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The weather was very cooperative, and we had better attendance today. Pres Anna rang the gong to get us rolling. DPP Bruce Kramer provided a fine Invocation, asking for safety and health for all law enforcement officers. We recited the Pledge and sang our Patriotic Song. Anna introduced the past Leadership perfectly once again.

Today's Guests: SDPLG Janice Bar from the Queens Blvd club joined us today; Vin Arcuri had his aide Ola along; Aunt Mary was Pres Anna's guest today.

Before we began today's program, we heard from our loquacious Past President, Paul Miceli. He is back from an extended stay in Florida, and we heard an extended soliloquy about his adopted home, his and Joan's grandkids, the Pig, and the presidency. He knows our club will only continue to grow and serve if we continue to build leadership with the "one and done" philosophy we've embraced. Seriously, it's always good to have the Big Guy with us.

Our first speaker today was Maryann Lattanzio, VP of the **Auxiliary Police Benevolent Association of NYC**. The APBA is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1965 that represents approximately 3000 NYPD Auxiliary Police Officers. It acts as a union and watchdog, lobbying for member benefits, such as uniform allowances and legal representation. Because they lost nine officers killed in action, they are currently working to obtain updated bullet-proof vests to prevent more, and are lobbying to have assaults on auxiliary officers upgraded to Class 3 felonies. Auxiliary officers provide support of the NYPD, and are all volunteers.

Our other speaker was Elizabeth De La Cruz, President of the **104th Precinct Civilian Observation Patrol (G-COP)**. The organization is over 50 years old and is the largest civilian observation group in New York City. Besides attending and patrolling community events (parades, memorials, National Night Out, and our Christmas Tree Lighting), they provide additional surveillance for the NYPD. In the past, they monitored police radios to stay on top of activity in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, due to the Homeland Security mandates, police radios have been encrypted and they are unable to monitor the broadcasts. Delacruz has called on

elected officials to resolve the radio encryption issue, so G-COP can continue preserving public safety. According to 104 Precinct Captain Joshua Rios, paperwork had been submitted and remains “in the process of getting approved.” Let’s hope they get back in the loop, to provide the security our community desperately needs.



Our **Spring Pancake Breakfast** was held last Sunday, and it was another success. With the help of the Maspeth Town Hall and Grover Cleveland HS Key Club volunteers, the tireless kitchen staff, and all the members who worked the door and handled the raffles, the event netted almost \$4000. Congratulations to DPLG Kerrie Hansen for pulling it all together. Thank you to all those who generously donated supplies or financial support.

Our **First Saturday Food Drive** at Stop & Shop Supermarket was also successful. DPP Bruce Kramer reported that 21 cases of groceries and \$77 in donations were collected, a more than average day. The groceries were delivered to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry. Bruce wanted to thank JR Velepec, DPP Fred Haller, Gjorgi Kukuvikov, Marisa Beckmann, and of course, his bride Karen, for working the food drive.

Club News:

Dorie Figliola joined us today. She has been recovering from her stroke, and is getting stronger every day. You can’t keep a good woman down.

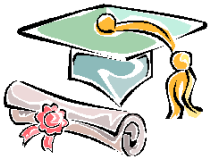
Chalk this one under “Huh”? For some reason, Vin Arcuri reported that Winnie the Pooh was celebrating his 100th birthday this week. On a more serious note, he reminded everyone that June 14 is **Flag Day** and he suggested everyone fly a flag to celebrate America’s 250th Birthday.

The **Baby Shower at Wyckoff Hospital** will be hosted on **WEDNESDAY**, May 13th. Karen Kramer said the donations continue to come in. The donation link on Amazon Website is still open: Baby Registry name: *Karen Kramer*. Contact Marisa Beckmann at 977-676-4264 or Karen at 347-622-2523.



Pres Anna announced our next fundraiser will be at **California Pizza Kitchen** in Atlas Park, on May 18-20. If you present a flyer for the event, twenty percent of your food bill will be donated back to our club. Flyers will be available later this week.

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 received a large amount of applications this year, so the judges will be extra busy. For \$30, there will be 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**. Let's have a big showing to honor our scholars.



Sheriff:	JR for Frank Kotnik, who donated the Attendance Prize		
Lunch Monitor:	JR Velepec		
Invocation:	DPP Bruce Kramer		
7-11 Pot Passer:	DPP Bruce Kramer		
7-11 Winners:	SDPLG Bob Kueber, Leah (DPLG Debbie Kueber), SDPLG Janice Bar, DPP 'Ingy'Huber		
Winner and Losers:	Pres Anna Mastrolembo		
Losers:	Fran Cottone, Irene Kofler, Leona Hansen and Ola		
Winner:	SDPLG Bob Kueber		
Pig Walker:	PP Paul Miceli	Pig:	52
Happy Dollars:	128		
Next Meeting:	Queens Symphony	Sheriff:	DPP Bruce Kramer

Calendar of Events:

May 2	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop Supermarket	10:00-2:00pm
May 3	Spring Pancake Breakfast	@ Sacred Heart School Auditorium	8:00am
May 11	QW Division Meeting	@ TBD	7:00pm
May 13	Baby Shower	@ Wyckoff Medical Center	11:00am
May 14	Birthday & Business/Capt Rios & Det Berish	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
May 21	Memorial Day Program	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
May 25	Glendale Memorial Day Parade	@ Ridgewood Veterans Memorial	11:00am
May 26	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
May 28	German Day	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
May 29	Faith in the Future Golf Outing	@ Forest Park Golf Course	8:00am
May 30	Queens West Governor's Visit	@ Manor Oktoberfest, Forest Hills	6:00pm
Jun 11	Scholarship Awards Dinner	@ CNL Center, Christ the King HS	6:30



Anna Mastroiemo, President

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