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We had a beautiful day for a meeting, and we were back at the Stammtisch after last week's Scholarship Dinner. President Anna Mastrolembo opened the meeting and Karen Kramer delivered a beautiful invocation, asking for blessings on all our birthday celebrants. Anna introduced the Past Leadership in the room flawlessly.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri introduced the lovely Maria; Trudie Eppich introduced her friend Lisa. Our Guest Speaker Portia Dyrenforth enjoyed lunch on the club.

Today we celebrated our monthly **Birthday & Business** meeting. Our honored members this month: Jon Kablack (2nd), Trudie Eppich (16th), Tom Harmon (19th), Trudy Eppich (24th), Leona Hansen (25th) and Joe Palmeri of Gemelli Jewelers (30th). Anna told everyone what their national day is, and which celebrities their share a birthday with. After they enjoyed their "free" lunch, we had a nice piece of strudel,

and sang a hearty 'Happy Birthday'.

One of the nicest things about living in the Glendale / Ridgewood area is the amazing amount of parkland we have for our enjoyment. Our Guest Speaker today was the Administrator of **Forest Park and Highland Park**, Portia Dyrenforth. These gems include over 600 acres of parkland, including the century-old Carousel, the Forest Park Golf Course, the historic Oak Ridge building, the Seuffert Bandshell, Victory Field running track, ten playgrounds, athletic fields, tennis courts, walking trails, a horse bridle path and 470 acres of natural areas with the majestic Ridgewood Reservoir. It also contains the 9-11 Memorial, which honors locals that were lost that day. A bench honoring our Past President Mick Ennis is located there.

Portia has been with the Parks Department for 26 years, including the last eight at Forest Park. She is currently overseeing the \$20 million construction project underway. She also serves as the Director of **The Forest Park Trust**, the non-for-profit that supports Forest and Highland Park in their mission "to develop, maintain and secure funding in order to advance the future of Forest and Highland Parks,



as major recreational, environmental, educational and cultural facilities for the residents of the surrounding areas and all of New York City." For more info, check out <https://forestparktrust.org/>

There are many community events coming up, including concerts at the Bandshell in July. We are also planning to host this year's Community Day at Dry Harbor Playground in September. Working with Portia and the Parks Department will insure a successful event.

Club News:

In June, our club holds our **Election Of Officers** for the following year. While we still have several positions to fill on the Board, Club Secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen announced that President Anna Mastrolembro wishes to continue her term another year, and since no one has stepped forward, we would be fortunate to have her do so. What we still need are several members to join our Board of Directors and replace the members who are no longer able to continue. Our elections will continue for three weeks, and we hope our membership will realize the importance of having our Board of Directors intact and strong, and give us one meeting a month to serve. Let's keep our good thing going, Glendale.

Karen Kramer was proud to report that the **Baby Shower** was a great success, and was quick to point out that she had a lot of help. Today, she recognized one of the unsung heroes of the effort. Trudy Eppich has a real talent knitting and crocheting, and she turned out dozens of infant caps and blankets to donate to the families at the shower. Karen called up Trudy at the meeting and presented a certificate to thank her for her unselfish support of the program.



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.

Our tireless President Anna introduced her next initiative for the summer months ahead. For five weeks starting on July 14th, our club will be offering **"KIDS ART & FUN SUMMER TUESDAYS"**. The events will be held at various locations in the neighborhood, and offer Stained Glass Art at Ridgewood Savings Bank (14th), Art & Carnival Fun Day at Redeemer Lutheran Church (21st), Dance & Arts & Crafts at KTB Dance Studio (28th), more Arts & Crafts at CB Kueber Realty (Aug 4th), and Basketball Skills Day at Artistic Stitch (Aug 11th). Anna reported that every date



was booked to capacity in *two days*, and she is looking for volunteers to help at the events. It looks like a great summer ahead for the children in our community.

Due to scheduling conflicts, our next **Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on Monday, June 29th, at Yerman's Pub. Starting at 7pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Sheriff:	JR Velepec for Werner Lehner, who supplied the Attendance Prize		
Lunch Monitors:	JR Velepec		
Invocation:	Karen Kramer		
Winners & Losers:	DPLG Kerrie Hansen		
Losers:	SDPLG Bob Kueber, Pres Anna, Kathleen Lyons and Pat Maher		
Winner:	Fran Cottone		
7-11 Pot Passer:	Karen Kramer		
7-11 Winners:	Irene Kofler, Kathleen Lyons and Maria		
Pig Walker:	Jon Kablack		
Happy Dollars:	111	Pig:	33
Next Meeting:	Forest Park Greenhouse	Sheriff:	DPP Len Licata

Calendar of Events:

Jun 27	Veterans BBQ	@ Sgt. Edward R. Miller Post #7336	3:00pm
JUN 29	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	73rd Annual President's Dinner	@ Vetro's Restaurant, Howard Beach	6:00pm



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:
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