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Cé nach bhfuil grá aige do na hÉireannaigh?

(Who doesn't love the Irish?)

Springtime is approaching, and the first sign is the shamrocks that appear for our annual *Irish Day* meeting. Members and guests were wearing their green and came for a great Irish-themed luncheon, featuring shepherd's pie, fish and chips, bangers and mash and, of course, corned beef and cabbage. Pres Anna rang the gong and ask Karen Kramer to lead us in prayer. After the Pledge and Patriotic Song, she introduced the Past Leadership (though people questioned how early she came to the pub, because she had a rough time for a change).

JR Velepec volunteered to act as Sheriff for Robert Holden, who was unable to attend. JR noted that he could not perform his duties properly because the House Committee did not bring the Club Banner, Sheriff Bag, Pie Plate case, attendance slips, Pig, etc. He figured that a \$20 fine to the Committee ought to cover it. He probably didn't realize that he is on the House Committee. Oops!

Today's Guests: The lovely Maria joined Vin Arcuri; Frank Kotnik treated his DDG wife Tina; Pres Anna introduced her friend Terry; DPLG Kerrie Hansen welcomed IPLG Mark Pohl and Mike Russell from the Kings Plaza-Canarsie club to the meeting.

Before Pres Anna turned the program over to LtGov Steve Hansen, filling in for DPP Bill Maher, who was feeling a little under the weather, she displayed the award-winning scrapbook we submitted at the Mid-Year Conference. She also passed around a copy of the book of Plagiast newsletters from last year, and asked everyone to sign it before we present it to PP Kathleen O'Hara's mom Doreen as a keepsake for Kathleen's year as President. Another copy of the book was presented to the editor of our bulletins, which received an Honorable Mention at the Conference awards dinner.



Lt Gov Steve began the program with a bit of Irish trivia, and any correct answers (with a \$ in hand of course) received a gift of an Irish trinket:

- The American tradition of green beer stretches back over 100 years. What was the secret ingredient? *(A 1914 news article cited “wash blue”, a laundry whitener, thankfully later replaced by food coloring)*
- In 2011, Irish-American astronaut Catherine Coleman played a penny whistle in space belonging to what famous Irish music group? *(The Chieftains).*
- Name the actor who voiced the Lucky Charms Leprechaun for over 30 years? *(Arthur Anderson, who by the way, was not Irish).*
- Where and when was the first St Patrick’s Day parade? *(In St Augustine, Florida in 1601. The city was a Spanish colony, but had an Irish vicar).*
- Where and when was the first St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Ireland? *(In the Irish town of Waterford in 1903, later moved to Dublin in 1931).*
- What was the highest number of leaves ever recorded on a single clover stem? *(According to the Guinness Book of World Records, 63 was the record set in 2023 in Japan. That’s a lot of luck!).*
- What do the colors of the Irish flag stand for? *(Green represents the Catholic faith, orange represents the Protestant faith, and white represents peace between the two).*
- How do leprechauns earn their gold? *(Leprechauns are cobblers, making and mending shoes).*
- How many pints of Guinness are consumed on St. Patrick’s Day worldwide? *(Around 13 million pints).*
- Finally, name an Irish beer other than Guinness. *(Take your pick: Harp Lager, Smithwick’s Red Ale, Magner’s Cider, Murphy’s Stout, Cael & Crede Amber Ale, Beamish Irish Stout, Sullivan’s Stout and Ales, and Kilkenny Irish Cream Ale)*

After lunch was served, LtG Steve continued the program with a game we first played last year: **Irish Family Feud**. Two teams were chosen, and three rounds of questions were tested. The winning team was DPLG Debbie Kueber, Karen Kramer, Lianna Mastrolembo and her mom Pres Anna, and JR Velepec, and they were properly rewarded with a bottle of Bailey’s Irish Cream each and a \$30 scratch off ticket (unfortunately, the luck of the Irish was not with them this day). Nevertheless, everyone had a lot of fun.



Club News:



NY District is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Distinguished Past Governor Candace J. Cosaro. Candace served as the 2017-18 Distinguished Governor of the New York District. As Governor, Candace’s emphasis was on membership. During her term, our District saw a membership increase and the chartering of a number of new Kiwanis clubs. A wake/service will be held for Candace on Friday March 13, 2 to 8 pm at:

Lane Funeral Home, 8622 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14304.

Sympathy cards may be sent to the family at: 402 95th St. Apt 1, Niagara Falls, NY 14301.

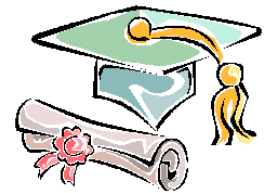
We extend our condolences to the Cosaro family.

DPP Bruce Kramer announced that the **First Saturday Food Drive** was another success, with 20 cases of groceries collected for the Sacred Heart Food Pantry, and \$104 in donations. DPP Bruce wished to thank Karen Kramer, JR Velepec, SDPLG Bob Kueber, DPP Fred Haller, and all the generous people in the Glendale community that donated.

Pres Anna Mastrolembo wants to thank everyone that attended last Saturday's **Karaoke for a Cause** fundraiser at *the Avenue Restaurant & Bar*. Everyone in attendance enjoyed some fun performances, raffles (and a few adult beverages), while raising money for St Mary's Hospital in Bayside. Singing is a big part of what we do at Glendale Kiwanis, so this event is a no-brainer for us.



DPLG Debbie Kueber announced that on June 11th, we will be hosting our annual **Scholarship Awards Dinner** at the *Constance Del Vecchio-Maltese Art Center* at Christ the King HS in Middle Village. We will be awarding approx. \$10,000 in scholarships to deserving 8th grade and 12th grade students in our 11385 community this year. We scheduled an evening meeting for members and guests so that we may show our support for the recipients and their families. There is a hot buffet being served, and there is ample parking available. The program begins at 6:00pm. The deadline for submitting applications is **April 30, 2026**, so if you know any worthy candidates, let Debbie know.



A Note from DPP Bob Monahan to Glendale Kiwanis:

Forty-three years ago, a much younger Gene MacQueen (and Mickey Ennis) asked a much younger Bob Monahan to join Kiwanis. Time has moved on and Bob and Gene are still getting together to laugh about the good old days of Glendale and Kiwanis. Miss you Mick...

Many years ago, Margaret MacQueen took a picture with her mother, daughter Joanne and granddaughter Kelly, four generations connected to Glendale Kiwanis. This past weekend, I was honored to take a new picture of Margaret, Joanne, Kelly and baby Millie Gene. The next Four Generation photo of Kiwanis history.



DPP 2x's Bob Monahan with his sponsor, DPPP (Distinguished Past Polish President) Gene MacQueen.



Joanne, Margaret (celebrating her 90th Birthday), Kelly and Millie Gene down in NC.

Sheriff: JR Velepec for Robert Holden
Invocation: Karen Kramer
Lunch Monitor: JR
Winner and Losers: LtG Steve Hansen
Losers: Mike Russell, Kathleen Lyons, Trudie Eppich and LtG Steve Hansen
Winner: IPLG Mark Pohl
7-11 Pot Passer: DPP Bruce Kramer
7-11 Winners: Lianna Mastrolembo, Big Bill (SDPLG Bob Kueber) and Mike Russell
Pig Walker: The Pig heard bangers and mash was on the menu and refused to attend.
Pig: Rud ar bith
Happy Dollars: 205
Next Meeting: Queens Public Library **Sheriff:** DPP Ingrid Huber

Calendar of Events:

Mar 26	Lighthouse Guild	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Mar 31	Board of Directors	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
May 3	Spring Pancake Breakfast	@ Sacred Heart School	8:00am
Jun 11	Scholarship Awards Dinner	@ CNL Center, Christ the King HS	6:30pm



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:
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