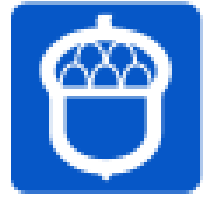




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The Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale, New York  
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We had a good turnout for today's meeting, and we got started on time for a change because the guest speaker was early. Pres Anna opened with another fine Invocation by Karen Kramer, and the Pledge and our Patriotic Song. As she has been doing all year, Anna introduced the Leadership past and present without a hitch. Unfortunately, she is costing us a lot of Happy \$\$ by doing so. C'est la vie.

**Today's Guests:** Frank Kotnik treated DDG Tina to lunch; DPP Tony Sauro introduced Sal Giocastro; Nancy Baer and Melissa Abreu were guests of the club.

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We flipped the program somewhat today, and started with announcements and Happy \$\$ first, before getting to the program.

DPP Ingrid Huber started with some encouraging news. During Tuesday's Board Meeting, she and Richie received a phone call from their daughter Claudia, who is away at college in Scranton. She was suffering from severe stomach pains, which turned out to be acute appendicitis. Fortunately, they caught it early, and Claudia will be fine. Ingrid put up a Happy 100 for her recovery.

We had a special visit from DPP Len Licata today. He was in the neighborhood, and came by to see his friends at the Glendale club after a long absence. He is looking great, and he put up a Happy 100 for Easter and to be back with everyone. Of course, everyone was glad to see him again, and the Happy \$\$ were rolling in.

SDPLG Bob Kueber asked everyone if they had seen the Artemis II rocket launch. Many did, and Bob and LtGov Steve Hansen reminisced about the early days of the space program, when they would wake up at the crack of dawn to watch rocket launches on black and white TVs. It never gets old.

Trudy Eppich was back with us today, and thanked everyone for the get-well card she received.

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Our guest speakers today were Melissa Abreu, Branch Manager of the **Ridgewood Savings Bank** Glendale office, and Nancy Baer, the long-time director, now retired, of the **Sacred Heart Food Pantry**.

The Ridgewood Bank is always supporting local charities and organizations, like our own. They host events all year to support the neighborhood, and today they presented a check to the food pantry to help them feed the 400+ families they serve. Nancy gave us a report on the safety and efficiency of the pantry, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities. All the families are vetted, and scheduled pickups allow them to avoid standing in long lines. Nancy said they were grateful for the Hams and Roasters we donated last week, as well as all the groceries we donate each month from our First Saturday Food Drives. We have a long-standing partnership with them, and are glad to support such a worthwhile program.



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### Club News:

JR Velepec reported that the second **Kentucky Derby Pool** is almost full. So, if you are so inclined, a horse will cost you \$20.



Our **Spring Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 reported on the **Baby Shower at Wyckoff Hospital**, which will be hosted on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Karen was pleased to share that last year's event received so many donations, it cost the club nothing but the manpower required to host the event. 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.



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 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Sheriff:** Rudy Jonke, who donated the Attendance Prize  
**Invocation:** Karen Kramer  
**Lunch Monitor:** JR Velepec  
**Winner and Losers:** Lt Gov Steve Hansen  
**Losers:** Lucien Matej, DPP Ingrid Huber, Frank Kotnik and Trudy Eppich  
**Winner:** Nancy Baer  
**7-11 Pot Passer:** Karen Kramer  
**7-11 Winners:** DPP Ingrid Huber, Doreen O'Hara, Bella (DPP Tony Sauro), and Pres Anna  
**Pig Walker:** Lt Gov Steve Hansen  
**Pig:** 65  
**Happy Dollars:** 375  
**Next Meeting:** Birthday & Business                      **Sheriff:** Jon Kablack

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**Calendar of Events:**

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:**  
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