



THE PLAGIARIST

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Editor's Note: I took a week off to spend some quality summer vacation in Cape May, NJ with DPLG Debbie. This edition of the Plagiarist was co-written with the help of Trudie Eppich, DPLG Kerrie and Pres Anna's nephew Alexander Kruger. Enjoy. - BK

We had twenty-one members and guests at the meeting this week. We began with an Opening Prayer by Karen Kramer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Introduction of Guests.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri introduced his daughter Jackie Capobianco and the lovely Maria; Pres Anna introduced Aunt Mary and her nephew Alexander; Richie Adams had his wife Barbara along for lunch; Frank Kotnik introduced his beautiful wife Tina.

The program started with a recap of recent events. Pres Anna reported on Week 1 of **Kids Summer Tuesdays** (read on). DPP Bill Maher gave an update on the **\$100 Raffle** (keep going). Pres Anna reported on the upcoming **Myrtle Avenue Street Fair** this Sunday (coming next). Karen Kramer announced the next **Food Drive** at Stop & Shop this coming Saturday, from 10am-2pm, and asked for volunteers to help out (you got it, coming up).

An important piece of business was a discussion about the upcoming **Election of Officers** for next year's board. DPLG Kerrie Hansen announced the next slate, and will continue to announce for the next couple of weeks. Emails will also be sent to the membership. If anyone wishes to run off the floor, please note that all active members are welcome to do so. If there are no other members wishing to join the slate that has been announced, Secretary Kerrie Hansen, will cast the single vote to carry the slate forward.

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President Elect:	Open
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One-Year Board

Fred Velepec
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DPP Rich Huber

Two-Year Board

DPLG Debbie Kueber
DPP Bill Maher
Karen Kramer

Three-Year Board

Peter LaBella
Jon Kablack
Agnieszka "Agnes" Pikulinska

Our guest speaker was Heidi Felix, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Wantagh, who now serves as the VP of Sales for **LifeVac**. Heidi shared her incredible backstory. Five years ago, she was sitting in a waiting room auditioning for the television show *Shark Tank*. She happened to sit right next to LifeVac inventor Arthur Lee.



While neither of them made it onto the show, they struck up an immediate friendship. Heidi joined forces with Arthur to build the business, and today, LifeVac has saved approximately 6,286 lives, and count massive entities like Costco, the MTA, and NYC Public Schools among their clients. LifeVac home safety kits are available to members for \$25. Heidi gripped the room with a live demonstration using an infant dummy.



Club News:

The successful Week 1 of Pres Anna's **Kids Summer Tuesdays** was held at the community room office of our Corporate Member, Ridgewood Savings Bank. Twenty-five children and family joined up for a fun afternoon. With a great assist by Michelle Cook- Lopez of Cook's Crafts (also a Corporate Member), they created pretty stained glass sun catchers and enjoyed tasty snacks. It was a great start to Pres Anna's series of summer events for local children.



DPP Bill Maher reported that the **\$100 Raffle** continues to come together. There are only a few tickets unclaimed. If you want to get in on the fun, contact DPP Bill or SDPLG Bob Kueber soon. The event will be held on Thursday, August 20th, at Yerman's Pub, located at 70-26 88th St, in Glendale.

On Sunday, we hosted the annual **Myrtle Avenue Street Fair** in Ridgewood. On a beautiful Sunday weather-wise, the stretch of Myrtle Ave from Forest Ave to Fresh Pond Road was packed with local merchants and food vendors, plus rides for all the children in attendance. Our club set up a booth to get the word out about Kiwanis, and we sponsored an ice cream truck to treat everyone to a cool snack. It was a wonderful day, and everyone had an excellent time. We might even have attracted a new member or two. We shall see.



DPP Bruce Kramer gave a report on the last **First Saturday Food Drive**. He was elated that 15 cases of groceries were collected, and \$60 in donations received. The groceries were donated to Sacred Heart Pantry a day later because of the torrential downpours on Saturday afternoon. He thanked Karen, JR and Anna's nephew Alexander Kruger for coming out and working the event. Also, Karen also wanted to thank the Print Lab for donating the food drive flyers that are handed out at Stop & Shop. He has given us the flyers gratis on several occasions, and we appreciate the help.

Richie Adams won the **7-11 Pool** on the 11th for \$500, and gave a Happy 50 back to the club. Thanks Richie.

Sheriff:	JR for DPP Big Bill Maher, who supplied the Attendance Prize		
Lunch Monitor:	JR Velepec		
Invocation:	Karen Kramer		
Winners & Losers:	Pres Anna Mastrolembo		
Losers:	Trudy Eppich, JR Velepec, Vin Arcuri and Peter LaBella		
Winner:	Alexander Kruger		
7-11 Pot Passer:	DPP Bruce Kramer		
7-11 Winners:	DPP Big Bill Maher, LtG Steve Hansen and Abby (Karen Kramer)		
Pig Walker:	Richie Adams		
Happy Dollars:	148	Pig:	40
Next Meeting:	DA's Office	Sheriff:	Patricia Maher

Calendar of Events:

Jul 26	Lt Gov Melissa Thank You Dinner	@ Vetro's Restaurant, Howard Beach	11:30-3:30pm
Jul 28	Dance & Arts & Crafts	@ KTB Dance Studio	10:00-1:00pm
Jul 28	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm

Jul 30	Heavenly Angels Pet Rescue	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
Aug 4	Arts & Crafts Tuesday	@ Coldwell Banker Kueber Realty	10:00-1:00pm
Aug 6-9	NY District Convention	@ Corning, New York	
Aug 11	Basketball Skills Day	@ Artistic Stitch Sports Complex	10:00-1:00pm
Sept 6	9-11 Memorial Ceremony	@ Dry Harbor Park Monument	1:00pm
Sept 12	Glendale Community Day	@ Dry Harbor Playground	10:00-4:00pm
Sept 18	KPTC Black & White Ball	@ Leonard's Palazzo, Great Neck	7:00-11:00pm
Sept 24	73rd Annual President's Dinner	@ Vetro's Restaurant, Howard Beach	6:00pm



Anna Mastrolemba, President

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