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We are sad to report the passing of our beloved DPP Teresa Donahue on Thursday evening, September 24, after battling ALS since March 2025. Teresa was a wonderful person, talented, quick to laugh, generous of her time and donations, and possessing a fighting spirit that kept her going during the worst of times. Visitation will be on Tuesday, September 29th, from 2:00–5:00 PM and 7:00–9:00 PM at the Werst & LaBella Funeral Home, 71-41 Cooper Ave, Glendale NY 11385. The Glendale Kiwanis Club will gather at 4:00 PM to pay our respects to Teresa and her family. A Funeral Mass will be offered on Wednesday, September 30th at 9:30PM at St. Pancras Church, 72-22 68th Street, Glendale, NY 11385.

Everyone in our club can rightly call her a friend, and she will be greatly missed.

President
Anna Mastrolembo

Immediate Past
President
Ingrid Huber

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DPLG Kerrie Hansen

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(Admin Fund)
DPP Steve Hansen

Treasurer
(Comm Svc Fund)
DPP Teresa Donahue

Treasurer
(Foundation)
SDPLG Bob Kueber

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We have reached the end of our seventy-third year of service to our community, and an amazing year it was! This evening, we hosted our annual **Presidents Dinner** at Vetro's Catering in Howard Beach. Tonight, we

- Celebrated another great year of leadership and service.
- Recognized members who have reached milestone years of service to Kiwanis.
- We honored our President for her year of dedication to our club.

SDPLG Bob Kueber welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining us in our celebration. He called on Anthony D'Angelo to deliver an Invocation, asking for continued blessings on all our faithful community servants, including our beloved DPP Teresa Donahue. Bob expanded on the need for thoughts and prayers for Teresa. We then recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang a verse of 'America the Beautiful'. After introducing all the Past Leadership in the room, Bob spoke briefly about leadership, and how our club has consistently produced leadership for our Queens West Division and NY District. With our community as our focus, we have maintained our traditional programs, while introducing new projects. Yet,

membership is becoming harder to maintain, and fewer people are willing to step up. He asked everyone to let this be the year that they come forward. Join a committee, join the Board of Directors, ask a friend to lunch to meet us. Do what needs to be done to keep the Glendale Club remarkable. Finally, he asked everyone to raise a glass and join in 'When Kiwanis Calls', and raised a toast to all the members and friends of his favorite club.

After a fantastic dinner of cold and hot antipasto, pasta and a choice of eight entrees, the meeting was turned over to Lt Governor Steve Hansen. Considering the health issues he himself faced the last few weeks, he looked great and did a great job.

We began the program with an address from Alexander Kruger, President Anna's nephew. Alex is entering freshman year at Regis HS, and has been working on his community service requirement by joining us at our various functions (Kid's Tuesdays, Myrtle Street Fair, etc.). He asked to speak to congratulate Anna, and thank the club for giving him the opportunity. He is a well-spoken young man, and would be a welcome addition to our club someday.



The next portion of the program was the presentation of fellowship awards from the NY District Foundations we support. DPLG Debbie Kueber presented President Anna with a **Brittany Fellowship** from the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation. Helene Irvine presented Anna with a **George F. Hixson Fellowship** from the Kiwanis Children's Fund. NY District Foundation President Tom Poccio presented a **Anton J. "Tony" Kaiser Fellowship**. DPG Joe Corace presented a **KPTC Fellowship**. All the donations made in Anna's name support the work of these great foundations.

Each year, we recognize our members who have reached milestone anniversaries in Kiwanis with a **Legion of Merit** or **Legion of Honor Award**. Governor-Elect Kerrie presented certificates and pins to each recipient, and congratulated them for their years of service.



David Koehler 5 yrs

Karen Kramer 5 yrs

Alice Montano 5 yrs

James O'Reilly 5 yrs *

PP Ken Voisin 15 yrs

SDPLG Bob Kueber 20 yrs

DPG Joe Aiello 30 yrs *

DPP Rich Huber 30 yrs

Rudy Jonke 30 yrs

Bob Temkin 30 yrs *

DPP Fred Haller 40 yrs

PP Paul Miceli 40 yrs

DPP Dan Vessio 40 yrs *

Joe Vessio 40 yrs

Marty Kappauf 45 yrs *

**Not in attendance*

Finally, it was time for President Anna to address the room. She started by recalling all the events she attended and how much fun she had representing the club. She thanked everyone for getting behind all the programs she introduced this year, and she is looking forward to another productive year.

As is our custom, we had bouquets and a gift for her and Rob for her year as President, and we're sure they will enjoy their stay at Margaritaville. Additionally, all the Past Governors that attended stood and congratulated Anna and our club for another exceptional year. At this point, DPP Ingrid Huber re-presented Anna with her gavel for her upcoming year.

It was an amazing evening for everyone, and we are ready to start again next year.



Calendar of Events:

Sept 27	Bingo Fundraiser	@ Redeemer Lutheran Church	12:00 pm
Sept 26	Officers Training	@ St Sebastian Church, Woodside	10:00 am
Sept 29	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00 pm
Oct 1	Installation Day	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30 pm
Oct 17	Liberty Park Centennial	@ Roma View Catering, Howard Beach	6:30 pm
Oct 19	QW Division Meeting	@ Georgia Diner, Woodside	7:00 pm
Oct 31	Halloween Parade	@ Myrtle Ave to St Pancras	



Anna Mastrolembro, President

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

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