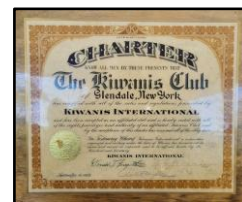




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GLENDALE KIWANIS

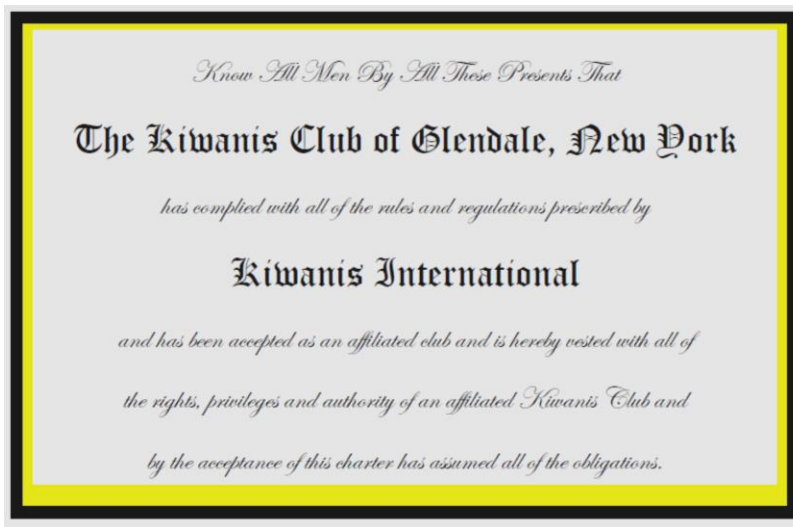
Today, we celebrated the birthday of our club with our annual **Charter Day** meeting on a beautiful sunny day at Züm Stammtisch. As we have been doing all year, our 'President for a Day' was DPP Fred Haller, and he opened the meeting with 'America the Beautiful', the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation by Karen Kramer, asking for blessings for all the men and women in our club, who work tirelessly for the betterment of our community. Our Sheriff today was the irrepressible Vincent Arcuri, who deputized his lovely aide Maria Hernnias to walk the bag for him. He warned us before the gong rang that fines were definitely coming if pie plates were not worn, or speaking out of turn without Happy \$\$ in hand. Bring it on!

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri paid for his aide, Maria Hernnias (as he should have, considering he put her to work today); DPP Big Bill Maher treated his bride Pat to lunch.

We started the meeting with some excellent news. The **Slate of Officers** was read for the third time. After asking for any further nominees from the floor, and hearing none, Secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen cast a single vote to accept the Board of Directors for the 2025 – 2026 year. It reads as follows:

President	Anna Mastrolembo
Immediate Past President	DPP Ingrid Huber
President-Elect	OPEN
Secretary	DPLG Kerrie Hansen
Treasurer (Administrative)	Lt Gov Designate/DPP Steve Hansen
Treasurer (Community Service)	DPP Teresa Donahue
Treasurer (Foundation)	SDPLG Bob Kueber
One-year Board	Rich Adams, Karen Kramer, and Gjorgi Kukuvikov
Two-year Board	DPP Fred Haller, DPP Tony Sauro, and DPP Richie Huber
Three-year Board	DPLG Debbie Kueber, DPP Dave Fitzgerald, and DPP Bill Maher

Congratulations to all the Board members, and good luck on another successful year.



With those words, the Kiwanis Club was formed on September 1953. *Sixty-One (!)* members of our community joined together to make a difference, and the legacy continues today. DPP Fred Haller was our guest speaker, and for this year's program, gave us a history lesson on some of the places Glendale has called home over the years, and some props and other facts about our club:

- We started at the Glenville Tavern on Cooper Ave, followed by the Victorian House, a former catering hall on Myrtle Ave, then Durow's Restaurant, the Cobbler's Bar & Restaurant, back to Durow's, and finally our current clubhouse, Zum Stammtisch.
- Otto Hermann was the first President, and his term ran from September to the end of 1953, and all of 1954, due to the fiscal years of the time.
- Some of our current signature projects were organized by those charter members, such as the Halloween Parade, the Scholarship Program, the \$100 Raffle, the Bell Ringing and Community Day.
- One charter member is still with us, Charles Stelljes, living in Boca Raton, FL.
- Fred presented a *wimple*, a sort of flag from the 1967 International Convention in Houston.
- He displayed a plastic sign promoting "Keep Our Community Beautiful".
- A branded bumper sticker promoting "Give a Hoot. Don't Pollute"



It is fun to look back to see where we've been as we move forward. It is a heritage we can all be proud of, Happy Birthday, Glendale.

On Saturday, we hosted **Community Day** at the Shops at Atlas Park. The theme of this year's event was **'Service to Youth'**, and we invited organizations that work with children, and recognized them for the work they do. Fortunately, the *Queens Dance Academy* and *Keepin' the Beat Dance Studio* have large followings, and they put on great shows, and were grateful for the opportunity. Also, Key Club Advisor Don Zigler and the *Grover Cleveland Key Club*, and the *Scouts from Troop 427* were honored for their work with our children, and they helped us serve hot dogs and get our vendors in and out. We raffled off a 55" flatscreen donated by PDG Joe Aiello, and the lucky winner was DPP Bruce Kramer.

The threat of foul weather kept attendance down significantly, both by shoppers at the mall, vendors that bowed out at the last minute, and sadly, our membership. We were fortunate that the park was relatively empty, because we did not have enough manpower there to handle a large crowd. This signature event has been on the calendar for months, and it is disappointing that we could not have a larger turnout. We have to do better.

I want to thank the following members for attending and making this event possible: DPLG Kerrie and Lt Gov Designate Steve Hansen, DPP Bill Maher, Dorie Figliola, JR Velepec, Pres Designate Anna Mastrolembro, DPLG Debbie Kueber, DPP Richie Huber, DPP Bruce and Karen Kramer, and of course PP Ken Voisin, who provided music all afternoon.

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Club News:

Tickets for our 72nd annual **President's Dinner** are on sale, for our annual end of the year event 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 Mastrolembro, who will receive her gavel.



We hope to see all our members and friends at this special night. We need headcount now, so contact Secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen as soon as possible.

Happy 50th Anniversary DPP Lou DiRico and his lovely bride Elsa.

Say a prayer for DPP Vinny Alberici as he recovers from knee surgery.



Calendar of Events

Sept 20	"Third" Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop Supermarket	10:00am-2:00pm
Sept 15	QW Div. Mtg. "Pass the Banner"	@ Lenny's Clam Bar	7:00pm
Sept 18	NY & Atlantic Railway	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
Sept 25	PRESIDENTS DINNER	@ Vetro's Restaurant	6:30pm
Sept 30	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:
Züm Stammtisch, 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385

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