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## Alle Kamen Heraus, Um Sich Den Deutschen Anzuschließen.

*(They all came out to join the Germans)*

We had a beautiful day for a Kiwanis gathering, and the main room at our home, Zum Stammtisch, the mecca of German Bavarian *küche*, was packed with forty-six members and friends for **German Day**. Karen Kramer presented a sweet Invocation, and recited the Pledge and sang our Patriotic Song, which sounded great. Anna then introduced the Past Leadership perfectly, no small task considering the crowd.

**Today's Guests:** Vin Arcuri introduced Maria; DPPs Richie and Ingrid Huber introduced their daughter Claudia; Rudy Jonke treated his wife Marilyn and co-worker Olaf Bidwell; Michael Russell and Dawn from Kings Plaza-Canarsie club had an Interclub; Richie Adams introduced his wife Barbara and friends Mike and Roseann Nevins; Trudy and Trudie had their friends Lisa Chavanne and Anna Butcher along; Ben Messing sat with his pals Al Ziegler and John Serenden; DPP Bruce and Karen Kramer introduced their friends Stephen and Nancy Sharpenberg; PDG Joe Corace and PLG Nydia joined us as well.

Of all the cultural meetings we hold each year, it seems that **German Day** is just a little more fun. Besides the amazing cuisine we enjoy at the Stammtisch, our proprietor Werner Lehner always brings a new twist to the party. One year, he was making sausage right in the middle of the restaurant, Last year, we held a stein-raising contest (*masskrugstemmen*). Today, it was a game called *hammerschläge*, which roughly translates to 'hammer strike'. Werner strapped together nine deck posts and sat them in the middle of the room. He then asked for nine male volunteers to play the game. He took a handful of 4" nails and started each one into the wood block. Then, the nine contestants took turns driving their nail into the block with a single blow, then passing the hammer. The first one to completely sink their nail flush was the winner. In the men's division, Frank Kotnik was the winner. Then the ladies took a turn, and Claudia Huber sank her nail first. Each received a gift certificate to Zum stammtisch, courtesy of Werner. The game was fun, with a lot of oohs and wows thrown in.



DPP Fred Haller grows *edelweiss* plants at home. He brings one to the meeting, and it is usually auctioned off. This year, DPP Len Licata pre-empted the bidding and took the prize home with a Happy 50.



There were many Happy \$\$ raised up, Including 100s from DPPs Len Licata and Fred Haller, and 50s from Werner Lehner, SDPLG Bob Kueber, and DPPs Richie Huber and Big Bill Maher. *Gemütlichkeit!*

Last weekend, we observed **Memorial Day**. Attendance at the annual parade down Myrtle Ave was sparse, mostly because of the rainy weather we experienced all weekend. Many of the organizations that are regulars in the parade were missing, and even the sailors that usually are in town for Fleet Week were not available, because the military is planning a large celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup> for America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Nevertheless, Glendale Kiwanis was on hand, either marching in the parade, driving vintage cars, or working the route with GCOP. We were there to salute all the veterans and our own Jon Kablack, the Grand Marshall of the parade.



On Saturday, the Queens West Division hosted the **Governor's Visit**. Fourteen of the sixteen clubs in the Division were represented by fifty-five members, plus several dignitaries and our current NY District Governor

Carla Ingram. Lt Gov Steve Hansen was our emcee, and he kept the program moving. Gov Carla asked each club representative what their club's biggest win and their biggest challenge for the year was. The answers were quite educational, and provided a new outlook moving forward. Carla explained the source of her Major Emphasis, which was support of children in foster care. For club reports, clubs presented gifts to Carla, many of which were financial support to send children to Kamp Kiwanis. Afterwards, we wrapped up with a 50-50 and a fine rendition of "When Kiwanis Calls". It was a fitting celebration of our service year.



**Club News:**

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. 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.



We will be hosting our annual **Glendale Veterans BBQ** on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00pm until 6:00pm, at the Sgt Edward R Miller Post #7336, located at 71-32 Cooper Ave in Glendale. Every year, we prepare and serve a full buffet luncheon for the members of our local veteran posts, and salute their service to our country. All our members are welcome.



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- Sheriff:** DPLG Debbie Kueber, who donated the Attendance Prize
  - Lunch Monitor:** JR Velepec
  - Invocation:** Karen Kramer
  - 7-11 Pot Passer:** DPP Bruce Kramer
  - 7-11 Winners:** DPLG Debbie Kueber, Claudia Huber, Leah (DK), Vinnie Clarke, PLG Nydia Corace, Irene Kofler and Al Ziegler
  - Winner and Losers:** DPLG Debbie Kueber

