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We were back at Züm Stammtisch, for today's meeting. Pres Anna was coaxed into giving the bell a good ring to start the proceedings. Karen Kramer presented a rather lengthy Invocation, asking for blessings on the men and women of the Department of Transportation (DOT). After we recited the Pledge and sang our Patriotic Song, which sounded great, Anna introduced the Past Leadership, which didn't sound so great. She introduced DPP Big Bill Maher as "Bill Kuil". That's a dollar.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri introduced Maria; Rudy Jonke treated his wife Marilyn; Alice Montano introduced her guest Bonnie Boyle.

As she usually does, Pres Anna started the meeting with a recap of our previous event/meetings/news. She said she was thrilled at the attendance and fun she had at **German Day** last week. She remarked that seeing many new faces was a good sign going forward. She also noted that today was Brooklyn-Queens Day, which was

formerly called Anniversary Day.

Our Guest Speakers today were two representatives from the Department of Transportation, or **the DOT**. Albert Silvestri is the Queens Deputy Borough Commissioner, and Joseph Patti is the Borough Planner in Queens, which includes our Community Board 5. The DOT is a rather maligned bureau in our city, because they are responsible for our streets, our roadways, and traffic routing and control. This is no small task in a city of 8+million citizens.

After a rousing 'How Do You Do?' greeting, Albert, who has been at DOT for 15 years, shared that their main goal is *Safe Streets*. He began by explaining Vision Zero, their aim to prevent traffic fatalities. The program is in its tenth year, and has shown a decrease in all categories every year. The DOT relies on the '3 Es': Enforcement, Education and Engineering. While many of the enforcement techniques are unpopular, especially traffic cameras, they produce results. When addressing the condition of city streets (potholes), he admitted that this winter was extremely damaging to asphalt, and they face major work with milling, repaving and remarking the roads. All this while facing financial difficulties, because the City Council has not been responsive to the need.

When Albert and Joseph opened up the program to questions, they answered every concern cheerfully. Questions about bicycle lanes, scooter enforcement (primarily handled by NYPD), sink holes (refer incidents to DEP) and sidewalk violations (good luck with the Dept of Buildings) were all addressed. While we thought we may be overwhelming them with concerns, Albert said this was one of the more calm rooms they have been a part of. We appreciated their patience and, more important, their honesty. Great program.

Our Key Club at Grover Cleveland HS celebrated the end of their service year with a after-school party. Our newly installed Club Advisor Rob Mastrolembo, along with long-time Faculty Advisor Don Zigler, hosted the affair with pizza, refreshments, and a beautiful cake to celebrate all the great service projects they performed and supported. They are a energetic bunch, and we are lucky to have them.



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. \$15,000 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.



We will be hosting our annual **Glendale Veterans BBQ** on Saturday, **JUNE 27th**, 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.



Sheriff: SDPLG Bob Kueber, who donated the Attendance Prize
Lunch Monitor: JR Velepec
Invocation: Karen Kramer
7-11 Pot Passer: Karen Kramer
7-11 Winners: Jake, Rory (Karen Kramer), Agnes Pikulinska
Winner and Losers: Pres Anna
Losers: Irene Kofler, SDPLG Bob Kueber, DPLG Kerrie Hansen, Karen Kramer
Winner: Bonnie Boyle
Pig Walker: DPLG Kerrie Hansen **Pig:** 33
Happy Dollars: 74 
Next Meeting: Scholarship Dinner **Sheriff:** Gjorgi Kukuvikov

Calendar of Events:

Jun 13	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop Supermarket	10:00am-2:00pm
Jun 13	ACS Relay for Life	@ Juniper Valley Park, MV	3:00pm-11:00pm
Jun 18	Birthday & Business/NYC Parks	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
Jun 25	Forest Park Greenhouse	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
Jun 27	Veterans BBQ	@ Sgt. Edward R. Miller Post #7336	3:00pm
Jun 30	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Jul 19	Myrtle Avenue Street Fair	@ Myrtle Av / Fresh Pond Rd / Forest Av	10:00am
Sept 24	President's Dinner	@ Vetro's Restaurant, Howard Beach	6:00pm



Anna Mastrolembo, President

We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:
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