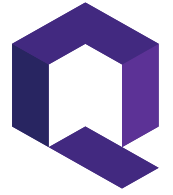




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This nasty weather won't let up, and it showed with today's attendance. Only 12 members came out. Still, it doesn't damper the atmosphere at our weekly meeting at the Stammtisch. Pres Anna rang the bell as soon as our guest speaker arrived. DPP Ingrid Huber stood in for Karen Kramer and led us in a prayer, after which we spoke the Pledge and sang our Patriotic song. Anna introduced the Past Leadership without a hitch.

Today's Guests: The lovely Maria joined Vin Arcuri; DPLG Debbie Kueber was the guest of hubby SDPLG Bob, who celebrated their 48th Anniversary yesterday with a Happy 48; Sue Latham was the guest of our club.

This week's program was our annual visit from our friend Susan Latham, Executive Director of the

Queens Public Library Foundation, the organization that funds so many of the programs the library offers. Coincidentally, today was the 130th anniversary of the founding of the Queens Public Library. They are celebrating with special community events, including a "trading card" scavenger hunt at various locations, curated digital history archives via *Queens Memory*, and instant access to popular eBooks. Every year, Susan visits us and gives us an update on all the marvelous services and events that they have done, or are doing, lately. For instance:

- They are sponsoring 21 *Innovation Centers* for tweens, concentrating on STEM activities such as robotics and chess.
- They sponsor *Teen Newsrooms*, teaching journalism techniques and technology to high school-aged students.
- Branches receive grant money to serve older adults with classes in zumba, crafting and knitting.
- Their "Civic Engagement" initiative hosts drives
 - for *Prom Dresses and Suits*, which help underprivileged children afford to attend prom.
 - for non-perishable groceries, donating hundreds of lbs. of food for local pantries.



- for books, partnering with the NY Mets to collect 13,000 books at Citifield. Many were donated to *Thrift Books* for resale, which raises over \$1 million/yr to fund programming.
- the *Baby Bibs* program to encourage literacy in English and Spanish.
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The Queens Library in Glendale was adopted by National Grid, which provides landscaping and cleanups. And, by the way, THEY STILL HAVE BOOKS! They are still the best deal in town! Susan noted that our Vin Arcuri is the longest serving board member in Queens. The foundation is fiscally sound, with investments producing a 6% return annually. Sue gratefully received a \$250 donation for the foundation from our club, and promised they will be around for a long time to come. Members raised Happy \$\$ for that prospect.

Today, Vin Arcuri took it upon himself to be our “calendar boy”, and started a frenzy of announcements of upcoming events.

JR Velepec started with the good news that the first ***Kentucky Derby Pool*** is full, and he is starting a second, if you are so inclined. \$20 a horse.



DPLG Kerrie Hansen announced the date for our ***Spring Pancake Breakfast***. It will be held on Sunday, May 3rd, at Sacred Heart School Auditorium, from 8:00am – 11:00am. We need all hands-on deck to make this fundraiser a success.

Also, our annual distribution of DiMarco’s Meat Shoppe will be



Holiday Hams and Roasters will be held on March 23rd, providing the supplies for distribution.

DPP Ingrid Huber announced the next ***Baby Shower at Wyckoff Hospital***, on Wednesday, May 13th. Gift donations will be accepted at meetings or CB Kueber Realty until May 8th. New Clothes Only. No bottles or pacifiers.



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.

Finally, Pres presented her project in support of NY District Governor Carla Ingram’s emphasis of children in foster care. We intend to assemble ***“blessing bags”*** in the form of backpacks filled with items the children may need for comfort, hygiene, fun, and practical items. For example, small blankets, stuffed animals, books,

sippy cup, baby wash and lotion, baby wipes, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, coloring book and crayons, small Lego sets, hair brush and hair ties. The bags would be age appropriate: Boy age group 1-4 years old, Boy age group 5-7 years old, Girl age group 1-4 years old, and Girl age group 5-7 years old.



Club News:

Jon Kablack gave a Basketball Update. Tryouts were held for the travel team he coaches, and 70 players tried out for 22 openings. He looks forward to his annual trip upstate for the tournament at his alma mater.

At last week's Irish Day meeting, sheriff JR Velepec said he could not perform his duties because the House Committee did not bring the pie plates, banner, gong, gavel and the Pig to Yerman's. He suggested that the committee should cover the fines, and said \$20 should be sufficient. What he didn't realize was that he is a member of the committee. He reluctantly paid the price.

- Sheriff:** DPP Ingrid Huber, who donated the Attendance Prize
- Invocation:** DPP Ingrid Huber
- Lunch Monitor:** JR Velepec
- Winner and Losers:** DPP Ingrid Huber
- Losers:** Maria, SDPLG Bob Kueber, Pres Anna and George Schwille
- Winner:** Sue Latham
- 7-11 Pot Passer:** JR Velepec
- 7-11 Winners:** George Schwille and Pres Anna
- Pig Walker:** DPLG Kerrie Hansen
- Pig:** 28
- Happy Dollars:** 145
- Next Meeting:** Lighthouse Guild **Sheriff:** DPP Richie Huber

Calendar of Events:

Mar 31	Board of Directors	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Apr 2	Ridgewood Savings Bank	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Apr 4	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop Supermarket	10:00am-2:00pm
Apr 9	Birthday and Business	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Apr 16	Wyckoff Hospital (Kevin Smiley)	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm

Apr 20	QW Division Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Apr 23	Wyckoff Hospital (Ella Juray)	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Apr 28	Board of Directors	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Apr 30	GCOP and Auxiliary	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
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:
Zum Stammtisch, 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385**

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