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We had a rather unusual start to this week's meeting, as we prepare to celebrate the holidays. Due to scheduling changes, we were unable to setup and decorate the Christmas trees for this year's **Tree Lighting** last Saturday when they were delivered. It was decided to get together before the meeting to do the job. We started at 10am and we were able to get the lights and decorations on, but we started the meeting about 45 minutes late. Regardless, Pres Anna rang the bell to begin the meeting, and after an Invocation from newcomer Peter LaBella, the Pledge and Patriotic Song, she scored another 100% on the introductions of our Past Leadership.

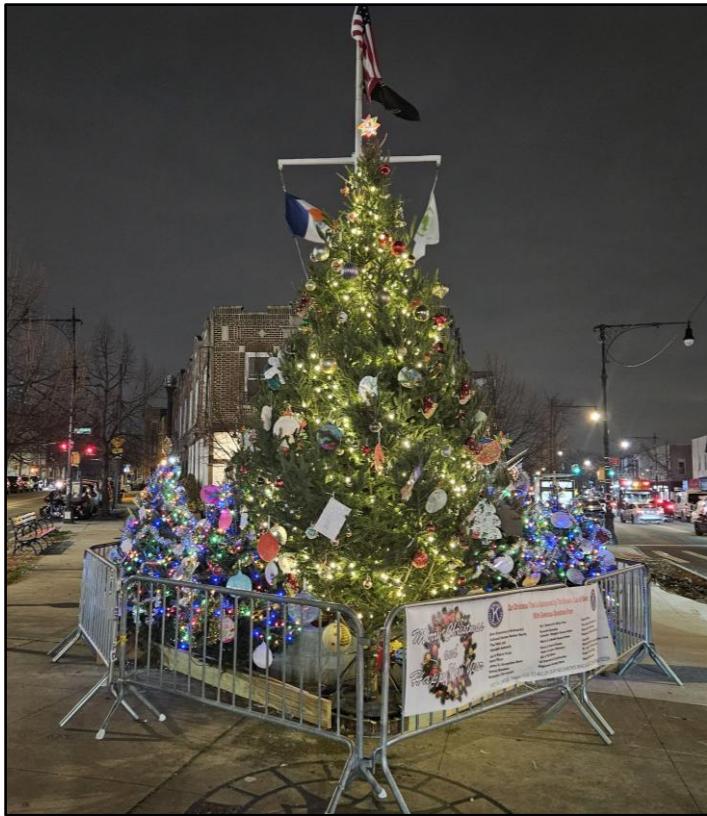
Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri had the 'lovely' Maria join him; the 'marvelous' Marilyn Jonke was with her hubby Rudy; Frank and Tina Kotnik were with us today;

Our program today was a presentation by Vito Tautonico, Community Relations Manager of the **St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children**. St. Mary's is committed to improving the health and quality of life for children and families with special needs. St. Mary's Children's Hospital was founded in 1870 as a 15 bed hospital in Hell's Kitchen. At the time, it was New York City's first hospital for acutely ill children, a mission they have continued for over 150 years. In 1951, the facility was moved to a nine-acre campus in Bayside, which currently operates a 124-bed inpatient program. In 1983, St. Mary's added a family-centered home care program to care for children with the highest levels of medical complexity.

The reason for the visit was an introduction of the organization that we hope to partner with as part of President Anna's Major Emphasis this year, a program called 'Healing Arts', which uses art media, the creative process and the resulting art work as therapeutic and healing process with clients. It is used based on the belief that the creative process involved in artistic self-expressions helps children explore their feelings, reconcile emotional conflicts, foster self-awareness, manage behavior, develop social skills, improve reality orientation, reduce anxiety and increase self-esteem. It is a worthy pursuit, and we look forward to being a part of it.

On Sunday evening, we hosted our annual ***Christmas Tree Lighting*** on the triangle outside Zum Stammtisch. The weather cooperated, and the community turnout was great. President Anna began the festivities by welcoming everyone, and thanking all the people and businesses that contributed to the fund. While PP Ken Voisin provided the holiday music to set the mood, the Salvation Army was on hand to serve hot chocolate, and McDonalds donated cookies for everyone. After a few words by Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar and Councilman Robert Holden, it was time to turn on the lights. Anna led a countdown, and the five beautiful trees came alive, decorated with ornaments created and donated by students in several schools in the area. And wouldn't you know it, Santa Claus came driving up in his fully decorated vintage Mercury Comet to the tune of 'Run, Run, Rudolph'. He took his seat in front of the trees, and with the help of the members of the Grover Cleveland HS Key Club, distributed cute stuffed animals and took pictures with every child and family on the line that stretched a city block. Everybody was in great spirits, and it was one of our best holiday events in memory. Speaking of spirits, after everyone had left, and the canopies were taken down, Werner invited everyone into the restaurant for a well-earned beverage to celebrate another job well done. We hope everyone enjoys the trees and decorations, and we thank everyone that donated or pitched in to make it happen.





Club News: Tania Broschart announced she had a Happy 50 from DPP Lou DiRico for the holidays and all we do for the community. Also, Werner Lehner popped in to thank everyone with another Happy 50 for the help setting the trees up.

Our annual visit to the Ronald McDonald House in New Hyde Park will occur on Sunday, Dec 14 at 3:00pm. We need volunteers to help serve food and help Santa Claus present toys to the children that are able to attend. Please let DPLG Debbie Kueber if you can attend this very meaningful event.

See you at the ***Christmas Cheer*** party on Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church at 6:00pm.

Sheriff:	Trudie Eppich, who donated the Attendance Prize
Invocation:	Peter LaBella
Lunch Monitor:	JR Velepec
Winner and Losers:	DPLG Kerrie Hansen
Losers:	Amna Bajwa, Kathleen Lyons, SDPLG Bob Kueber and Irene Kofler
Winner:	Vin Arcuri
7-11 Pot Passer:	JR Velepec
7-11 Winners:	Rudy Jonke, Jon Kablack <i>three times!</i>

Pig Walker: PP Paul Miceli
Pig: 39
Happy Dollars: 131
Next Meeting: Birthday & Business **Sheriff:** Trudy Eppich

Calendar of Events

Dec 9	Christmas Cheer	@ Sacred Heart Church	6:00pm
Dec 14	RMH Christmas	@ Ronald McDonald House, NHP	3:00pm
Dec 18	Club Christmas Party	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
Dec 20	Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop Supermarket	10:00 - 2:00pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day (No Meeting)		
Dec 30	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm



Anna Mastrolembro, President

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