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We are saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Johnson. Peter was the husband of the late Distinguished Past Governor Brenda Leigh Johnson, and served as our District's "First Gentleman" during the 2020-21 service year. Peter was a member of the Elmira Kiwanis Club in the Chemung Division. Before moving to Elmira, he was a member of the Northport-East Northport Kiwanis Club in the Suffolk West Division.



Peter had a great sense of humor, and he preferred the title "First Dude". He and Gov Brenda were good friends of our club, and always stopped in for a lunch meeting when they were in town.

Our sympathy goes to Peter's family and friends.

Today was our monthly **Birthday and Business** meeting, DPP Bruce Kramer was this week's 'President for a Day', and he began the meeting in the usual fashion, with the Pledge of Allegiance, our patriotic Song, and an Invocation by Karen Kramer. He introduced the Past Leadership perfectly.

Today's Guests: Maria was the lunch guest of Vin Arcuri; DPP Big Bill Maher brought his lovely wife Patricia; Marilyn Jonke came to the meeting with her hubby Rudy.

Today, we celebrated the June birthdays of our members, and there are a few Geminis (June 1 - June 20) and Cancers (June 21 – June 30) among us: Jon Kablack (2nd), Trudie Eppich (16th), Thom Harmon (19th), Daniela Cazan (20th), Trudy Eppich (24th), Leona Hansen (25th), and Corporate Member Giuseppe Palmeri of Gemelli Jewelers (30th). Bruce gave us some celebrity birthdays that correspond with our members, and Trudy and Trudie were on hand to receive their "free lunch". They put up a Happy 40 from the Birthday table for the privilege. We also put Jon Kablack's lunch in a box with a 'Get Well Soon' card.

Our guest speakers today were from **Ridgewood Savings Bank**. Branch Manager Melissa Abreu, Associate Manager Amanda and Business Relations Manager Sophia Delgado were on hand to represent our Corporate Sponsor,



a title they have had with the Glendale club since *before* there was such a thing. They have supported so many of our events over the years, and many of our members worked at the bank, including DPP Tony Sauro, former member Tom Ritter, Pres-Elect Anna Mastrolembro and George Schwill's wife Barbara. They gave us a brief rundown on the services they offer, and look forward to working with us this year and beyond.

On Monday, we sent eight members to Villa Russo in Richmond Hill for the **NY District Governor's Visit**. There was a full house (literally shoulder to shoulder), because the Queens West and Queens East Divisions joined forces to greet Governor Gordon Soderholm and First Lady Marie for the annual stop-in. Gov Gordy spoke about his Major Emphasis, which is to have clubs strengthen their connection to the Service Leadership Programs in their communities, and to create new SLP clubs. First Lady Marie reported that her project, which is Autism Awareness, is being well received. To participate, clubs need to sponsor at least one program by a knowledgeable person in the field of autism, and either financially support participants in an Autism run/walk, or make a donation to a local autism-related organization. Many of the clubs in attendance did just that, as well as present Gordy and Marie with gifts to thank them for their year of leadership. It is always a good evening of Kiwanis fellowship.



Club News:

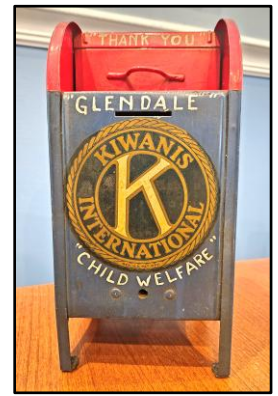
Our **First Saturday Food Drive** on June 7th, at the Stop & Shop Supermarket on Myrtle Avenue was another success. DPP Bruce Kramer reported that 15 cases and 4 shopping bags of groceries were collected and delivered to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry. \$60 in cash donations were also collected. Bruce wants to thank Karen Kramer and JR Velepec for working the table on a rainy day to make it a success. We are at the Stop & Shop every first Friday of the month from 10am-2pm, and all are welcome to come and give an hour or so to support the food pantries in our neighborhood.



Congratulations to the winner of the **13 Run Pool**, run by DPP Steve Hansen, in support of the Veterans BBQ we will be hosting on July 19th @ Sgt Edward R Miller Post 7336:

Pool 1	Bill Cook \$400,	DPP Tony Sauro \$50,	DPP Big Bill Maher \$50.
Pool 2	Michele Malo \$400,	Kaitlin \$50,	Larry Roz \$50.

For many years, Erwin Petschauer had a Kiwanis-themed Mail Box tip jar on the counter in his travel agency. When he retired, he gave it to Lee Kunz and Rudy Jonke, who placed it on the counter at Glendale Auto Tech. Today, Rudy presented the contents of the box (\$40) as Happy \$\$. Thank you Erwin. Thank you Rudy.



Joe Bonventre was the winner of the **7-11 Pool** on the 7th, winning \$200. He donated the entire amount back to the club. We appreciate your generosity Joe, and hope to see you soon. Werner Lehner was the winner of the \$500 prize on the 11th. Congratulations.



On Friday, we were represented at the **John Palmato Jr Memorial Golf Outing** in Forest Park GC. Rob Schoemig and The Avenue Bar & Restaurant host the event to raise funds for the Faith in the Future Foundation, which awards scholarships for at-risk children to attend Catholic school, and support young men entering the seminary. It was a beautiful day for golf, and eighty players enjoyed a wonderful day out for a great cause. SDPLG Bob Kueber, DPP Fred Haller, Richie Adams (shown), Frank Kotnik and Bill Dobranski were among the participants.

On Saturday, June 21, we will be supporting the American Cancer Society at the **Relay for Life** at Juniper Valley Park. The event begins at 3:00pm and runs until 11:00pm. We are a sponsor for the annual fundraiser for cancer research and caregivers. We sell the Wall of Hope® signs and luminaria candles to raise the funds, and the event is a real party, with dozens of teams participating. All are welcome to attend.

Sheriff:	George Schwille, who provided the Attendance Prize		
Invocation:	Karen Kramer		
Lunch Monitor:	JR Velepec		
Winner and Losers:	DPLG Kerrie Hansen		
Losers:	Gjorgi Kukuvikov, Leona Hansen, Patricia Maher and Karen Kramer		
Winner:	DPP Bruce Kramer		
7-11 Pot Passer:	Karen Kramer		
7-11 Winners:	Patricia Maher and Frances Cottone		
Happy \$:	444	Pig:	22
Next Meeting:	Con Edison Program	Next Sheriff:	Bob Temkin

Calendar of Events

June 21	Relay for Life	@ Juniper Valley Park	4:00-11pm
June 24	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
June 26	Fun & Games Meeting	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm

June 26-29	Kiwanis International Convention	@ Pittsburgh, PA	
July 20	Myrtle Avenue Street Festival	@ Fresh Pond Rd & Forest Av	11:00am-6:00pm
Aug 7-10	NY District Convention	@ Desmond Hotel, Albany	



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:
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A large, solid red circle is centered on the page. Inside the circle, the words "Happy Father's Day" are written in a white, elegant, cursive script. The text is arranged in three lines: "Happy" on the first line, "Father's" on the second line, and "Day" on the third line.