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The Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale, New York  
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The weather was absolutely gorgeous today, and many of our members took the opportunity to get outside. We began our meeting in the usual manner. Karen Kramer provided another fine Invocation, and we recited the Pledge and our Patriotic Song. Anna introduced the past Leadership perfectly.

**Today's Guests:** Vin Arcuri invited his aide Ola to lunch; Our Guest Speaker, Kevin Smyley, was a guest of the club.

Our program today was a visit from an old friend, Kevin Smyley, the loquacious Executive VP of Patient Affairs and General Counsel of Wyckoff Hospital Medical Center. Kevin Smyley. He has been at Wyckoff for "more years than he can count", and is a relentless advocate for the facility and its programs.

After receiving a rousing "How Do You Do", his

message for today was "Mobility and Socialization are the Determinants of Health". He advised us to keep doing what we do, because it has been studied and confirmed that community service translates to better health. Being around other people with the same motivation to help their neighbors stimulates growth and active lifestyles. Also, when not-for-profits support other not-for-profits, such as food pantries, churches and schools, everybody benefits. He specifically pointed to our annual Baby Shower, and the tremendous impact it has on the families they serve.

He also gave us a report on the progress his Medical Center is making. Wyckoff is slowly recovering from the pandemic. Despite receiving about 70% of the State funds the large hospital systems get for the same services, the State inspection reports have been reduced from 48 pages of must-dos, to 2 pages last year. Efficiency has been the key, and they are always looking for ways to create a more welcoming and healthier environment, which translates to better care and healthier outcomes. Their ER receives approximately 100,000 visits annually, so they are obviously getting results, and their services are desperately needed.

It is always good to see Kevin, and we wish him and the Board of Trustees, of which Vin Arcuri is Vice Chairman and DPP Fred Haller is Secretary, the very best of luck.



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## Club News:

DPLG Kerrie Hansen won the **7-11 Pool** on the 11<sup>th</sup> for \$500, and donated a Happy 50 for the win.

DPP Ingrid Huber had a Bittersweet 20 because she sold her family home today, and so many memories came back.

Fran Cottone joined us today after her unfortunate fall on Easter Sunday. She was grateful for all the calls of support she received, and she will be fine. She took a turn as Sheriff today.

DPP Bruce Kramer reported that the last **First Saturday Food Drive** was another success, with 18 cases of groceries for the Sacred Heart Food Pantry, and \$103 in donations collected. He wished to thank Karen Kramer, Rob Mastrolembo and JR Velepec, and the generous people in the Glendale area for the help.

Rob Mastrolembo attended his first meeting with the **Grover Cleveland HS Key Club** as their new club advisor. He had a wonderful time getting introduced with the students and Faculty Advisor Don Zigler, and looks forward to working with them. They will be attending our Pancake Breakfast on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to lend their support, as usual.

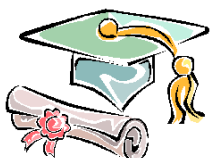


Our **Spring Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Sacred Heart School Auditorium, from 8:00am – 11:00am. Tickets available at Coldwell Banker Kueber Realty (DPLG Debbie and SDPLG Bob Kueber), McKenna's Florist (Bob Temkin), Cook's Crafts (Michelle Cook) and Superior Interlock (DPP Richie Huber). We are also printing placemats again, so if you wish to advertise, or donate supplies for the breakfast, contact Kerrie.

The **Baby Shower at Wyckoff Hospital** will be hosted on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Karen Kramer said the donations are coming in. She went to Councilwoman Joann Ariola's office and received a large donation of diapers in several sizes. She also reported a \$100 donation from Costco. And, 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. There is a hot buffet being served, and there is ample parking available. The program begins at 6:00pm.



We are still looking for additional candidates, and the deadline for submitting applications is **April 30, 2026**. Contact DPLG Debbie Kueber with any nominees.

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**Sheriff:** Fran Cottone for Martin Kappauf, who donated the Attendance Prize  
**Invocation:** Karen Kramer  
**Lunch Monitor:** Karen Kramer  
**Winner and Losers:** LtG Steve Hansen  
**Losers:** Pat Maher, Pres Anna, Trudie Eppich and Kevin Smiley  
**Winner:** Vin Arcuri  
**7-11 Pot Passer:** DPP Bruce Kramer  
**7-11 Winners:** DPP Ingrid Huber, Kathleen Lyons and Leona Hansen  
**Pig Walker:** LtG Steve Hansen  
**Pig:** 32  
**Happy Dollars:** 175  
**Next Meeting:** Wyckoff Hospital (Ella Juray)      **Sheriff:** Dave Koehler

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**Calendar of Events:**

Apr 20	QW Division Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
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	6:30



**We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:**  
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