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Editor's Note: I joined a large group of Kiwanians from our club, Queens West Division, and New York District at the International Convention in Pittsburgh, PA. We will give a full report next week. This edition of the newsletter was written by DPP Teresa Donahue. Enjoy!

Today's Guests:

There were 13 people in attendance, including Anna, her daughter Leanna, DPP Teresa Donahue, Frances Cottone, Vinnie Arcuri, Maria (Vinnie's aide back from vacation), Doreen O'Hara, DPP Bill Maher, Pat Maher, PP Paul Miceli, Joan Miceli, JR Velepec, and DPP Richie Huber.

Anna presented Dignitaries and Guests (a flawless rendition).

Anna: Any guests in the house?

Vin Arcuri: The lovely Maria finally came back from vacation well rested. I'll wear her out.

DPP Bill Maher: I was telling my son the other day that Pat and I have been married 64 years. Every night when we go to bed, I tell Pat "I love you". Pat says, "did you remember to turn the lights out downstairs?"

PP Paul Miceli: "That means he married Pat when she was 10."

Anna's daughter Leanna came to help her mother and received a rousing Kiwanis welcome. She seemed to think it was quite catchy.

DPP Richie Huber: "Sending greetings and salutations from our current President Ingrid from beautiful, lovely Pittsburgh for the Convention. I took Claudia to get her wisdom teeth removed. Afterwards, I said "let me stop in for Anna's first meeting. I don't get around as much as before, but I'm going to support you and we're going to do events, and you are going to have a great, great year.

PP Paul Miceli offered Happy \$\$ for the joys of family life.

PP Paul: The years go by, all the rigmarole and the idiotic arguments and stuff. Not that we don't argue but we actually worked together for 2 hours. My back is shot, we did the hedges in the yard and we didn't have one argument. It's an amazing thing.

Joan Miceli: I had the power tool in my hand.

PP Paul: Joan had the hedger. She would have gone at me, I suppose. Good to have Joan here, I wish she could make it more, but Thursday is her babysitting day.

Graduations with family get togethers were also part of Paul's week.

PP Paul: Tuesday, my little Nikki, Tiffany's kid, is going to high school after sixth grade. Graduation ceremony was in Floral Park. My son-in-law and daughter took us to Benihana where they flip stuff up in the air. We had such a great time. That night, my granddaughter Julia graduated middle school to high school and they took us for Italian food. When you're with family, and you see these kids growing up, you worry about your grandchildren. I don't. Victoria went to the junior prom, then to the senior prom that I wasn't allowed to chaperone. Both kids were such fine gentlemen. I'm going to give another \$1.

PP Paul: Does anyone know what Richie does for a living? He's in the witness protection program. I like to babble. I taught Victoria to drive in the Volkswagen.

Vin Arcuri: "Joan, do me a favor; let him (Paul) talk at home."

Joan: I'll tell you a secret; I tell him I have to go to the bathroom.

Anna finally was able to get a word in edgewise, and got the program started. Expecting a sparse crowd, she presented a **Fun and Games** program. Has anyone ever played *Mad Lib*? It's a story where you have to choose words and adjectives to fill in the blanks. She divided the room in half to make two teams. Two sheets with adjectives were handed out for the teams to choose, to fill in a story.

The Sheet One story: The great Kiwanis Pancake disaster. The bottom line: we were local heroes and scared away a giraffe.

The Sheet Two story: Kiwanis takes over the park. Kiwanis club went drinking with excitement as we prepared to give out hotdogs at the Empire State Building. We arrived carrying trays of sauerkraut and wearing matching shirts that said, "Joy for service". I was assigned to be the hostess which meant managing 4 people. Out of nowhere a wild cougar appeared; we ran for cover. Out of nowhere, Henry Winkler showed up and calmed things down with a bucket of honey. We ended the day giving ourselves high fives and calling ourselves the "knucklehead" club.

She presented a second game called *Two Truths and One Lie*. It's all about Kiwanis: three statements – two true, one a lie, from each person here. One should be related to Kiwanis, one to volunteering, and one to community service. We had to guess which statement is a lie for each person in attendance. As it turned out, we know each other pretty well, the answers were mostly spot on, and the Happy \$\$ flowed.

On a more serious note, Doreen O'Hara, mother of our beloved departed President Kathleen, was with us today. She presented a letter to Anna, and asked her to read it to the club for her:

On Monday, June 30th, we will finally lay Kathleen to rest- a woman who meant the world to me, and gave so much of herself to the community she loved. As President of the Kiwanis club, she found real joy in serving alongside you. Being part of this group gave her purpose, friendship and pride. I want to thank each one of you for the role you played in her life.

This moment has been a long time coming, and the journey hasn't been easy, but right now we find peace in giving her the rest she deserves. I know many of you will not be able to attend the burial, and truly, that is okay. It is a long trip and we understand. What matters most is the love and support you gave Kathleen during her life. That meant everything to her and it means the world to me.

Kathleen wasn't just my daughter; She was also my best friend, my sidekick, and a thorn in my side. She was my constant and I was hers. She was strong, sharp, and had a wonderful salty way of showing she cared. Underneath the tough exterior was a heart full of love, compassion and fierce loyalty.

Though we will say our final goodbye on Monday, her spirit will continue to live on in the community she helped and the lives she touched. Most importantly, mine. Her kindness, her grit, her humor and her love will stay with me forever. Thank you for being a part of her story.

After Anna finished reading, Doreen added that Kathleen truly, truly, enjoyed this club. She enjoyed all of you. That was what kept her going. I mean it from the bottom of my heart. No matter how sick she was she just kept kicking, kicking, kicking. She always loved the underdogs.

Club News:

Rudy Jonke took a nasty fall off an ATV in Pennsylvania and will be going under surgery to repair a broken leg. Keep him in your prayers.

Vinnie Arcuri reported that he saw Flo Rose. She's doing great, and she sends her regards. She doesn't like to go out in the heat. She has an aid from the Ivory Coast 24/7. She would love to come to another luncheon."

DPP Steven Hansen announced that we will be hosting this year's **Veterans Barbeque** on Saturday, July 19th, at the *Sgt. Edward R Miller VFW Post 7336*, 71-32 Cooper Ave in Glendale. Each year, we use the funds raised by the 13 Run Pools, and donations from local restaurants, to thank the veterans for their service with a full-menu barbeque (and a few adult beverages). It's always a fun afternoon, and all are welcome to attend.



Sheriff:	JR Velepec		
Invocation:	DPP Teresa Donahue		
Lunch Monitor:	JR Velepec		
Happy \$:	332	Pig:	57
Next Meeting:	Convention Report	Next Sheriff:	JR Velepec

Calendar of Events

July 8	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm (NEW DATE)
July 10	Big Joe Fitness	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
July 17	Birthday & Business	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
July 19	Veterans BBQ	@ Sgt Edward R Miller Post	3:00pm
July 20	Myrtle Avenue Street Festival	@ Fresh Pond Rd & Forest Av	11:00am-6:00pm
July 21	QW Division Meeting	@ Lenny's Clam Bar	7:00pm
July 24	Con Edison	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
July 29	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
July 31	Everyday Heroes	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Aug 7-10	NY District Convention	@ Desmond Hotel, Albany NY	



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:
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