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Today, we celebrated the Glendale Kiwanis' version of Old Timers Day for our *Birthday and Business* meeting, and the room was packed. Our 'President for a Day' was none other than DPG Joe Aiello, and he attracted a large crowd. He hasn't run a meeting in quite some time, but he did remember that we ring the bell and start on time. He opened with an Invocation by Karen Kramer, and asked everyone to remember those adults and children lost in the devastating floods in Texas, New Mexico and everywhere else in the US. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a Patriotic Song, Governor Joe decided to omit the introductions of Past Leaders, and was satisfied paying for executive privilege with Happy \$\$ instead. Although, when it came to charging fines for lateness and missing pie plates, he was ruthless, and kept our Sheriff hopping.

Today's Guests: NY District Foundation President Tom Poccio was the guest of DPLG Kerrie; Barbara Adams was hubby Richie's guest; Vin Arcuri introduced his aide Maria; DPP Big Bill Maher treated Patricia to a fine lunch; Flo Rose was back with us today, and was joined by her aide Anna; Dorie Figliola brought an Anna to lunch also; Leah Durante and her mom Danielle were guests of the club.

We celebrated our members' July birthdays today, with Karen Kramer doing the honors; Irene Kofler (1st), Kathleen Lyons (5th), DPP Len Licata (12th), Nick Mulero (23rd), and Leona Hansen (23rd). Also, Corporate Member Karamjit Dhaliwal (12th) and Honorary Member William 'Bill' Schlegelmilch, celebrating on the 19th in Reno, Nevada. Karen named famous celebrities who share birthdays with our members. After dinner, we shared dishes of ice cream and sang a rather ragged 'Happy Birthday' to all.

New York District Foundation President Tom Poccio joined us today, and gave a report on all the things going on. The Foundation annually awards scholarships to outstanding students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement, leadership, and a deep commitment to serving their communities. Eight awards were made this year. He also gave a rundown of happenings at Kamp Kiwanis. There were some unexpected challenges this year, which caused disruption of camp services, but all were resolved, and





Speaking of scholarships, we made a presentation of our own today. Leah Durante was a recipient of a *Charlie and Ann Scheer Scholarship* this year, but was unable to attend our Scholarship Dinner, due to the fact that she attended her senior prom that night. Leah is actually a two-time winner, having received a scholarship when she entered high school. Now she is entering college at West Virginia, and continues to excel in academics and more important, service to her community. DPLG Debbie Kueber made the presentation, and we wish Leah continued success. It was fortunate that DPP Len Licata was on hand to see the

award, since he was the chairman of the Scholarship Committee for many years, and he was happy to see the program is going strong in Debbie's capable hands.

As I stated earlier, Governor Joe came by to be our latest 'President for a Day', and we had a lot of familiar faces in the room to see him. DPP Len Licata joined us after a long absence, and put up a Happy 100 for his birthday, 20 for the scholarship presented to Leah Durante, and a Happy 50 from DPP Lou DiRico, who was unable to attend due to illness. Vinnie Clarke stopped in, and he put up a Happy 40 to be back, and another 10 to keep us from singing the 'How Do You Do' song again. Joe Vessio took his turn as Sheriff, and added a Happy 100 to see his old friends, especially Dorie Figliola, his former babysitter from his days growing up on 74 Ave. DPP Fred Haller had a Happy 100 to see his old friends again, and is looking forward to being the 'President for a Day' next week. SDPLG Bob Kueber had a Happy 5 for his grandson Luke, celebrating his 5th birthday on the 13th, and a Happy 50 to see so many old friends. He noted that the reason Glendale is so successful is because we have an amazing alumni association, and continue to support us years after their active days have passed.



(I to r) DPP Paul Miceli, DPP Len Licata, JR Velepec, DPP Fred Haller, Joe Vessio and Vinnie Clarke.

Club News:

We attached a copy of our *Committee List* with the newsletter. Secretary Kerrie asked everyone to read the list and check that you are listed in the committees of your choice. If you would like to add your name, please let Kerrie know. Our committee work is what keeps us strong. We need everyone.

DPP Steven Hansen reminded everyone about this year's *Veterans Barbeque* on Saturday, July 19th, at the *Sgt. Edward R Miller VFW Post 7336*, 71-32 Cooper Ave in Glendale. Steve noted that we are receiving donations from Zum Stammtisch and Yerman's Pub for a full-menu barbeque (and a few adult beverages), all to thank the veterans for their service. It's always a fun afternoon, and all are welcome to attend.



We are planning to hold this year's major fundraiser, the \$100 Raffle, on Thursday, August 21st, 2025 at



Yerman's Pub, 70-26 88th Street in Glendale. We invite you to participate again this year. As usual, we reserve numbers purchased by last year's participants so that they may have their favorite number in this year's raffle. If you choose to participate in this year's event, please send your ticket and check to us as soon as possible, made payable to *Glendale Kiwanis Foundation*. The deadline is *July 30th* for all

ticket returns. At the bottom of the ticket, please note the area where you can elect to split the prize if you are in the final five tickets remaining. For information and tickets, contact DPP Bill Maher at 718-938-7745, or SDPLG Bob Kueber at 347-489-0068.

On Saturday, Sept 6th, we will be celebrating *Community Day* at the Shops at Atlas Park. Our theme of our annual festival will be 'Service to Youth', and we are inviting as many organizations that work with children as we can, so they can be recognized for working with children, and advertise their organization by doing presentations. There will be games and music. Of course, we will be handing out drawstring bags and cooking hot dogs. Please save the

We have started to plan our 72nd annual *President's Dinner*, at Vetro's Restaurant in Howard Beach, on Thursday, September 25th. We will celebrate our seventy-two years of service, our departed President Kathleen O'Hara, and all the Presidents that made cameo appearances this year. We will also distribute anniversary and merit pins, and have the honor to welcome our new President, Anna Mastrolembo, and bestow her gavel. We hope to see all our members and friends at this special event. Contact Secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen for information and tickets.

Sheriff: Joe Vessio, who provided the Attendance Prize

date, because we need a lot of hands to make it work.

Invocation: Karen Kramer
Lunch Monitor: JR Velepec

7-11 Pool: DPP Bruce Kramer

7-11 Winners: Vin Arcuri, DPP Big Bill Maher, Luke (DPLG Debbie)

Pig Walker: DPP Paul Miceli

Winner and Losers: DPLG Kerrie Hansen

Losers: Leona Hansen, Maria, DPP Bruce Kramer, Trudy Eppich

Winner: DPP Paul Miceli

Happy \$: Pig:

Next Meeting: Con Edison w/ DPP Fred Haller Next Sheriff: PP Ken Voisin

Calendar of Events

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 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	
Aug 21	\$100 Raffle	@ Yerman's Pub	6:00pm
Sept 6	Community Day	@ The Shops at Atlas Park	10:00-4:00pm



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:

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