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Each year, the observation of **Veterans Day** is an important date on our calendar. We had a good group of members and guests in attendance for our annual meeting. Pres Anna opened the meeting in the usual manner, calling on Karen Kramer for an Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and 'My Country 'Tis of Thee'. Pres Anna scored 100% on the introductions of our Past Leadership. She's making it look easy.

Today's Guests: Richie Adams treated his wife Barbara; Vin Arcuri had his aide Maria join him; Pres Anna introduced her daughter Lianna; DPP Bill Maher found out that having his wife Pat become a member didn't relieve him of paying for her lunch.

Each year, we remember the sacrifices made by all the men and women that served in the military, celebrating their patriotism and willingness to serve our nation and protect our freedom. Our **Veterans Day**

program was presented by Jon Kablack. He began with his story.

He joined the Coast Guard in 1989 after a visit before a judge who offered him community service. After boot camp in Cape May, NJ, he was stationed for a time on a rescue ship on Governors Island. Afterwards, he was assigned to Guantánamo Bay, dealing with a surge of Haitian immigrants. During that time, he responded to a capsized ferry, where 1100 of the 1200 passengers perished. Subsequently, he was assigned to Ft Wadsworth in NJ, working on the Drug Task Force. Unfortunately, in 2000, he was thrown from a boat while on patrol and suffered a broken back, which has required four surgeries (so far). Regardless, he is proud of his service time. He continued the program by reading a tribute of gratitude to all servicemen and women.



Following Jon, we had additional information from our 'Plan B'. Richie Adams had prepared some remarks in case Jon was unable to attend the meeting, and he shared the tradition of wearing red to honor and support veteran causes. The acronym R.E.D. stands for 'Remember Everyone Deployed'.

We closed the program with members raising Happy \$\$ and remembering their loved ones who served. It is always a meaningful time to reflect on service, sacrifice and the commitment to peace.

REMINDER: on Tuesday, November 11 at 11:00am, we will be gathering at the Glendale War Monument with local veteran posts to observe **Veterans Day**, with a ceremony conducted by Bill Cook and the American Legion 104 Post, who are also members of our club.

Before the program, we received an addendum on last week's **Halloween Parade**. Apparently, Friday night was rather windy. I mean *Real Windy! Very Windy!!* Everyone who raised Happy \$\$ for the event made a point of the wind, which had the goodie bags blowing off the tables. Regardless, everyone in attendance said the event was a success. JR Velepec thanked Karen Kramer, DPP Ingrid Huber and DPLG Kerrie Hansen for all the help with setup and costume judging. Also, he thanked Rudy Jonke and Lucien Matej for their help transporting the stage to and from Maspeth Federal Savings. The sections of the stage are quite heavy, and require several hands to unload, setup and reload. Nevertheless, it's worth it to see all the children and families enjoying the holiday.

Club News:

Lt Gov Steve Hansen had Happy \$\$ for his and Kerrie's son Steven for completing the NYC Marathon in a time of 3 hours and 58 minutes. Well done, Ace!

PP Paul Miceli announced that he and his wife Joan celebrated their 48th Anniversary yesterday. She will be having a medical procedure on Friday. Please keep her in your prayers for a quick and complete recovery.



Tickets are still available for our **Fall Pancake Breakfast** at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 16th, from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 5-10. Also, there is still some room if you want to advertise your business on the new placemats. Contact DPLG Debbie Kueber ASAP.



Our annual **Thanksgiving Cheer** distribution of full Thanksgiving dinner bags to families in our neighborhood is set for Wednesday, November 12th, starting at 8:00am. We will meet at Sacred Heart Church to pack and deliver the meals to the families in our community. All are welcome to assist, and dress warmly.

Donations for the **Christmas Tree Lighting** are coming in, and we hope everyone will consider making one to offset the purchase of trees, decorations and lights, and toys to give to the children in the neighborhood. A banner will be created displaying the names of those who make a gift of \$100 or more.



Sheriff:

JR Velepec walked the bag for Bill Dobranski, who donated the Attendance Prize

Invocation:

Karen Kramer

Lunch Monitor: JR Velepec
Winner and Losers: DPLG Kerrie Hansen
Losers: DPP Vinnie Alberici, Irene Kofler, Fran Cottone and Leona Hansen
Winner: Pres Anna Mastrolembo
7-11 Pot Passer: DPP Bruce Kramer
7-11 Winners: Pres Anna Mastrolembo, JR, Lianna Mastrolembo and Charlotte (Tonia Broschart)
Pig Walker: Richie Adams
Pig: 50
Happy Dollars: 139
Next Meeting: Birthday and Business **Sheriff:** DPP Teresa Donahue

Calendar of Events

Nov 8	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop Supermarket	10:00am-2:00pm
Nov 9	MV Veterans Day Parade	@ Metropolitan Ave & 80 St	11:00am
Nov 11	Veterans Day Observance	@ Glendale War Monument	11:00am
Nov 12	Thanksgiving Cheer	@ Sacred Heart Church	8:00am
Nov 16	Fall Pancake Breakfast	@ Redeemer Lutheran Church	9:00am-12:00pm
Nov 20	Club Thanksgiving	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
Nov 25	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day (No Meeting)		
Dec 9	Christmas Cheer	@ Sacred Heart Church	6:00pm
Dec 18	Club Christmas Party	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day (No Meeting)		
Dec 30	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm



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