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We had a wonderful look into the future at today’s meeting. For the first time this year, our meeting wasn’t run by a Past President. Our ‘President for a Day’ was **Anna Mastrolembo**, who is a Board of Directors member, and a nominee for President-Elect (more on that later).

She began the program in the usual manner, with Karen Kramer delivering a beautiful Invocation for Mother Earth. Then, after the Pledge and our Patriotic song, she introduced the Past Leaders in the room. Because she is new to the job, the fines were waived for incorrect introductions (she will soon learn what the word *distinguished* means).

Today’s Guests: Vin Arcuri treated Maria for lunch; DPLG Kerrie Hansen treated her mom Pat; Marilyn Jonke was the guest of Lucien Matej (Rudy said “*Thanks*”); Guest Speakers Mary Chin and Dorie Figliola were guests of the club.

Anna began her first program with a new twist. Past Presidents have always brought an opening with them to warm up the crowd, so to speak (IPP Ingrid’s “Did You Know?”, DPP Steve Hansen’s “On This day..” were some of the more recent topics). Anna was inspired to continue the tradition with the **National Day Calendar**. The calendar began in 2013 by Marlo Anderson to compile and share information about various national days, weeks, and months. Initially a hobby, the website quickly gained popularity, attracting millions of visitors and social media followers. It now features a curated list of celebrations, along with their stories and origins. Anna presented the celebrations for April 10:



National Sibling Day, National Farm Animals Day, National Cinnamon Croissant Day, National Hug Your Dog Day, National Erase Self-Negativity Day, and National Encourage a Young Writer Day. It is hoped that these light-hearted items can inspire us to think of ways to make life meaningful.

On April 22nd, the world celebrates **Earth Day**. It’s a day to celebrate the environmental protection movement and raise awareness to protect the planet’s natural resources for future generations. The first Earth Day was created in April 1970. Because there was no EPA, no Clean Air Act, no Clean Water Act, no legal or regulatory mechanisms to protect our environment, Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day as a way to force these issues onto the national agenda. It has since become an international observance.

Our guest speakers today, Club Member Dorie Figliola and Mary Chin are curators of the **Glendale Community Garden** on 88th Street, a green space originally opened in 2010. From its humble beginnings, the program has grown to become both a beautiful, productive nature area and an educational opportunity for children and adults alike. Today, Mary and Dorie focused on the planting and growing of vegetables and flowers, and the composting program they are operating. At this time, they grow asparagus, mint, corn, okra, spaghetti squash, rutabaga and carrots, and donate the crops to the food pantry at Sacred Heart Church. They also grow zinnia, mums, lilies and irises to decorate the garden and neighbors' homes.

They have been composting for many years, and turn leaves and household food into rich, fertile soil, where they grow their crops in wood-lined beds. They host classes for local students and youth programs like the Girl Scouts, and teach the benefits of recycling waste into productive products, and planting techniques. Planting vegetables is usually safe around Mother's Day (mid-May). They will be hosting a "Seed and Seedling Swap" on May 17. If you have questions about gardening at home, these are the people to ask.

Our club has been sponsoring the Community Garden since the beginning, and we are thrilled to see what they are accomplishing.



Mary, Anna, Dorie and a Spaghetti Squash Seedling

Anna Mastrolemba has 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 third time at our meeting. Because no other members were nominated, Secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen cast a single vote to elect Anna as the President Elect for the 2025-2026 year. Congratulations!

Club News:

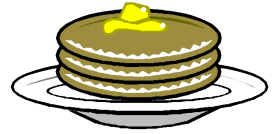
DPP Bruce Kramer was proud to announce that the last **First Saturday Food Drive** was another success. Fourteen cases of groceries and \$116 in monetary donations were collected. Bruce wants to thank Karen Kramer, JR Velepec, Dorie Figliola and George Schuille for helping out.

On the topic of food pantry donations, we made our annual donation of **Holiday Hams and Roasters** on April 3rd. With generous support from DiMarco's Butcher Shoppe, we purchased and distributed 40 hams and

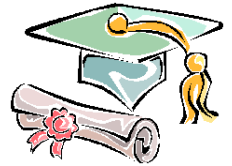


18 Roaster Chickens (at cost) to the pantries at Sacred Heart Church and the Salvation Army. Thanks go to DPLG Kerrie and DPP Steve Hansen, DPP Bruce Kramer and DPP Ingrid Huber for making the deliveries.

The annual **Spring Pancake Breakfast** at the *Sacred Heart School* auditorium is coming up on May 4th, from 8:00am until 11:00am. A breakfast of fresh pancakes, sausage, bagels, juice and coffee will be served. The tickets are \$10/pp. You may see DPLG Kerrie Hansen, SDPLG Bob Kueber, DPP Richie Huber or Michelle Cook at Cook's Crafts to purchase tickets. DPP Kerrie is handling the ads for the placemats. Please 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 recipients 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 said the pool was sold out for the next running of the **Kentucky Derby**, and he will be starting a second 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.



PP Paul Miceli joined us this week after returning from Florida, and he reported that he is having back surgery on the April 15th. Please keep the "Big Guy" in our prayers this week for a successful outcome and a speedy recovery.

Sheriff: JR Velepec for Nick Mulero, who provided an Attendance Prize.
Invocation: Karen Kramer
Lunch Monitor: JR Velepec
7-11 Pot Passer: Karen Kramer
7-11 Winners: Luke (DPLG Debbie Kueber), Irene Kofler, Jake (Karen Kramer)

Winner & Losers: JR Velepec
Losers: Irene Kofler, Marilyn Jonke, Leona Hansen and Dorie Figliola
Winner: DPLG Kerrie Hansen
Pig Walker: Richie Adams
Happy \$: 98 **Pig:** 40
Next Meeting: Autism Awareness **Next Sheriff:** Doreen O'Hara

Calendar of Events

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:
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