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Well, what do you know? We had a beautiful sunny day for a change, perfect for a meeting at the Stammtisch. Pres Anna rang the bell as soon as everyone settled in, and Karen Kramer led us in a prayer, after which we spoke the Pledge and sang our Patriotic song. Anna introduced the Past Leadership with a flourish, giving everyone their props for their service.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri introduced the lovely Maria Hernais; Frank Kotnik treated his DDG wife Tina to lunch; Pres Anna welcomed her Godmother Mary Stabile; Karen Kramer introduced our guest speaker Ed Plumacher.

Each week, we host a meeting with the intention of educating and entertaining our members. Let's just say, if you skipped this meeting, you missed an event. Our guest speaker today was Ed Plumacher, the Adaptive Technical Specialist at the **Lighthouse Guile**. Ed has joined us before, and informed us of all the marvelous

programs they provide for the sight-challenged community. Today, he took it to another level.

Technology has advanced on many levels, and today we learned about the latest advancement to benefit the sight-challenged community. Ed, who is sight-challenged himself, came to our meeting wearing a pair of **Meta Glasses**. Meta glasses work by integrating cameras, microphones, speakers, and incorporating AI into stylish frames, allowing hands-free capture of photos and videos, phone calls, music, and information access via voice commands ("Hey Meta"), all while looking like stylish normal glasses (Ray Ban and Oakley frames available). He demonstrated the capabilities of the glasses by:

- Calling Karen Kramer's phone with a voice command.
- Checking the weather with the internet capability.
- Taking a photo of a page from Pres Anna's notes and reading it back to us.

The glasses also offer Live Translation, and the 2nd generation features 8hrs of battery life. You can currently order glasses in *Lens Crafters* locations. Prices range from \$299-\$399, plus prescription lens.

Ed also took time to report on the Blind Baseball League he coaches a team for. They won a Bronze Medal in 2022, and are competing in the 2026 USBBA CONFED



CUP in Budapest. It is an amazing program, and everyone here was more than impressed with this organization and this adaptive technology. We presented Ed a \$250 donation to further their fine work.

Club News:

DPP Bruce Kramer announced the winners of the **7-11 Pool** for March. On the 7th, DPP Fred Haller III won \$200; On the 11th, DPP Leo Galante won \$500. Tickets are available every month for \$10.

JR Velepec reported that the first **Kentucky Derby Pool** is full, and he is starting a second, if you are so inclined. A horse will cost you \$20.



On Wednesday, we conducted our annual distribution of **Holiday Hams and Roasters**.

DiMarco's Meat Shoppe provided the supplies for distribution (at cost, by the way). DPLG Kerrie and Lt Gov Steve Hansen, and DPP Bruce and Karen Kramer delivered the hams and chickens to the pantries at Sacred Heart Church and the Salvation Army, which they will donate to families in need. Also, DiMarco's donated four \$50 gift certificates to give out to families that can use extra support. DiMarco's is extremely generous to our program, and we are grateful for their support every year.



While we are on the topic of food pantry support, DPP Bruce Kramer announced that he received anonymous donations of frozen food (pizzas, chicken nuggets, French fries), and delivered it to the Salvation Army, because they are putting the freezers we gave them to good use. Finally, our **First Saturday Food Drive** for April has been rescheduled for April 11th.



Our **Spring Pancake Breakfast** 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. DPLG Kerrie Hansen has tickets available at Coldwell Banker Kueber Realty (DPLG Debbie and SDPLG Bob Kueber), McKenna's Florist (Bob Temkin), Cook's Crafts (Michelle Cook) and Superior Interlock (DPP Richie Huber). We are also printing placemats again, so if you wish to advertise, or donate supplies for the breakfast, contact Kerrie.

Karen Kramer announced the next **Baby Shower at Wyckoff Hospital**, will be hosted 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. The donation link on Amazon Website is open: Baby Registry name: *Karen Kramer*. Contact Marisa Beckmann at 977-676-4264 or Karen at 347-622-2523.



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 Anna 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 or small suitcases filled with items the children may need for comfort, hygiene, fun, and practical items. For example, small blankets, stuffed animals, books, sippy cups, baby wash and lotion, baby wipes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, coloring books and crayons, small Lego sets, hair brushes and hair ties. The bags would be age appropriate: Boy age group 1-4 years old, and 5-7 years old; Girl age group 1-4 years old, and 5-7 years old. Contact Anna if you wish to donate.



Sheriff:	JR Velepec for DPP Richie Huber, who donated the Attendance Prize
Invocation:	Karen Kramer
Lunch Monitor:	JR Velepec
Winner and Losers:	SDPLG Bob Kueber
Losers:	Fran Cottone, Mike Porcelli, Maria Hernais and Pres Anna
Winner:	DPLG Debbie Kueber
7-11 Pot Passer:	DPP Bruce Kramer
7-11 Winners:	Thomas Rybicki (Karen Kramer) and JR Velepec X2 (donated both tickets to USBBA)
Pig Walker:	Frank Kotnik
Pig:	22
Happy Dollars:	115
Next Meeting:	Ridgewood Savings Bank
Sheriff:	Rudy Jonke

Calendar of Events:

Mar 31	Board of Directors	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Apr 9	Birthday and Business	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Apr 11	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop Supermarket	10:00am-2:00pm

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 Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Apr 30	GCOP and Auxiliary	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
May 3	Spring Pancake Breakfast	@ Sacred Heart School Auditorium	8:00am
May 13	Baby Shower	@ Wyckoff Medical Center	11:00am
May 30	Queens West Governor's Visit	@ Manor Oktoberfest, Forest Hills	TBD
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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**All Correspondence can be sent to:
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