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Summer is being good to us, and we had another good showing for today's meeting at the Stammtisch. We had twenty members and guests here to begin with an Opening Prayer by DPP Bruce Kramer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Introduction of Guests. Pres Anna continues to knock 'em dead.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri introduced the lovely Maria Hernais; Rudy Jonke introduced his wife Marilyn, and Renata and Heidi; DPLGs Bob & Debbie Kueber pulled grandparents duty with their grandson Luke.

For today's program, we had an amazing group of elected officials join us. ADAs Joseph Randazzo and Kathryn Ingle from the **Queens District Attorney's Office** were on hand to discuss matters of importance in our neighborhood. Surprisingly, they were introduced by *their boss*, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz. She has been making

the rounds with her crew to local community groups, to explain their roles and update us on current events. Melinda announced that Guy Rivera was sentenced to 115 years to life in prison today after being convicted by a jury for fatally shooting NYPD Detective Jonathan Diller and attempting to murder NYPD Sergeant Sasha Rosen in Far Rockaway on March 25, 2024. Also, a Fresh Meadows man was charged with hate crimes for damaging property outside a Jewish-owned bagel shop. She spoke briefly about squatters, and how they are stealing homes and property by inhabiting vacant properties and claiming rights by remaining for 30 days. She said her office is vigorously prosecuting offenders.

Melinda is proud of the work her office does for the borough, and turned the program over to Kathryn, who works on Deed Thefts. She said houses that appear abandoned are targets, are deeds are electronically changed, or thieves offer to refinance properties for people with financial problems, and place themselves as owners. Thefts are not always immediately apparent. Kathryn made some common-sense suggestions:

- Sign up to the *Automated City Register Information System* (ACRIS), which will notify you if any inquiry is made on your deed.
- Make no changes to existing mortgages with anyone but your bank or financial institution.
- Purchase *Owner Title Insurance* to protect your investment.



- If you are a victim, contact the DA office immediately, and file fraud alerts with banks and credit cards.
- She finished up with some Q & A, and suggested everyone should be vigilant, and routinely check for any changes in your information.

While we were enjoying our lunch, we had another surprise visitor stroll in. **Councilman Phil Wong** said he was invited to stop in by Dorie Figliola, and took her up on offer. He has been quite busy after taking over for Past Councilman Robert Holden. Phil reported that he has been serving on the Finance Committee that recently completed work on the \$125.8 *Billion* spending plan for Fiscal Year 2026, finalized by the Mayor and City Council on June 30. The agreement addresses public services, housing, and affordability programs while keeping the NYPD uniformed headcount at 35,000. He also works on the Transportation and Public Safety committees. He also spoke about the lithium battery facility being built in Maspeth that has caused controversy and conflicts. A member of his office was attacked by workers at the site while filming them working, while they ignored a one-year stop work order. He said the facility is too close to Public School 128 and a pre-k facility. The battle continues.

It was an informative program today, and we appreciate them all taking time to visit with us.



We started the program with an important second announcement by DPLG Kerrie Hansen of the ***Slate of Officers*** for the 2026-2027 year. 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 board that has been announced, Secretary Kerrie Hansen, will cast the single vote to carry the slate forward.

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One-Year Board	Two-Year Board	Three-Year Board
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Club News:

The **Kids Summer Tuesday** programs are continuing with great success. Week #2 was a **Children's Carnival** held at the community room at Redeemer Lutheran Church. There were games, crafts and snacks for the twenty children in attendance, and everyone had a wonderful time.



Week #3 was held at the **Keep the Beat Dance Academy** on Myrtle Ave. The thirty children that attended were treated to music and dance lessons, and enjoyed pizza donated by Peter LaBella of Werst-LaBella Funeral Home, one of our generous Corporate Members.



The summer program, the brainchild of President Anna is being well-received, and may become a regular event in future years. Two more are coming up, and the children can't wait to see what's next.



The **\$100 Raffle** is coming up on Thursday, August 20th, at Yerman's Pub, located at 70-26 88th St, in Glendale. DPP Bill Maher was pleased to report that all 150 tickets are accounted for, and another sell out is assured. Our largest fundraiser of the year is going to be a great night (for some of us anyway)!

We are running our first **13 Run Pool** of the season. LtGov Steve Hansen is taking names for people that want a team. \$30 a chance. Get 'em before they're gone.



Sheriff:	JR for Pat Maher, who supplied the Attendance Prize
Lunch Monitor:	JR Velepec
Invocation:	DPP Bruce Kramer
Winners & Losers:	SDPLG Bob Kueber

Losers: Maria Hernais, Renata, Pres Anna and Irene Kofler
Winner: Marilyn Jonke
7-11 Pot Passer: DPP Bruce Kramer
7-11 Winners: Trudy Eppich, Luke (DPLG Debbie Kueber) and Leah (DPLG Debbie again)
Pig Walker: Rob Mastrolembo
Happy Dollars: 207 **Pig:** 30
Next Meeting: Heavenly Angels Pet Rescue **Sheriff:** Lucien Matej

Calendar of Events:

Aug 4	Arts & Crafts Tuesday	@ Coldwell Banker Kueber Realty	10:00-1:00pm
Aug 6	Club Meeting Hosted by PP Paul	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Aug 8	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop Supermarket	10:00-2:00pm
Aug 6-9	NY District Convention	@ Corning, New York	
Aug 11	Basketball Skills Day	@ Artistic Stitch Sports Complex	10:00-1:00pm
Aug 13	Birthday and Business	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Aug 17	QW Division Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Aug 20	\$100 Raffle	@ Yerman's Pub	6:00pm
Aug 25	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Aug 27	What Schools Should Teach	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
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 Mastrolembo, President

We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:
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