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Our meeting at Zum Stammtisch today was sparsely attended, with only twelve members here. President Anna Mastrolembro opened the meeting with an Invocation/Reflection about the 25th anniversary observation of 9-11, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and our favorite Patriotic Song. Anna named the Past Leadership in attendance, which was light work, as DPP Ingrid Huber, PP Vinny Alberici and SDPLG Bob Kueber were the only ones in the room.

Today's Guests: Vin Arcuri introduced his guest, the lovely Maria Hernais; Barbara Adams was the guest of hubby Richie; Tina Kotnik joined hubby Frank for lunch; Vito Tautonic was our Guest Speaker

This Friday, our country observes the 25th Anniversary of the tragic events on **September 11th**. Vin Arcuri thanked everyone for attending the ceremony at the Monument in Dry Harbor Park last Sunday, one of the largest crowds in memory. Everyone took a turn telling their remembrances of that day. Frank Kotnik spoke about his work on the pile, and the subsequent cancer he suffered from. He has been asked to speak at a televised press conference at North Shore Hospital. Also, Vin Arcuri spoke about the work the Department of Buildings needed to do to turn off the water that was flooding the area. Everyone is grateful that local elected officials have funded educational programs for school students to learn about 9-11 in an age-appropriate way. It should ensure that what happened is never forgotten and will never happen again.



Today was our monthly **Birthday and Business** meeting. We have three members that celebrate a September birthday: Sue O'Connor (2nd), DPP Lou DiRico (10th) and Peter LaBella (18th).. Pres Anna was prepared, and she named the celebrities that share a birthday with our Virgos, followed by the National Calendar Day for each: Sue celebrates on "National Blueberry Popsicle Day"; Lou celebrates on "National TV Dinner Day" (sadly); Peter celebrates on "National Cheeseburger Day" (that's more like it). Sadly, only Peter showed for his "free" lunch, which is why this monthly celebration is being discontinued. Our Board of Directors

determined that low attendance and the lack of Happy \$\$ to purchase lunch make this difficult decision necessary.

The Business portion of the program was a visit from Vito Tautonic, Community Services Manager for the **St. Mary's Hospital Foundation for Children**. They were founded in Manhattan in 1870 by the Sisters of the Community of St. Mary. It moved to its current nine-acre Queens campus in 1951. They operate a 124-bed inpatient facility and serves as New York City's only post-acute care facility specifically for children. They also offer round-the-clock inpatient care, palliative compassionate care, rehabilitation, pediatric feeding disorder treatment, day healthcare, and home care coordination. The organization relies heavily on community support, annual funds, corporate partnerships, and in-kind gifts. Pres Anna and several of our members toured the facility last year, and Anna immediately decided that they would be her Major Emphasis during her year. Because we were able to put together several fundraisers, we presented Vito with a \$2500 check for the foundation. We hope it helps them continue their great work.



Club News:

Richie Adams had Happy \$\$ because he and Barbara are celebrating their 49th Wedding Anniversary on September 17th.

Ernie Wunsch attended his third meeting, and will be inducted as a new member at our Installation of Officers meeting on October 1.

The **13 Run Pool** is getting close to the end. You can track your team at

www.free13runpool.com/glendalekiwanis



On Saturday, September 12th, we will be hosting our annual **Community Day**. This year, we will be relocating to a new and exciting venue, the *Dry Harbor Playground at Forest Park*, Myrtle Avenue and 80th Street in Glendale. We are fortunate to be partnering with Assemblywoman Joann Ariola's office and the Parks Department to expand the event. The additional funding will allow for Inflatable bouncy houses, the NYPD Rock Climbing Wall, a trackless train ride, a live DJ, a magician, face painters, cotton candy and popcorn machines. As usual, we will be entertained by *three* local dance academies, with music by PP Ken Voisin. There will be five food trucks on site as well. We will be distributing backpacks filled with school supplies for all the children who attend. *All member hands are needed to make this event a success!*

On Sunday, September 13, there will be a **Back-to-School Giveaway**, hosted by our Corporate Member Schwille-D'Angelo Funeral Home, along with Silvagni & Como Law Office and our club. School supplies will be distributed to all school-aged children that attend. Schwille-D'Angelo FH is located at 66-32 Myrtle Ave. The event will run from 1:00-3:00pm

We will be celebrating the end of another Distinguished year with our annual **Presidents Dinner**, on Thursday, September 24th, at *Vetro's Restaurant in Howard Beach*. Besides celebrating President Anna Mastrolembos amazing year, we will be recognizing fifteen of our tenured members with a *Legion of Merit* or *Legion of Honor* award. These amazing individuals show true dedication and sincere commitment to the Kiwanian family.

Tickets are \$85 for members and \$110 for guests.

WE NEED YOUR RSVP BY **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**, to Secretary Kerrie Hansen at (718) 809-5281 to insure your place at our special gala.



Sheriff Wingman:	JR for Doreen O'Hara, who donated the Attendance Prize		
Lunch Monitor:	JR Velepec		
Invocation:	Pres Anna Mastrolembos		
Winners & Losers:	SDPLG Bob Kueber		
Losers:	Vito Tantonico, JR Velepec, Pres Anna and PP Vinny Alberici		
Winner:	Barbara Adams		
7-11 Pot Walker:	JR Velepec		
7-11 Winners:	Agnes Pikulinska, Maria Hernais and Tina Kotnik		
Pig Walker:	Richie Adams		
Happy \$:	67	Pig:	30
Next Meeting:	Charter Day	Sheriff:	Jimmy O'Reilly

Calendar of Events:

Sept 12	Glendale Community Day	@ Dry Harbor Playground	10:00 - 4:00pm
Sept 13	Back to School Giveaway	@ Schille-D'Angelo FH	1:00 - 3:00pm
Sept 14	QW Division Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
Sept 18	<i>KPTC Black & White Ball</i>	@ Leonard's Palazzo, Great Neck	7:00-11:00pm
Sept 19	"Sing for a Cause!" Karaoke	@ the Avenue Bar Restaurant	8:30pm
Sept 24	73rd Annual President's Dinner	@ Vetro's Restaurant, Howard Beach	6:00pm
Sept 27	Glendale Kiwanis Bingo	@ Redeemer Lutheran Church	12:00 PM
Oct 1	Installation of Officers	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:
Züm Stammtisch, 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385
www.glendalenykiwanis.org

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