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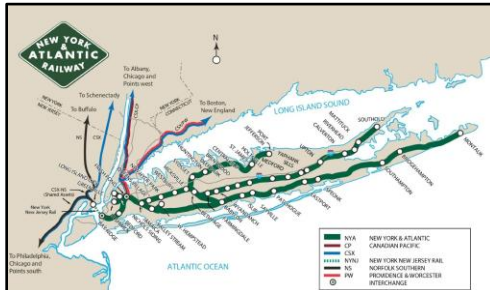
Today was our final meeting before the Presidents Dinner, which is the end of our service year, and wouldn't you know, it turned out to be one of the busiest meetings of the year. DPLG Kerrie Hansen stood in as our final 'President for a Day', because after next week, we will once again have a President to call our own. Kerrie called on Karen Kramer to deliver an Invocation, asking blessings for all our members to continue the good works we strive for each year. We followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and 'My Country 'tis of Thee'. Kerrie introduced the Past Leadership in the room very efficiently.

**Today's Guests:** Vin Arcuri paid for his lovely aide, Ola; Frank Kotnik treated his lovely wife Tina; Lovely Pat Maher was the guest of hubby DPP Big Bill; Pres-Designate Anna introduced her lovely daughter Leanna; Rudy treated his lovely wife Marilyn.

We were fortunate to have not one, but two guest speakers today. The first was Amy Louk, Senior Business Manager of **NY & Atlantic Railway**, for years a Corporate Sponsor of our club. Amy has been with them for 10 years, and she explained the duties and responsibilities of her company. Basically, they run freight lines. New York & Atlantic

Railway (NYA) began operation in May 1997 as result of the privatized concession to operate freight trains on the lines owned by Long Island Rail Road (LIRR). They share

track with the densest passenger system in the United States. The railcars that travel over the NYA remove over 120,000 heavy truck trips from the roads and highways of metro NYC and reduce transportation emissions by 75%. They run three lines across Long Island, with terminals in Port Jefferson, South Hold and Montauk, where they



connect at Glendale and transfer to Bay Ridge and on to New Jersey. They transport food and beverage, raw materials for manufacturing, construction materials, paper and packaging, machinery and railroad passenger cars, recyclables, and waste. Noise and odor are major concerns for the railway, especially in residential areas, and they are vigilant to rectify any problems. We learned a lot about our neighbors on the tracks that run through our community.



Our other guest speaker was Rick Mezic, a knowledgeable gentleman from **National Grid** and a familiar face in our area. Rick has been with NatGrid for 32 years, and works in the Government Relations department of the company. They are one of the largest investor-owned energy companies in the US, serving more than 20 million people throughout New York and Massachusetts. Rick stated that National Grid is committed to delivering safe and reliable energy to the customers and communities we serve. The company is a franchise, regulated by Albany, and he explained many of the misconceptions about the utility.



- Originally founded in 1825 as the Brooklyn Gas Light Company and later renamed Brooklyn Union Gas in 1895, the company has a long history of providing gas service in Brooklyn, Staten Island, and parts of Queens.
- The company does not make money on gas. They are paid to transport the gas supply through the network to your home.
- New York is at the end of a long pipeline that begins in Texas and passes through many states, all of which draw gas from the line.
- If other states draw excessive amounts of gas from the line, New York can find itself short of supply. Fortunately, they have storage tanks that can condense liquid gas 600 times, to have adequate backup.
- NatGrid is responsible for all the pipeline up to your gas meter. Home pipes are your responsibility.
- They are developing technologies such as offshore hybrid assets and hydrogen, which will play a key role in decarbonizing and strengthening networks.

Most people give no thought to utility companies other than their bills, but there is so much work that goes into providing energy to your home, and we appreciated having Rick come and explain it all.

***It's Official. The Banner is Back!*** On Monday, the Queens West Division met for the final time this service year, and Lt Governor Melissa Verdi-Montez turned the reins over to our own Steven Hansen, to lead Queens West during the 2025-2026 year. PLG Melissa thanked everyone for their hard work and support during her term, and wished Steve and all the clubs another successful and rewarding year. She then handed over the Banner, the Gong and Gavel, and ended her great year as our leader. We appreciated everything she accomplished, and we know that Steve will bring the energy needed to keep the Division going strong. He is the *eleventh* Lt Governor to serve from our club, and we know that he will do the same excellent job as his predecessors did. Congratulations, Steve.



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## Club News:

Our 72<sup>nd</sup> annual **President's Dinner** is a week away. The gala event at Vetro's Restaurant in Howard Beach, on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> is a can't miss party. 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 welcome our new President, Anna Mastrolembro, with her gavel. Last chance to get your tickets while they last. Contact Secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen as soon as possible.



Our **First Saturday Food Drive** has been rescheduled this Saturday, September 20, from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Come down to the Stop & Shop Supermarket on Myrtle Ave and give us a hand. Also, Peter LaBella of Werst-Labela Funeral Home announced that they collect groceries at their place 7 days a week, from 9:00-3:00pm.

We will be celebrating **Italian Day** at an afternoon meeting on Thursday, October 16, at 12:30pm. This annual meeting will include the great cuisine of Pizza Classica, 89-89 Union Tpke, Glendale, plus desserts, and prizes and gifts. The lunch will cost \$40. RSVP with Fran Cottone if you are planning to attend.

Trudy Eppich had Sad \$\$ that today would have been her mom's 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Happy Birthday in Heaven.

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<b>Sheriff:</b>	Dorie Figliola for JR Vepepec for Toni Binanti, who donated the Attendance Prize		
<b>Invocation:</b>	Karen Kramer		
<b>7-11 Pool:</b>	Karen Kramer		
<b>7-11 Winners:</b>	Pres Designate Anna, Joan Miceli, DPP Richie Huber and Abigail (Karen Kramer)		
<b>Pig Walker:</b>	DPP Paul Miceli		
<b>Winners &amp; Losers:</b>	DPLG Kerrie Hansen		
<b>Losers:</b>	SDPLG Bob Kueber, DPLG Debbie Kueber, Joan Miceli and Pres Designate Anna		
<b>Winner:</b>	Leona Hansen		
<b>Happy\$:</b>	205	<b>Pig:</b>	114
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>PRESIDENTS DINNER</b>	<b>Sheriff:</b>	N/A

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## Calendar of Events

Sept 20	"First" Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop Supermarket	10:00am-2:00pm
Sept 26	<b>KPTC Black &amp; White Ball</b>	@ Leonard's Palazzo	7:00pm
Sept 30	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Oct 2	Installation of Officers	@ Züm Stammtisch (Big Room)	12:30pm
Oct 12	Harvest Festival	@ Onderdonk House	10:00-4:00pm

Oct 16	<b>Italian Day</b>	@ Pizza Classica	12:30pm
Oct 31	<b>Halloween Parade</b>	@ Myrtle Avenue	6:00pm
Nov 16	Fall Pancake Breakfast	@ Redeemer Lutheran Church	9:00am-12:00pm



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

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