce decided to stop doing so. We have been lighting the tree ever since.
- He began the **First Saturday Food Drives** at Stop & Shop, and chaired it until DPPs Gary Milau and Bruce Kramer took over. Still going on.
- He became the advisor for the **Grover Cleveland Key Club**, replacing DPP Charles Gering, and has continued to do so to this day.



Besides running today's meeting, Pres Ken was also part of the program. Today, he presented another installment of **Music in the Community**. He noted that to have a musical event, three things are required: musicians (obviously), a venue to play at, and partners to provide the venue. Ken has been a musician since his mother took him for piano lessons when he was seven years of age. He credited local music legend Joe Fuoco as a mentor who refined Ken's ability, and provided contacts in the music community. Ken worked as many events as his schedule would allow. When he retired from the FDNY, it freed him up to pursue his passions for music and community service. He estimates that he was working 250+ events a year, whether at churches, schools, senior homes, hospitals, street fairs, ceremonies and of course, many, many Kiwanis events. SDPLG Bob Kueber noted that if you didn't see Ken playing at a pancake breakfast, Ronald McDonald House, QW Memorial Service, Black & White Ball, Community Day, the 9-11 Memorial, a Halloween Parade, Christmas Tree Lighting, or any other Kiwanis event, you noticed something was missing. We have a long tradition of music in Glendale, with DPP Bud Haller, then Rudy Bold playing at our meetings, plus Bob Temkin

on piano and Joe Vessio on saxophone, and all the singing we do each and every week ('How Do You Do?', 'When Kiwanis Calls', etc.). Now, we are fortunate that Ken is continuing that tradition. He had a Happy 100 for all the opportunities Kiwanis has provided him over the years to bring happiness and hope to life through music. Many of our members agree, and raised Happy \$\$ for our good fortune to have Ken with us.

The second part of our program was a revisit by Kevin Smiley, Chief Legal Counsel for **Wyckoff Heights Medical Center**. He spoke at our January 16th meeting, and at time he began a talk on *socialization*, and due to time, he was unable to finish. He came back, as he had promised, to finish his talk.

The benefits of socialization have been studied and debated for centuries, with many opposing opinions on the subject. What is generally agreed to is that people benefit from interaction with other people. Kevin stated that when groups work and learn together, the benefits are many. It can be said that our club is actually good for our health. Kevin said his hospital has adopted a philosophy where little gestures of kindness in everyday treatment of patients will not only help patients recover quickly, but help them take better care of themselves. Discharge follow-up is key to prevent readmissions. And, should they need additional care in the future, they would be more likely to return to the hospital because of the care they received. Wyckoff doesn't want to be a place of convenience, but a place of *choice*. It is quite an undertaking, but they believe they can make a difference despite financial challenges for their non-profit. It was a thought-provoking program, and Kevin never fails to deliver a great program.



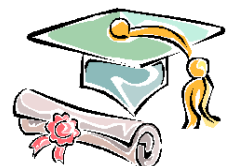
Club News:

At Tuesday's **Board of Directors Meeting**, Anna Mastrolemba announced her candidacy as the next President-Elect of our club. The Board accepted her nomination unanimously. Her name will be announced at our next three meetings, as well as our media outlets. Any other candidates may announce as well.

The annual **Spring Pancake Breakfast** at the *Sacred Heart School* auditorium is around the corner. The tickets are \$10/pp. Please see DPLG Kerrie Hansen, SDPLG Bob Kueber, DPP Richie Huber or Michelle Cook at Cook's Crafts to purchase tickets. We are requesting donations of supplies for the event. DPP Kerrie Hansen is handling the ads for the placemats. We need everyone to help support this important fundraiser.



On June 5th, we will be hosting our annual **Scholarship Awards Dinner** at the *Constance Del Vecchio-Maltese Art Center* at Christ the King HS in Middle Village. We will be awarding approx. \$14,000 in scholarships to deserving students in our community this year, including the newest award for Music and Art, awarded in memory of President Kathleen O'Hara. We



scheduled an evening meeting for members and guests so that we may show our support for the recipient and their families. There is a hot buffet being served, and there is ample parking available. Please make every effort to attend this inspirational dinner. The program begins at 6:00pm.

JR Velepec announced the next running of the **Kentucky Derby Pool**. The race is on May 3rd. If you would like a horse, contact JR.



The **Myrtle Avenue Street Festival**, sponsored by Glendale Kiwanis, was approved by CB5Q for July 20.

Sheriff:	Lucien Matej, who provided an Attendance Prize		
Invocation:	DPP Bruce Kramer	Lunch Monitor:	JR Velepec
7-11 Pot Passer:	DPP Bruce Kramer		
7-11 Winners:	Kathleen Lyons and Pat Lyons		
Winner & Losers:	DPLG Debbie Kueber		
Losers:	Fran Cottone, DPP Big Bill Maher, Lucien Matej, JR Velepec		
Winner:	Leona Hansen		
Pig Walker:	Patricia Helger		
Happy \$:	\$205	Pig:	\$26
Next Meeting:	Birthday and Business	Next Sheriff:	Alice Montano



Calendar of Events

April 10	Earth Day / Community Garden	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
April 17	Autism Awareness	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
April 24	Everyday Heroes	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
April 27	Pediatric Lyme Gala	@ Crest Hollow CC	12:30pm
May 4	Pancake Breakfast	@ Sacred Heart Church	8:00am
May 14	Baby Shower	@ Wyckoff Hospital	11:00am
May 20	QW Division 'Radio Bingo'	@ St Helen's, Howard Beach	7:00pm
June 5	Scholarship Dinner	@ Christ the King HS	6:00pm
July 20	Myrtle Avenue Street Festival	@ Fresh Pond Rd & Forest Av	11:00am-6:00pm



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

All Correspondence can be sent to:
67-13 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385

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Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$1000 to **Faith in the Future**. Now in our 29th year, Faith in the Future continues to grow, providing financial assistance to students who are seeking a Catholic High School education. We also assist many seminarians as they pursue their vocation to the priesthood. Now, more than ever, with the high cost of tuition, your donation helps us in our mission to defray these costs. None of this is possible without the support of people like you...Many thanks again

Most gratefully.

Bill Dobranski

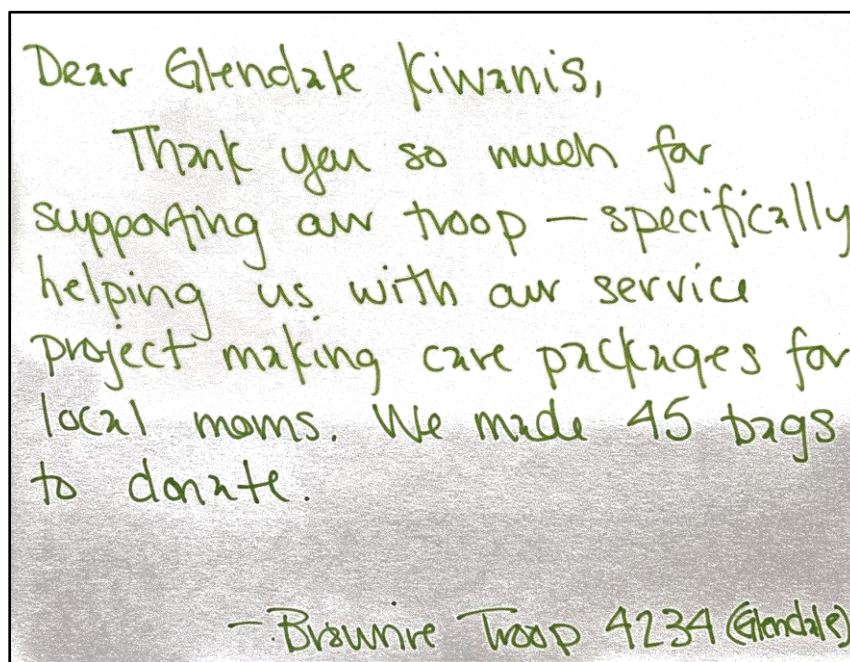
Dear Kiwanis Club of Glendale NY,

On behalf of the **Tunnel to Towers Foundation**, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution. Since the founding of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, in memory of Firefighter Stephen Siller, who sacrificed his life on September 11, 2001, the Siller family has been inspired by good people like you. Since 9/11, we have been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children, and building specially adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. We are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness.

On behalf of America's heroes, thank you so much for your support.

Warmest regards,

The Siller Family and Tunnel to Towers

A photograph of a handwritten note on lined paper. The text is written in green ink. The note is enclosed in a black rectangular border.

Dear Glendale Kiwanis,
Thank you so much for supporting our troop - specifically helping us with our service project making care packages for local moms. We made 45 bags to donate.

- Brownie Troop 4234 (Glendale)