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After last week's standing room only attendance at our weekly meeting, it was quite a different affair today. Fifteen members and guests came for lunch and Kiwanis fellowship. DPP Ingrid Huber was our 'President for the Day', and opened the meeting in the usual way.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri introduced the lovely Maria; DPP Big Bill Maher introduced his lovely wife Pat; Frank Kotnik introduced his lovely wife Tina; DPP Vinnie Alberici was joined by his daughter Kelly. Vinnie raised Happy \$\$ because Kelly graduated from The Mary Louis Academy with four years of perfect attendance.

Today is *National Purple Heart Day*, observed annually on August 7th to honor and recognize the sacrifices of those who have been wounded or killed in action while serving in the U.S. military. It specifically commemorates the Purple Heart medal, the oldest military decoration in the United States, established by George Washington in 1782 as the "Badge of Military Merit" awarded to service members wounded or killed by enemy action.



Although we didn't have a program scheduled, we managed to have an informative gathering anyway. *The New York District Convention* is being held this weekend in Albany. Among the programs and forums being held there is the House of Delegates, where two members from each club are permitted to attend and vote on amendments to our Bylaws, and elect our new officers. SDPLG Bob Kueber gave a brief rundown on the people running for office and the five proposed amendments before the House, as well as explaining the process for submitting a resolution endorsing PDG Eric Paul from Buffalo, NY as a candidate for Kiwanis International Trustee.

Karen Kramer is a retired Travel Councilor for the Lighthouse Guild, where she taught the skills necessary for sight-challenged individuals to navigate around the city. She demonstrated the use of a rolling cane, a collapsible device which permits the user to keep the cane on the floor while sweeping it to detect obstacles. She also described the different types of vision difficulties and how each one requires a different approach. She also displayed several other devices that can be used, such as a signing guide to help individuals sign on the line easily, and bold line paper which makes writing lists and letters easier. It helped everyone to have a greater appreciation for the way people with vision challenges handle everyday life.



Pres Ingrid had a few more minutes to fill, and she came prepared with her signature "Did You Know?" Her list of random factoids:

- Cleopatra was Greek, not Roman.
- Octopi have three hearts.
- Beethoven was bad at math.
- Lemons float in water, but limes sink.
- Dolphins can hold their breath underwater for 8 10 minutes.
- Bees can fly higher than Mt Everest.
- Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal itself.
- Clownfish are born male and can become female later in life.
- Your most active muscles are in your eyes.

So now you know.

Club News:



It's *LAST CALL* for tickets in our annual *\$100 Raffle*, our biggest fundraiser of the year. On Thursday, August 21st, 2025 at Yerman's Pub, 70-26 88th Street in Glendale, we will begin pulling numbers at **6:30pm**. As usual, we reserved 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 quickly, made payable to *Glendale Kiwanis Foundation*. And, don't forget to check the bottom of the ticket if you want to split the Grand 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. The 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. As some of you may have heard, Atlas Park has been sold to AAC Management Company Inc. Fortunately, they will be honoring all the commitments made by Macerich until the end of the year, so Community Day is on.

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. Space is limited, so contact Secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen for information and tickets as soon as possible.

Sheriff: JR for DPG Joe Aiello, who donated the Attendance Prize.

Invocation: Karen Kramer
Lunch Monitor: JR Velepec

7-11 Pool: DPP Bruce Kramer

7-11 Winners: DPP Bill Maher and JR Velepec

Pig Walker: DPP Ingrid Huber

Winner and Losers: JR Velepec

Losers: Karen Kramer, Tina Kotnik, Frank Kotnik and JR Velepec

Winner: DPP Bruce Kramer

Happy \$: 76 Pig: 13

Next Meeting: TBD Next Sheriff: Richie Adams

Calendar of Events

Aug 14	Birthday & Business	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Aug 18	Queens West Division Meeting	@ Lenny's Clam Bar	7:00pm
Aug 21	\$100 Raffle	@ Yerman's Pub	6:00pm
Aug 26	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Aug 28	Community Board 5	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Sept 6	Community Day	@ The Shops at Atlas Park	10:00-4:00pm
Sept 25	Presidents Dinner	@ Vetro's Restaurant	6:30pm



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:

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