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After yesterday's cloudburst, the meeting looked to be touch and go, but we soldiered on. Pres Anna was unable to attend today's meeting due to family commitments, so it was up to Lt Gov Steve Hansen to ring the gong to get us rolling. Karen Kramer presented a powerful Invocation, asking for blessings on all our fallen veterans and their families. We recited the Pledge and sang our Patriotic Song, and it sounded great. LtG Steve showed no rust, and introduced the Past Leadership perfectly.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri introduced the "memorable" Maria; SDPLG Bob Kueber and Lt Gov Steve Hansen treated their DPLGs to lunch, in this case Debbie Kueber and Kerrie Hansen, respectively.

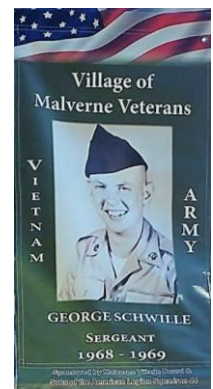
Our annual **Memorial Day** program is always a moving event, when we reflect on the sacrifices made by our armed services to keep our country free.

Sgt. George E. Schwille was our guest speaker, and as usual, he presented a special program.

He began with remarks about his grandfather, who served in the South Pacific as a medic for 6 years. George said his grandfather always referred to the day as Decoration Day, established in 1868 to honor fallen Civil War soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers and flags. After World War I, the holiday was expanded to commemorate American service members who lost their lives in all conflicts.

George continued with a report on his military service. He was drafted in March 1968, fresh out of high school. Three days later, a local man who George had attended St Pancras School with, Pfc. Gregory Ambrose, was killed in action in Viet Nam, and was returned home. Pfc. Ambrose was awarded the Bronze Star with clusters for valor in combat, and George read us the letter which accompanied the medal. George's father, a funeral director, handled the burial. It was quite disturbing to know his son was in basic training to serve in Viet Nam while burying one of his friends.

This story encapsulates the true meaning of Memorial Day. It is a very personal observance. Mostly everyone knows someone who died in the service of our country, or knows a family that did. At 3:00 p.m. local time,



Americans are asked to pause for one minute to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by the fallen, and the families and friends they left behind.

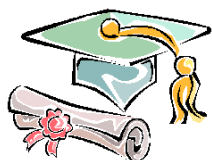
George read a poem by John McCrae titled "In Flanders Fields", which tells of the poppies that sprung up on the ground where soldiers were buried. The poppy has become a lasting symbol of remembrance for the war dead. George brought handmade VFW poppies with him, and asked everyone to wear one this Monday. The donation can was filled.

George concluded the program with the playing of "Taps", and our members added their own personal experiences about this holiday, along with many Proud \$. DPP Fred Haller displayed several relics from his grandfather, who served in WWI as a cook: a "doughboy" helmet, a photo postcard and a menu he prepared for a holiday meal overseas. We have been invited to march in the Glendale Memorial Day Parade on Monday, and we hope to have as many members as possible attend.

Club News:

We had two special guests join us for lunch today. **DPP Gary and Debbie Milau** were back in NYC to attend a memorial service for Gary's step-mom, who passed at the age of 94. They're both looking great, and it is always a pleasure to see them. Gary said the feeling is mutual. He said he was spoiled by the spirit and energy of our club. He went to a few Kiwanis meetings near his Ohio home, and was not impressed by the club, which he described as an "old man's club" with very few service projects going on. Thank you for the compliment, Batman.

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. The applications



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

Sheriff:	JR Velepec for Joe Kruk, who donated the Attendance Prize
Lunch Monitor:	JR Velepec
Invocation:	Karen Kramer
7-11 Pot Passer:	Karen Kramer
7-11 Winners:	Doreen O'Hara, DPLG Kerrie Hansen and DPP Gary Milau
Winner and Losers:	Lt Gov Steve Hansen
Losers:	Doreen O'Hara, Vin Arcuri, DPLG Debbie Kueber and DPP Fred Haller
Winner:	George Schwille

Pig Walker: PP Paul Miceli
Pig: 40
Happy Dollars: 138
Next Meeting: *German Day*
Sheriff: DPLG Debbie Kueber

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 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	<i>Veterans BBQ</i>	@ Sgt. Edward R. Miller Post #7336	3:00pm



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