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Today we had one of our most enjoyable meetings of the year, our annual **Club Christmas Party**. We had a capacity crowd of members, family, friends and fellow Kiwanians from other clubs in our Division and beyond, in the main room of Zum Stammtisch.

Pres Anna rang the bell to begin the meeting, and after an Invocation from Karen Kramer, the Pledge and a Patriotic Song, she immediately turned over the reins to PP Paul Miceli, who led us in a verse of 'Silent Night'. When she was able (allowed?) to continue with the program, she reminded everyone that it was almost one year ago that we lost President Kathleen O'Hara. We had a moment of silent reflection for our friend and leader. Next, she scored another 100% on the introductions of our Past Leadership, which was quite remarkable, considering the number of people in the room.

Today's Guests: The 'merry' Marilyn Jonke; Vin Arcuri's 'lovely' Maria; Barbara Adams; Tina Kotnik; Kerrie Ennis; Mike Miceli and Joan Miceli; Claudia Huber; John Dobranski; Al Zeigler; Aunt Mary; Trudy's "son from the mountains" Joe; Irene's daughter Donna; Dominick Cottone; Scott Valentine and his wife Dashima (Rockaway Club); SDPLG Carol Verdi (Lefferts-Liberty Club); SDPLG Janice Bar and Janet Harmeyer (Queens Blvd Club); PDG Joe and DPLG Nydia Corace.

We were thrilled to have a special visitor today. DPP Teresa Donahue was able to join us today. She has been going through therapy to repair a broken wrist, and hopped on a transport (with help from DPP Ingrid Huber) to share in the fun. She is in great spirits, and looks forward to seeing her fellow Kiwanians when she can.

When we gather for the holidays, we enjoy certain shared traditions. This year was no exception.



As everyone was settling in, PP Ken Voisin entertained everyone with a selection of holiday music, perfect for setting the atmosphere.



PP Paul Miceli and his wife Joan like to share the Polish tradition called **Oplatek**. It is a beloved Christmas Eve ritual where families share thin, blessed wafers, breaking off pieces to exchange heartfelt

wishes for health, happiness, and forgiveness, symbolizing love, unity, and reconciliation before their festive, meatless dinner. This centuries-old custom, derived from the Latin *oblatus* (sacred bread), signifies Christ's body and strengthens family bonds. Paul and Joan passed the wafers around the room, and everyone broke off a piece and shared it with those at their table. It is a wonderful and meaningful way to enjoy each other's company and share the joy of the holiday.

🎄 At our weekly meetings, we are blessed with the amazing servers that get our food and drinks to us. During Christmas, we like to say thank you to Aurora, Megan and Zeus with an envelope of good cheer. This year they turned the tables on us, and gave a generous \$100 donation to the Pig, to start the fundraising for next year's party.

🎄 What kind of Christmas party would it be without exchanging gifts? DPLG Kerrie Hansen helped setup and conduct the annual swap of presents. Whether you appreciate the gift you receive or not, it's fun to share in the spirit of giving (and receiving).

🎄 The meeting concluded with 'When Kiwanis Calls' and a toast by SPLG Bob Kueber, wishing everyone a peaceful and safe Christmas holiday. Of course, concluding the meeting is actually a misnomer, since no one was in any hurry to leave. Here at Glendale Kiwanis, we genuinely enjoy each other's company, especially around the holidays.



Club News: We passed the microphone around the room, so everyone could share their Christmas wishes with everyone. George Schwillie raised a Happy 100 because Glendale is a good place to be. Imagine that!

Sheriff: Dorie Figliola, who donated the Attendance Prize
Invocation: Karen Kramer
Lunch Monitor: JR Velepec
Winner and Losers: DPLG Kerrie Hansen
Losers: DPP Fred Haller, Irene Kofler, John Servideo and Scott Valentine
Winner: Susan O'Connor
7-11 Pot Passer: DPP Bruce Kramer
7-11 Winners: Alice, Richie Adams, Donna x2, Josephine, Susan, Leona, PLG Joe Corace, and Abby
Pig Walker: Frank Kotnik
Pig: 400
Happy Dollars: 1100
Next Meeting: **Christmas Day** (No Meeting) **Sheriff:** St Nicholas

Calendar of Events

Dec 20	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop Supermarket	10:00 - 2:00pm
Jan 1, 2026	New Year's Day (No Meeting)		
Jan 6	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Feb 7	Paint and Sip Fundraiser	@ the Avenue Bar Restaurant	TBD



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