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Editor's Note: I was back in sunny Florida this week celebrating Debbie and my birthdays. This bulletin was written by our Governor-Elect Kerrie Hansen. Hope to see you next week at the Presidents Dinner.

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Meeting Highlights & Program: Past Presidents & Charter Day

Our weekly meeting kicked off at 12:40 PM, with **President Anna** introducing our Past Officers and **Vincent Acuri** introducing his special guest, **Maria Hernais**.

Our featured program was a beautiful walk down memory lane, hosted elegantly by **DPPs Fred Haller** and **Paul Miceli**, focusing on our history since becoming an official club of Kiwanis International back in **September 1953**.



- **The Early Days:** Fred displayed our original Charter Plaque. Our very first president was **Otto Herman**, who served for a year and a half during a time when the Kiwanis year began in January instead of October.
- **Club Legends:** We remembered **Leo Schmid**, a past President and Secretary who acted as the club's voice of reason for decades. We also recalled **Henry Appel**, the neighborhood oilman and a legendary membership chair who once inducted 10 members in a single meeting!
- **Retro Spaces & Tunes:** Members reminisced about past meeting grounds like the Glendale Tavern, Victorian House, Cooper's/Yer Man's Pub, Nettle's, the Cobbler, and Durow's. Back then, a keyboard player named **Rudy Bold** provided live music throughout the meetings.
- **The Wait List:** Fun history was shared about a past rule stating only two members of the same profession could belong at once, meaning **Fred Haller Sr.** had to wait until a local lawyer moved away in 1967 just to join!
- **Hoops & Legends:** One of our most legendary projects was a massive basketball game organized by **Al Poltie**. **WFAN** put together a team, and legendary coach **Lou Carnesecca** served as an honorary

Kiwanian, coaching our squad alongside **Paul Miceli** and **Bill Underhill** in front of a packed house at Christ the King gym.

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- **Sweet Connections:** **William Schlegelmilch**, one of the original owners of **Rudy's Bakery**, was a charter member. Today, that legacy of love for the club continues with current Rudy's owner and beloved member **Antoinetta "Toni" Binanti**.
- **Trivia Time:** We celebrated our unique family legacies of leadership:
 - **Fred Haller Sr. & Fred Haller III:** First Father/Son President duo.
 - **Debbie & Bob Kueber:** First Wife/Husband President duo.
 - **Bill Maher & Kerrie Maher Hansen:** First Father/Daughter President duo.
 - **The Trifecta:** **Bill Maher**, **Kerrie Maher Hansen**, and **Steve Hansen** hold the honor of being our first Father, Daughter, and Son-in-Law presidential trio.
- **Happy Dollars:** **Bill Maher** concluded the trip down memory lane with Happy Dollars and a heartfelt, *"Thanks for the memories!"* to Fred and Paul.



Health Updates & Special Visitors

- **Lt Gov Steve Hansen is on the mend!** After a very difficult week dealing with a stroke and subsequent seizures, the club was absolutely thrilled and amazed to see **Steve** walk through the doors and join us today. A wave of well-wishes and Happy Dollars (including from Steve and Kerrie) flooded the room. President Anna presented Steve with sweets, cookies, and a get-well card from us all. We love you, Steve!
- **A Surprise Visit:** Retired **Det. Tom Bell** dropped by to say hello! He was dining at *Zum Stammtisch*, heard our voices in the back dining room, and couldn't resist stopping in. Retirement is looking great on him!



Community Spotlights: Giving Back in a Big Way

- **Community Day Triumph:** This year's Community Day at the newly refurbished **Dry Harbor Forest Park** was a massive success! The neighborhood was buzzing with live dance music, team performances, a rock-climbing wall, face painters, bouncy houses, and rides. We were proud to partner with **Assemblywoman Joann Ariola's** office and **Portia Dyrenforth** from the NYC Parks Department to expand the day.
 - *Special thanks* to Councilwoman Ariola's Chief of Staff, **Phyllis Inzerillo**, for her instrumental planning help, and **Ken Voisin** for assisting with the music and dance stations.

- The club handed out school bags and drawstrings packed with supplies, alongside **250 American Flags** and keychains. The joy on the children's faces made months of hard work entirely worth it!
 - **Back to School Giveaway:** On Sunday, September 13th, the giving continued at the event hosted by **Schwille-D'Angelo Funeral Home**. **Anthony D'Angelo** invited Glendale Kiwanis and **Silvagni & Como** to participate in a wonderful giveaway featuring free school supplies, pizza, and refreshments. It was fantastic to see many of our Kiwanis Summer Program kids there getting a happy start to the school year!
 - **Generosity Wins:** **Teresa Donahue** won the \$500 7/11 raffle this month and immediately donated **\$250 back to the Food Pantry Fund**. Thank you for your endless generosity, Teresa!
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Dates to Remember & Upcoming Events

- **KPTC Annual Black & White Ball**
 - *When:* September 18th at 7:00 PM
 - *Where:* Leonard's Palazzo (Great Neck, NY)
 - *Details:* Tickets are \$125. This year's theme honors the USA's Birthday and our Veterans. The Club is taking out a journal ad and assembling a table. Submit checks payable to the *Kiwanis Club of Glendale* to **Bob Kueber** to secure a seat at our table!
- **"Sing for a Cause!" Karaoke Fundraiser**
 - *When:* Saturday, September 19th at 8:30 PM
 - *Where:* The Avenue Restaurant Bar
 - *Details:* Hosted by the Kramers. Come out, show off your vocal skills, and be a star! All proceeds benefit our **Student Scholarship Fund**.
- **Glendale Kiwanis' Annual President's Dinner and 73 Anniversary Celebration Dinner**
 - *When:* Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 PM
 - *Where:* Vetro's
 - *Details:* Come out and celebrate our wonderful club and President for another amazing year of service. We also have 15 dedicated active members that we will be honoring with their Legion of Honor and Legion of Merit awards. Tickets are \$85/per Glendale Kiwanis member (\$110 per guest)
- **Glendale Kiwanis "Let's Play" Bingo**
 - *When:* Saturday, September 27th. Doors open at 12:00 PM Games start at 1:00 PM.
 - *Where:* Redeemer Lutheran Church, 69-07 Cooper Ave, Glendale, NY 11385
 - *Details:* Tickets are \$30 in advance / \$35 at the door. Includes raffles, a 50/50, coffee, and dessert (BYO snacks and beverages). See **President Anna** for tickets. Proceeds support our community projects.
- **Glendale Kiwanis Italian Day**

- *When:* Thursday, October 15th, at 12:30 pm.
 - *Where:* Pizza Classica, [89-89 Union Tpke](#), Glendale
 - *Details:* Fran announced everything is the same as last year! Tickets are \$40 per person. The Annual Italian Day celebration is always filled with a delicious cuisine, plus desserts, prizes and gifts. RSVP with Fran Cottone, [\(718\) 986-6854](#) / [\(718\) 487-2427](#), if you are planning to attend.
 - **Night Time Club Meeting**
 - *When:* Thursday, November 5th at 6:00 PM
 - *Where:* Zum Stammtisch
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Dues are Due!

Due are due for the October 2026-September 2027 year. Steve Hansen will be sending out dues notices to all members. Individual Members are \$210, and Corporate Members are \$275.

Meeting Fines & Finery

- **Attendance & Pig Walker:** Paul Micelli [\$29]
- **Sheriff Wingman (for James O’Rielly):** JR Velepec [\$202]
- **7/11 Tickets:** Two tickets to President Anna Mastrolembo, one to Vinny Alberici
- **The "Losers" Circle:** Vincent Arcuri, Ingrid Huber, Irene Kofler, Frances Cottone
- **The Big Winner:** Trudy Eppich



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:
Zum Stammtisch, 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385

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