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Attendance at today's meeting was exceptional, and the meeting was fantastic. When there are fannies in the seats, the meetings usually are. Pres Anna rang the gong to get us rolling. DPP Bruce Kramer provided a fine Invocation, asking for the safety of the NYPD. We recited the Pledge and sang our Patriotic Song, and with all the people in the room, it sounded great. Anna introduced the past Leadership perfectly once again, as usual.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri had the lovely Maria and his daughter Jackie Capobianco along; Richie Adams invited his wife Barbara to lunch; Frank Kotnik had his "First Lady" Tina with him today (boy, does that sound Presidential); Special Guests Capt. Josh Rios and Det. Michael Berish were our speakers.

Today, we were fortunate to have two of our friends from the **104th Precinct** join us for lunch. Capt. Josh Rios and Det. Michael Berish stopped in for a chat, to give us a report on current activity within the neighborhood. Capt. Rios is the new 104th Precinct CO. Most recently, Rios held that position in Northeast Queens' 109th Precinct. He joined the NYPD as a police officer in 2008.

The 104 Precinct currently has 110 officers assigned there, down from 130, which resulted in reallocating resources and manpower to manage threats in the community. Among the challenges they face:

- They have been confiscating mopeds to prevent illegal use, and protect pedestrian safety.
- Parks surveillance has been increased, and loud speakers have been confiscated.
- They are coordinating with other precincts to respond to recent "car meets", such as the Eliot Ave incident last month.
- There has been an increase in auto theft, particularly in the neighborhoods of Middle Village and Maspeth. Locking your car is a must.
- An increase in scams, or fraudulent phone calls, has also been noted in grand larceny cases. He reminded everyone to ignore unknown phone calls.
- Check washing is an ongoing issue. Check washing is an act of fraud where stolen checks are chemically altered to erase the payee names and amounts, allowing perps to steal funds. He advised

us to use gel pens to prevent ink from being altered in any way, and to deliver checks inside the post office.

It was wonderful having Capt. Rios join us to answer questions, and keep us informed. We wish him the best of luck in his new command.

Today's program was our monthly **Birthday and Business** meeting, where we celebrate our members who identify as the signs of Taurus or Gemini. We have five members in this category: Walter Sabolboro (9th), DPP Ingrid Huber (12th), Carol Leifer (12th), Pastor Franklyn Caraballo of the Salvation Army (17th), and Bill Dobranski (26th). Ingrid was the only member who showed up for her "free" lunch, and was treated to a warm 'Happy Birthday' when dessert was served. SDPLG Bob Kueber pointed out that Pres Kathleen O'Hara would have celebrated on the 26th as well.



On Wednesday, we hosted our 10th annual **Baby Shower** at Wyckoff Heights Hospital. Eight of our members were on hand at the luncheon to deliver donations of baby supplies and clothing to twenty-five expecting mothers. Hospital staff joined us to explain the care these expecting mothers receive, and they are grateful for all the support they receive from community groups such as ours. Committee Chairs Karen Kramer and Marisa Beckmann want to thank all the members and friends who generously gave their time and contributions to make the baby shower a great success.



Club News:

Joe Vessio won the **7-11 Pool** on the 7th for \$200, and donated the entire prize back to the club. Jackie Capobianco won on the 11th for \$500, and donated 50 back. Thank you both for your generosity.

Pres Anna announced our next fundraiser will be at **California Pizza Kitchen** in Atlas Park, on May 18-20. If you mention Glendale Kiwanis at the event, 20% of your food bill will be donated back to our club. *Bon appetit!*

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



are extra busy sorting out the awards. For \$30, there will be a hot buffet being served, and there is ample parking available. The program begins *promptly* at 6:00pm. Let's have a big showing to honor our scholars.

Pres Anna announced that she received an anonymous gift of \$1000 to her **Major Emphasis**, St Mary's Children's Hospital. She is extremely grateful for the support.

Sheriff:	JR Velepec for DPP Bruce Kramer, who donated the Attendance Prize
Lunch Monitor:	JR Velepec
Invocation:	DPP Bruce Kramer
7-11 Pot Passer:	DPP Bruce Kramer
7-11 Winners:	DPP Bill Maher, "E&J" (DPLG Debbie Kueber), "D&A" (DPLG Debbie Kueber again), "Mania" (I think Bruce meant Maria).
Winner and Losers:	George Schwille (you read that correctly)
Losers:	Barbara Adams, George Schwille, DPLG Debbie and Maria
Winner:	Lt Gov Steve Hansen
Pig Walker:	Richie Adams
Pig:	50
Happy Dollars:	382
Next Meeting:	Memorial Day Program
Sheriff:	Joe Kruk

Calendar of Events:

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	6:00pm
Jun 27	Veterans BBQ	@ Sgt. Edward R. Miller Post #7336	3:00pm



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