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Former President
Kathleen O'Hara

Immediate Past
President
Ingrid Huber

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Fund)
DPP Steve Hansen

Treasurer
(Community Fund)
DPP Teresa Donahue

Treasurer
(Foundation)
SDPLG Bob Kueber

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We had a room full of members, family and guests at Vetro's Restaurant this evening for our annual **Presidents Dinner**, the final meeting of this service year. And what a year it was. Due to the unfortunate loss of our President Kathleen O'Hara, this was a dinner unlike any other. And like this year, many hands and voices went into it. SDPLG Bob Kueber was our first emcee, and he opened the program as we do every time we gather. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a beautiful singing of 'America the Beautiful', Karen Kramer was called on to deliver an Invocation, asking for blessings on Kathleen, her family and all our members, to continue the good works we strive for each year. When Bob attempted to introduce the dignitaries in attendance, let's just say that it required several edits, partially due to some of them running late and others just blending into the audience. Suffice it to say it was accomplished (eventually).



SDPLG Bob's opening remarks detailed the unique nature of this year, and our response to it.

"This year started like all the rest. A year ago, we handed the gavel to Kathleen, and all our meaningful, fun-filled events began. At the end of December, our friend and leader passed away from the disease she fought most of her life. For the first time in our 72 years as a club, we lost our President during their year. Kiwanis has bylaws for such situations. Immediate Past President Ingrid Huber would fill the role until the Board of Directors can put a plan in place to finish the year. To relieve DPP Ingrid of the pressure of an unexpected second year, we tapped into our greatest resource; our Past Leadership. We asked our Past Presidents to step up once again, and ring the bell to keep this great club going. Naturally, the response was overwhelming. To honor Kathleen's memory, *fourteen* Past Presidents volunteered to get back in the saddle as "President for a Day", running club meetings. Getting back up in front of the room and shaking off the rust took a little preparation, but they agreed it was a great experience for each of them. Our newer members heard voices they may have never heard before, and they heard great stories of years past. It invigorated the meetings. It invigorated the club. And, all the service projects we do in our community were accomplished."

Bob introduced the Past Presidents individually, and thanked them for their dedication to our club and our mission to make our neighborhood a better place. A true Presidents Dinner indeed.

After a wonderful dinner served by a very attentive staff at Vetro's, the program was continued by DPP and Queens West Lt Governor-Designate Steve Hansen. He started with a trivia question about, of all things, the number of muscles it requires to drink a bottle of beer. Because so many of our members are fluent in this skill, many guesses were offered. The total count easily runs into the dozens, which would explain our club's amazing stamina. You heard it here.

The next portion of the meeting had far more meaning. New York District Kiwanis has several foundations. Each one serves thousands of children and adults, and each one raises funds by offering commemorative medals. Glendale Kiwanis annually contributes to these foundations. This year, the donations were made in



Kathleen's memory, and the medals were presented to her family. They received an *Anton Kaiser Fellowship* from the New York District Kiwanis Foundation, a *Brittany Fellowship* from the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, a *George F. Hixson Fellowship* from the Kiwanis Children's Fund, and a



KPTC Fellowship from the Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation. PDG Joe Corace was on hand tonight, and he announced that the KPTC Fellowship was being raised to Diamond status in Kathleen's honor. It was a very generous gesture.

One of the notable presentations we make each year are the awards recognizing extended tenure in Kiwanis. It is recognition for long and meritorious service to Kiwanis and the neighbors we serve. Our Secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen made the following presentations:

Legion of Merit	Jon Kablack	5 Years
	Lucille Dwyer	5 Years
	Leona Hansen	5 Years
	DPLG Kerrie Hansen	15 Years
	DPP Steve Hansen	15 Years
Legion of Honor	DPLG Debbie Kueber	25 Years

Other honorees not in attendance: Al Crowe (5 Years), Rosemarie Darmstadt (10 Years), Bill Dobranski (15 Years), Millie Mandese (25 Years) and Werner Lehner (25 Years).



Lucille Dwyer



Leona Hansen



Jon Kablack and Tonia Broschart



DPLG Kerrie &
DPP Steve Hansen



DPLG Debbie Kueber

The final portion of the program was the final remarks by DPP Ingrid Huber, who has the honor of being only the third President to make her final remarks *twice*. In her usual gracious style, she thanked the club for their support during this special year, and once again recognized the Past Presidents who stepped up for her and the club. Of course, she acknowledged her husband DPP Richie for all he did to make her year great.

As is customary, she called up her successor, Anna Mastrolembro. She congratulated Anna, and wished her much success in her coming year. To a standing ovation, she presented Anna with her gavel as the **73rd President of Glendale Kiwanis**.



Club News:

At every Presidents Dinner, we usually present our outgoing President with a gift. In a very generous gesture, DPP Ingrid donated the \$500 check to Pres Kathleen's **Music and Arts Scholarship Fund**. Ingrid has always been an advocate for education, having started the Huber-Ritter Trade School Scholarship Fund in 2024.

DPP Bruce Kramer announced that our **First Saturday Food Drive** on Saturday, September 20 was another success. Sixteen cases of groceries were donated to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry, and \$64 in donations were collected for the next Turkey Cheer in November. Bruce wanted to thank his wife Karen, DPLG Debbie Kueber, JR Velepec and Dorie Figliola for lending 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.

On Sunday, October 12th, the Greater Ridgewood Historical Society will be hosting their annual **Harvest Festival** at the Vander-Ende Onderdonk House. Their will be crafts, demonstrations, music, a pumpkin patch for children, and of course, food prepared and served by our club. The party begins at 10:00am, and all are welcome to attend and help us.



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.

Next Meeting:	Installation of Officers	Sheriff:	Vinnie Clarke
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Calendar of Events

Sept 30	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Oct 12	Harvest Festival	@ Onderdonk House	10:00-4:00pm
Oct 16	Italian Day	@ Pizza Classica	12:30pm

Oct 31	Halloween Parade	@ Myrtle Avenue	6:00pm
Nov 16	Fall Pancake Breakfast	@ Redeemer Lutheran Church	9:00am-12:00pm



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:
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Past Presidents 2024-2025