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We were saddened to hear of the passing of Robert 'Bob' Scheer, the son of Charles and Anne Scheer, on Wednesday, April 2nd at the age of 72. He and his family have long been supporters of our club, having endowed a significant scholarship fund for many years in Charles and Anne's name.

Visitation will be on Saturday, April 5th and Sunday, April 6th, from 3:00-8:00pm at: Hillebrand Funeral Homes

63-17 Woodhaven Blvd., Rego Park, NY 11374.

Our condolences go out to the Scheer family for their loss.



Another Thursday, another meeting. SDPLG Bob Kueber took his second turn as our 'President for a Day'. He began the program in the usual manner by asking Karen Kramer to deliver an Invocation. After the Pledge, Bob asked us to change it up a bit with his favorite Patriotic Song, *America the Beautiful*. DPP Teresa Donahue started the song off, and it was sung beautifully. Next, he introduced the Past Leaders flawlessly.

Today's Guests: Guest Speaker Gary Giordano and our April Birthday celebrants.

Our first order of business today was our monthly **Birthday and Business** salute to our members celebrating a birthday this month. We have nine celebrants in April: DPP Dave Fitzgerald (3rd), Martin Kappauf (9th), DPP Fred Haller (10th), Bob Temkin (14th), Vinnie Clarke (16th), Doreen O'Hara (21st), Lucien Matej (23rd), PP Paul Miceli (23rd), and Corporate Member James Park of Broadway Stages (25th). PFAD Bob read the names of some famous people born on their birthdays in his unique style. Lucien, Fred, Doreen and Paul were on hand, and Lucien put up a Happy 100 to pay for their "free lunches". For dessert, their strudel was candlelit. Happy Birthday everyone.

Our guest speaker today was Gary Giordano, District Manager of **Community Board 5** and long-time Honorary member of our club. He was a last-minute replacement for our scheduled speaker, and as always, he gave us a great update on what's going on in our community. He distributed a list of 30 capital projects which have been approved or are under consideration. The discussion focused on flood mitigation, and the redesign and reconstruction of the sewer systems in the areas having the worst flooding problems. Gary didn't sugar

coat it; the work will be extensive and very disruptive. You cannot install a new 96" sewer conduit without major problems and inconveniences. We did appreciate the heads up on what's coming.

He also gave us a brief history of his career at the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council and Community Board 5. Many of our members have served or continue to serve on the 50-member board that serves our neighborhood, including Vin Arcuri, "Uncle" Vito Maranzano, and DPP Fred Haller. He stated that the board will be needing several new members in the next 2-4 years, and encouraged us to consider getting involved. It was good to have Gary join us again.



SDPLG Bob prepared a special "Show and Tell" for the Business portion of the meeting. Last week, we received some patches for our sponsorship of two new Builders Clubs. We found a willing volunteer to attach them to our current banner, Trudy Eppich. While looking at the banner, several of our newer members began asking questions about the items hanging from it. It occurred to Bob that it might make an interesting program, talking about the history of the banners we have hung at our meetings for over 72 years. Bob had seven of the old banners in his basement, and brought them along to display. While opening the case they were in, Werner Lehner noticed them and said he had ten others in the basement of the Stammtisch. He retrieved them, and we displayed some of them, while explaining the patches, ribbons, mini banners and neck ties hanging from them. These banners are actually an archive of our club and all our accomplishments. Many of the banners are in rather poor condition, considering their age, but Trudy has pledged her sewing kit will restore them as best she can. It will be a big undertaking and we appreciate her generosity.



Club News:

Anna Mastrolembo announced her candidacy as the next President-Elect of our club. The Board of Directors accepted her nomination unanimously. Her name was announced for the second time at our meeting, 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 called last call for the next running of the **Kentucky Derby Pool**. The race is on May 3rd. If you would like a \$20 horse, contact JR.



Our annual **Baby Shower** at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center will be held on Wednesday, May 14th from 11:00am until 1:00pm. As we do every year, we will be donating baby clothing and supplies to approx.. 25 expecting mothers being treated at the hospital. We will provide a luncheon for the mothers and hospital staff, and everyone is welcome. We are charging \$10 per member for lunch, and carpooling is recommended because of crowded streets around the hospital. Karen Kramer and Marisa Beckmann are collecting donations of supplies, and taking headcount. Let's make this year the best yet.



Sheriff:	Karen Kramer for Alice Montano, who provided an Attendance Prize		
Invocation:	Karen Kramer		
Lunch Monitor:	JR Velepec		
7-11 Pot Passer:	DPP Bruce Kramer		
7-11 Winners:	DPP Ingrid Huber, Kathleen Lyons, Trudy Eppich		
Winner & Losers:	JR Velepec		
Losers:	DPP Ingrid Huber, DPP Bruce Kramer, DPLG Debbie Kueber, Lucien Matej		
Winner:	DPP Teresa Donahue		
Pig Walker:	PP Paul Miceli		
Happy \$:	323	Pig:	62
Next Meeting:	Earth Day / Community Garden	Next Sheriff:	Alice Montano

Calendar of Events

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-1:00pm
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:
Zum Stammtisch, 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385

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67-13 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385

Dear Friends,

*Libraries are incredibly special places. Among these bookshelves, we read and learn, explore new curiosities, and cultivate our hobbies and interests. Perhaps more crucially, our libraries allow us to find community. That is why I want to thank you all for being an important part of the **Queens Public Library Foundation** family. Your continued support has helped us navigate through difficult times and remain a bedrock of our community.*

You have my gratitude, as always, for your commitment and kindness.

Susan Latham,

Executive Director, Queens Public Library Foundation.