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Winter continues to be a challenge, so attendance at our weekly meetings continue to be light. We had eleven members and two guests at the Stammtisch today, plus three members and Lt Gov Steve Hansen at the Forest Hills Kiwanis Installation for an Interclub. Regardless, we treat every weekly meeting as important. Pres Anna rang the bell to start the proceedings, and DPP Bruce Kramer delivered an Invocation for continued service to our community.. After the Pledge and Patriotic Song, Anna gazed around the room and introduced the five Past Leaders present. Another easy day.

Today's Guests: Maria came for lunch with Vin Arcuri; Pastor Franklyn Caraballo of the Salvation Army was our guest speaker.

The **Salvation Army** was founded in 1865 as the "East London Christian Mission" in London by one-time Methodist preacher William Booth and his wife Catherine. In 1878, Booth reorganized the mission, becoming its first General and introducing the military structure, which it has retained as a matter of tradition. The Salvation Army is the largest non-government provider of social services in the United States and one of the largest in the world, with over 15,000 congregations and 1.65 million members. Although the organization has seen many changes over its 160 years, their highest priority is still its Christian principles.

Today, we had the honor of having Pastor Franklyn Caraballo of the Ridgewood Citadel Community Center with us to present the programs that the Corps provide. Pastor Franklyn has been the Corps Officer for a year now, since he relocated from a much quieter congregation in Ohio. His church is extremely busy, serving nearly 900 families in the area. Among the programs they provide:

- During the summer, they send around 70 children to a lake camp for a week of education and recreation.
- When school begins, they provide backpacks to another 50 children.
- They run a food pantry in their facility, serving hundreds of families. During Thanksgiving they donated 150 Dinners to needy families, including the 30 dinners we donated. We also supply the pantry with

dozens of cases of groceries collected during our monthly food drives, ran by DPP Bruce and Karen Kramer.

- Around Christmas, they collected and donated toys to 225 children with their *Christmas Angels* program. They also attend our ***Christmas Tree Lighting*** each year and serve hot cocoa to all the families, as well as joining with us at the ***Kettle Drive Bell Ringing***, where we match what is collected in one day. Today, we presented them a check for \$250 towards that commitment.

The spirit of the Corps is strong, but they still face many challenges. The organization has considered selling the Ridgewood building as a way to raise money, but serving so many families has made that unfeasible as a solution to their financial problems. We wish them well, and because their mission is so aligned to our own, we look forward to working with them for years to come.



Pastor Franklyn (c), with DPP Bruce
and Pres Anna

Club News:

Secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen announced the candidacy of JR Velepec for ***Board of Directors*** member for the third time. No one else has stepped forward at this time, so Kerrie cast a single vote to make it official. We still have several vacancies on the Board that need to be filled, so if you are interested in joining, let Pres Anna or Kerrie know.

The ***Paint and Sip*** fundraiser for Pres Anna's major emphasis, the St Mary's Healthcare System for Children in Bayside, has sold out! It will be held at the Avenue Restaurant and Bar on February 7th, beginning at 6:30pm.

Pres Anna shared Happy \$\$ that she had a great weekend last week. She attended a book signing in Manhattan with her favorite actress and author Susan Lucci, followed with dinner at *Margaritaville*, and finally, taking in a movie ("Send Help", a real gorefest).

Proud Papa Vin Arcuri announced that his granddaughter was married last weekend at *Fox Hollow Country Club*. Congratulations!

Sheriff:	DPLG Kerrie Hansen, who donated the Attendance Prize.
Invocation:	DPP Bruce Kramer
Lunch Monitor:	DPLG Kerrie Hansen

Winner and Losers: DPLG Kerrie Hansen
Losers: George Schwille, Maria, Fran Cottone and DPP Ingrid Huber
Winner: SDPLG Bob Kueber
7-11 Pot Passer: DPP Bruce Kramer
7-11 Winners: George Schwille and SDPLG Bob Kueber
Pig Walker: Fran Cottone
Pig: 26
Happy Dollars: 79
Next Meeting: Birthday & Business / Valentine's Day **Sheriff:** Leona Hansen

Calendar of Events

Feb 7	Paint and Sip Fundraiser	@ the Avenue Bar Restaurant	6:30pm
Feb 9	QW Division Meeting	@ Buccaneer Diner, Astoria	7:00pm
Feb 19	Fr. Michael Falce	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Feb 24	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Feb 26	Wyckoff Hospital	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Feb 27 - Mar 1	Mid-Year Conference	@ Albany, NY	
Mar 7	Karaoke Night	@ the Avenue Restaurant & Bar	8:00pm



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