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Today, we began our 73rd year of Kiwanis Service at our **Installation Meeting**. The main room at Züm Stammtisch was full of members and guests to witness the installation of club officers and board members, who will guide us over the next twelve months. DPP Ingrid Huber was on hand to perform her final duty as President, opening the meeting with an Invocation by Karen Kramer, asking for blessings on the Board and our members as we continue to serve our community. After the Pledge of Allegiance and 'My Country Tis of Thee', she proceeded around the room and introduced the Past Leadership and Guest Dignitaries in attendance. She must have been giddy about finally being finished with her year, and she made some errors and omissions. Fortunately, her hubby DPP Richie picked up the fines for her (although he was a little bit surprised by the quantity).

Today's Guests: PDG Joe Ruggiero and IPP Toni Cantone, NY District Executive Director Rich Hall, Suffolk West Lt Gov Roger Sirangelo, Glen Cove President Ann-Maria Gailius, Pat Maher (DPP Big Bill), Maria (Vin Arcuri), Rob Mastrolembo,

Leanna, Mary, Lisa, and Alex (Pres Anna), Regina Crowley (Dorie Figliola), Sal (DPP Tony Sauro) and Kim Hock (DPLG Kerrie)

Pres Ingrid handed off the program to Lt Gov Steve Hansen, who was performing his first installation of officers as the new leader of Queens West Division (and the 11th Lt Gov to come from the Glendale club). After a fine 'How Do You Do?', Steve spoke briefly about the upcoming year for NY District and Governor Carla Ingram. He explained her Major Emphasis for her year, which is Service to Foster Kids. Besides making a renewed effort to send foster children to Kamp Kiwanis, she wants all clubs to prepare and distribute "blessing bags" to children in the foster care system. Having come from that system herself, this is a very meaningful service program for her.

Next, Steve proceeded to install the officers and board members of our club. He began with retiring the previous board and thanking them for their service. He followed with the installation of this year's board, our Club secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen, two of our club treasurers, SDPLG Bob Kueber as Foundation Treasurer, and himself as Administration Treasurer, and DPP Ingrid Huber as Immediate Past President (again). He described our responsibilities, presented our pins, and wished us good luck.



Finally, he called up our new President, Anna Mastrolembro. After another 'How Do You Do', she made some remarks about her upcoming year, and announced her major emphasis, actually two. Besides continuing our efforts on behalf of the local food pantries, she introduced a program called 'Healing Arts', a program in association with St Mary's Hospital. For more information, the web site is available at:

<https://www.stmaryskids.org/programs-services/healing-arts-therapeutic-recreation/>

Anna is proud to be our President, and is looking forward to an exciting year. Apparently, so are we. Happy \$\$ were raised by one and all, including Happy 100s from DPP Richie Huber and DPP Len Licata.

Our first order of business was an unfinished presentation from our Presidents Dinner. Werner Lehner has been a Kiwanian for twenty-five years, and has earned a **Legion of Honor Award**.

After President Anna and Secretary DPLG Kerrie made the presentation, Werner was humbled by the honor, and thanked the club for all the years we have supported his and Hans' restaurant, especially during the difficult covid years. Not necessary, Werner. Glendale Kiwanis and Züm Stammtisch have been synonymous for a long time, the food and service are exceptional, and NY District knows where to find us.



We received a special gift today. Regina Crowley was our guest, and told us a story. After the wake for Former President Kathleen O'Hara, the family invited everyone back to their house for dinner. Most of the people offered to pitch in to offset the cost. They collected a lot of donations, and had a lot left over. The family decided to take the money (\$500) and donate it to the **Kathleen O'Hara Music and Arts Scholarship Fund**. It was a very generous gift, and a wonderful way to honor Kathleen's legacy.

At this point, Anna made the first faux pas of her year. She asked DPP Paul Miceli to announce the *Winner and Losers*. Paul read them in his usual style, meaning he ticked off everyone, even the winner. Yet, even that couldn't damper the excitement of our first meeting of the new year.

Club News: DPP Bruce Kramer announced that our **First Saturday Food Drive** on Saturday, October 4th was another success. Eighteen cases of groceries were donated to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry, and \$88 in donations were collected for the next Turkey Cheer in November. Bruce wanted to thank his wife Karen, Richie Adams, JR Velepec, DPP Fred Haller and Dorie Figliola for lending a hand.

Once again, Peter LaBella of Werst-Labela Funeral Home announced that they collect groceries at their place 7 days a week, from 9:00-3:00pm.

Flo Rose was the \$500 winner of the **7-11 Pool** in August, and donated \$50 back to the club.

On Sunday, October 12th, the Greater Ridgewood Historical Society will be hosting their annual **Harvest Festival** at the Vander-Ende Onderdonk House. There 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.

The ghosts and goblins will be coming out on October 31st, for our annual **Halloween Parade** down Myrtle Ave. The parade will begin at 7:00pm from 80th St, and proceed to the corral at the Stop & Shop Supermarket, where we will have goodie bags waiting for all the participants. We will have a contest for Best Costumes, and prizes will be awarded. It is always a wonderful event, and we need our members to turn out and help make the parade a success.



Sheriff:	Vinnie Clarke, who donated the Attendance Prize.		
Invocation:	Karen Kramer		
Lunch Monitor:	DPLG Debbie Kueber		
7-11 Pot Passer:	DPP Bruce Kramer		
7-11 Winners:	Doreen O'Hara, DPP Richie Huber, DPP Ingrid Huber, Fran Cottone, And Luke and Leah Kueber (DPLG Debbie Kueber)		
Winner and Losers:	Lt Gov Steve Hansen		
Losers:	DPP Tony Sauro, DPP Bill Maher, Leona Hansen, Doreen O'Hara		
Winner:	Exec Director Rich Hall		
Pig Walker:	DPP Paul Miceli		
Pig:	82		
Happy Dollars:	750		
Next Meeting:	Birthday and Business	Sheriff:	Bill Cook

Calendar of Events

Oct 12	Harvest Festival	@ Onderdonk House	10:00-4:00pm
Oct 16	Italian Day	@ Pizza Classica	12:30pm
Oct 23	FDNY Fire Safety	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm

Oct 30	TBD		
Oct 31	Halloween Parade	@ Myrtle Avenue	6:00pm
Nov 16	Fall Pancake Breakfast	@ Redeemer Lutheran Church	9:00am-12:00pm



Anna Mastrolembo, President

We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:

Züm Stammtisch, 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385

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