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The Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale, New York

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We are sorry to share that our member, Jon Kablack, lost his mother Ursula "Sue" on January 10th. John and his family were by her side these past weeks. Our sympathies and thoughts are with John and his family during this difficult time.

Cards and condolences can be sent to: The Kablack Family  
72-17 72nd Street  
Glendale, NY 11385



It was a cool, blustery afternoon in the neighborhood, but it didn't keep us from filling the back room at the Stammtisch for today's meeting. Pres Anna rang the bell to start the proceedings, and asked Karen Kramer to deliver an Invocation. After the Pledge and Patriotic Song, Anna walked around the room and introduced our Past Leadership perfectly once again (she's making a habit of it).

**Today's Guests:** The 'lovely' Maria accompanied Vin Arcuri; Richie Adams introduced his 'amazing' wife Barbara; Rudy Jonke introduced the 'scintillating' Marilyn (she gave him a list of suggestions, which he promptly misplaced); DPP Richie Huber treated his wife DPP Ingrid (also 'lovely'), his daughter Claudia Huber, and his friend Martin; Guest Speaker Vanessa Bracetty joined us today.

For many years, we have been hosting a **Baby Shower** at Wyckoff Hospital Medical Center. It began in 2015, when SDPLG Bob Kueber was Queens West Lt Gov and DPP Richie Huber was our President. We serve a luncheon, and provide infant supplies to approximately 25 families each year, and it has grown every time. Many organizations and people donate clothes and supplies to help our cause.

Today, our guest speaker represented an organization that supports this cause. Vanessa Bracetty from **Expecting Relief** gave us a brief talk on the ways her organization helps families who are recommended by Social Services of NYC. They provide diapers, food, furniture and other supplies to local pantries to help attack poverty, and provide maternal relief. Their organization has expanded into Broward County, Fla.

Dorie Figliola met Vanessa at one of our First Saturday Food Drives, pushing a cart full of diapers out of the Stop & Shop. They spoke about their mutual services, and thought there could be a joint effort in our future. We shall see. Our next Baby Shower at Wyckoff is tentatively set for May 13.

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### **Club News:**

Secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen announced the candidacy of JR Velepec for **Board of Directors** member. We have several vacancies on the Board that need to be filled, and JR stepped up to join. After three weekly announcements, he can be voted in.

Richie Adams had a Happy 50 for his **7-11 Pool** win on the 11<sup>th</sup> for \$500. DPLG Debbie Kueber announced that Louise Seleznov sent along a Happy 25 for her win on the 7<sup>th</sup> for \$200. Thank you, folks.

On Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting our first **Membership Drive** of the year, at Rudy's Bakery & Cafe, our Corporate Member. Toni Binanti will host a private party at her bakery, located at 905 Seneca Ave, in Ridgewood. Coffee and pastries will be served, and it gives us a chance to introduce ourselves to prospective new members. All are welcome, and bring a friend.



Schwillie-D'Angelo Funeral Home is hosting a **Valentine's Day Party** on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Monsignor Sherman Council Hall, 79-03 Myrtle Ave in Glendale, starting at 3:00pm. Enjoy some complimentary food, drinks and music. RSVP by Feb 3 at 718-821-2616.

The New York District will be presenting the annual **Mid-Year Conference** at the *Crown Plaza Albany-the Desmond Hotel* from February 27-March 1. Besides all the educational forums, award dinners, and great Kiwanis fellowship the conference is known for, the Queens West Division, led by our own Lt Governor Steven Hansen, will be hosting a hospitality suite titled 'A Bit of Stammtisch'. Food, beverage and music will be the order of the day, and all will be welcome. If you have never been to an upstate District affair, this would be a great time to check it out. Contact Kerrie or Steven for details.



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<b>Sheriff:</b>	JR Velepec for Gary Giordano, who donated the Attendance Prize (Three 7-11 tickets)
<b>Invocation:</b>	Karen Kramer
<b>Lunch Monitor:</b>	JR Velepec
<b>Winner and Losers:</b>	JR Velepec
<b>Losers:</b>	Claudia Huber, Dorie Figliola, Rudy Jonke and Karen Kramer

<b>Winner:</b>	DPP Bruce Kramer
<b>7-11 Pot Passer:</b>	DPP Bruce Kramer
<b>7-11 Winners:</b>	Dorie Figliola, JR Velepec, Luke Kueber (DPLG Debbie) and Rory (DPP Bruce Kramer)
<b>Pig Walker:</b>	Richie Adams
<b>Pig:</b>	70
<b>Happy Dollars:</b>	189
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	104 <sup>th</sup> Pct Community Affairs
	<b>Sheriff:</b> John Gleason

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### Calendar of Events

Jan 20	Past Governors Council	@ O'Neill's Restaurant	7:00pm
Jan 26	Membership Social	@ Rudy's Bake Shop	6:00pm
Jan 27	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Jan 29	Kiwanis Meeting	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Feb 7	Paint and Sip Fundraiser	@ the Avenue Bar Restaurant	6:30pm



Anna Mastrolemb, President

**We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:  
Züm Stammtisch, 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385**

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