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Meeting Notice for June 20, 2024



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June is a rather busy month, and people have a lot going on in their lives. Which makes the packed house we had today for our meeting at the Stammtisch a pleasant surprise. It was our monthly edition of **Birthdays and Business**, when we celebrate our members' birthdays and talk about what is coming up. We also had some very special guests in attendance. Pres Ingrid Huber rang the bell precisely at 12:30 and began the meeting with an Invocation for service by Karen Kramer, followed by the Pledge and Patriotic Song. Ingrid introduced the Past Leadership in the in the room without incident.

Today's Guests: DPP Bill Maher treated Pat to lunch, as did Rudy Jonke for his wife Marilyn, and Vin Arcuri for his aide Maria. Our special guests were Bill Dobranski, Mary Casey and Sean Kearney from Maspeth Town Hall.

We began the program with a visit from great friends of our club. Maspeth Town Hall has partnered with our club on many events over the years. Their attendance and assistance at pancake breakfasts, Christmas Cheer and, most recently, the NYPD-FDNY Basketball game fundraiser last year, has been invaluable. Their energy is limitless, and makes our lives so much easier. Bill Dobranski, our club member and liaison to MTH, spoke about the origins of their organization and the service they have provided over the years. He announced that Eileen Reilly, CEO and 30-year member, was retiring. He used this opportunity to introduce Mary Casey, the new CEO, a 10-year member herself. She said she is so proud of the over 400 students and volunteers in MTH, and the other programs they provide, such as senior programs and 'Mommy and Me' classes in local schools. She is looking forward to continuing and expanding our partnership. She was followed by Sean Kearney, an 18-year member at MTH and currently the Chief Operating Officer. He spoke about the spirit of volunteerism and cooperation that makes MTH so special.

Pres Ingrid presented a Certificate of Appreciation to them, and lots of Happy \$\$ were raised to thank them for their help and continued success.



The Birthday portion of the meeting was next. We have five members who celebrate a birthday in June: Jon Kablack (2nd), Thom Harmon (19th), Daniela Cazan (20th), Trudy Eppich (24th) and Joe Palmeri (30th) of Gemelli Jewelers. As you may know, we treat our members to a "free" lunch on their birthday month, which usually costs them a bit of Happy \$\$ for the occasion. Jon and Daniela were the only members to attend, but the sentiment was the same. Pres Ingrid spoke about the famous celebrities who share the birthday with them, and both received a rather sad rendition of 'Happy Birthday'.



Pres Ingrid closed the meeting with her weekly 'Did You Know?' presentation. Because June 14 is **Flag Day**, she gave us some interesting trivia about the holiday that celebrates the birth of our country's flag, which is the symbol of our great nation known around the world. Did you know..

- The Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America on June 14, 1777.
- President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation in 1916 to make June 14 the official date. In 1949, President Harry Truman signed the formal observance into law.
- Flag Day is not a federal holiday. Government services and banks are still open, and mail gets delivered. Pennsylvania is the only state that marks it as a state holiday.
- Betsy Ross was called on to create the first American flag by a secret committee of the Continental Congress, consisting of George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross.
- The colors of our flag are symbolic: Red stripes for valor, White stripes for purity and a Blue field symbolizes perseverance and justice. Throughout our history, there have been 27 official versions of the American flag.
- There are currently six flags displayed on the moon.

Club News:

DPP Steve Hansen announced that we will be running another **13 Run Pool** baseball fundraiser. The proceeds of the fundraiser will pay for the Summer Veterans BBQ we will be hosting on July 27. If you wish to participate, contact Steve at 718-809-5284.

Frank Kotnik will be undergoing bladder replacement surgery this week. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Two lovely ladies returned to us today. Lucille Dwyer took her turn as Sheriff and had Happy \$\$ to see everyone again. Daniela Cazan stopped by because her birthday is June 20. She had nothing to say but put up a Happy 20 anyway.

DPLG Debbie Kueber reported that the **Scholarship Dinner** was a big success. We had ninety-six students, family and club members in attendance, and awarded \$14,000 in awards for these deserving scholars. Many Happy \$\$ were raised for the event and the committee that put it together.

DPP Fred Haller announced the upcoming **Relay for Life** at Juniper Valley Park on June 22. We will be setting up for this great annual event, which begins at 4:00pm. We are a sponsor of the event, and raise funds by selling Wall of Hope signs and Luminaria bags, to be displayed at the track. Come out and support the American Cancer Society.

DPP Steve Hansen had a Happy 35 for his and Kerrie's 35th Wedding Anniversary on June 11th.



Karen Kramer reported that the First Saturday Food Drive was another success, with 17 cases of groceries donated. She also displayed the new banner we purchased to replace our worn out one, which has served us well for many years.

Sheriff:

Lucille Dwyer, who donated the Attendance Prize.

Lunch Monitors:

Rosemarie Fitzsimons

Invocation: Karen Kramer
7-11 Pot Passer: Karen Kramer
7-11 Winners: Kathleen O'Hara, Maria, DPLG Kerrie Hansen and Marilyn Jonke
Winner and Losers DPP Steve Hansen
Losers: Kathleen O'Hara, Lucille Dwyer, Jon Kablack and Pres Ingrid Huber
Winner: Vin Arcuri
Pig Walker: PP Paul Miceli
Happy \$: 363 **Pig:** 60
Next Meeting: Clergy Day **Sheriff:** Johanna Estrella of Werst-LaBella FH

Calendar of Events:

June 17	QW Division Meeting	@ the Wharf, Rockaway Beach	7:00pm
June 22	American Cancer Society Relay for Life	@ Juniper Valley Park	4:00pm
June 25	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
June 27	Independence Day Program	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
July 4	No Meeting		
July 4-7	International Convention	@ Denver, Colorado	
July 6	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop	10:00-2:00pm
July 11	Birthday and Business	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
July 15	QW Division Meeting	@ TBD	7:00pm
July 18	Community Update	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
July 20	District Governor's Visit	@ Skyline Cruises, Worlds Fair Marina	12:00-4:00pm
July 23	KPTC Cyclone Game	@ Maimonides Park, Coney Island	7:00pm
July 25	104 th Precinct Community Council	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
July 27	Summer Veterans Barbeque	@ Edward R Miller Post #7336	4:00pm
July 30	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at Züm Stammtisch,
 located at 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385 (unless otherwise specified)
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