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Meeting Notice for August 1, 2024



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President Ingrid Huber was back with us today, and despite many members being away on vacation, we had a good turnout. Pres Ingrid gave our guest speakers a few extra minutes to arrive, then rang the bell to get us started. Karen Kramer presented an Invocation asking for protection for all our law enforcement officers, and after the Pledge and a Patriotic song, Ingrid walked the room and introduced the Past Leadership without a hitch.

Today's Guests:, Vin Arcuri introduced his guests, his son 'Hollywood Vin' and his aide Maria; DPP Bill Maher treated his wife Pat to lunch; Rudy Jonke had his wife Marilyn's sister Lisa along; DPLG Kerrie introduced her friend Nancy and her mom-in-law Leona Hansen; DPP Richie Huber had his daughter Claudia along, and paid for Ingrid as well. Another old friend, John Soran stopped in for lunch.

The members of Glendale Kiwanis pride ourselves on our active participation in our community. As such, we always stay informed on news that concerns the people of Glendale. And what better way to do that is with a report by the **104th Precinct Community Affairs Bureau**. Det. Mike Berish was on hand to give us a rundown of local concerns and helpful hints on how we can help local enforcement. Among other things:

- *Car thefts* are up across the precinct, especially Honda CRVs. Apparently, electronic keys can be easily duplicated, and cars can be started and driven away on the LIE or the Jackie Robinson Pkwy.
- A recent surge in *medical bill scams*, where residents receive fraudulent bill collection notices from 3rd party collectors.
- *Chain snatchers* on scooters approach pedestrians and grab their loose jewelry and ride off.
- *Amazon, FedEx and UPS package thieves* follow trucks and grab unsecured packages seconds after delivery.

On a more positive note:

- Twelve new police officers have been added to the 104th Precinct to help with understaffing.
- Three illegal cannabis shops have been closed.
- Over fifty illegal scooters and electric bikes have been confiscated and destroyed.
- RING doorbell cameras have been helping police develop a database of repeat offenders, leading to arrests.

Det. Berish advised everyone to continue to keep their guard up, and report any illegal activity to the precinct as soon as possible. Keep your cars and homes locked, ignore threatening mail scams asking for money, arrange for secure package drop offs with neighbors or friends, and consider getting security cameras. He had a fantastic amount of information, and it is always good to see our men and women in Blue.



The second portion of our program was a report from our City Councilman (and dues paying member) Robert Holden. He is always a great source of information about our city and our neighborhood. Not always the best news, but he always tells it like it is. Among the things he discussed:

- The “City of Yes”. The City wants more housing, and is willing to overcrowd neighborhoods by expanding zoning rules to make basement apartments and garage apartments legal. Bob said that infrastructure (sewers, electrical grids, roads) need to be upgraded first.
- Immigrants are entering the city at 100k because the City wants to be a sanctuary city no matter the cost, and is willing to protect immigrants from vetting by ICE. Bob wrote a letter to Mayor Adams opposing these outrageous policies.
- E-Bikes are a blight. Besides being unregistered, the majority of owners blatantly ignore traffic rules, making it unsafe for pedestrians and motorists. Plus, illegal lithium-ion batteries are a danger because of fires during recharging. The City, with the FDNY, are launching the NYC Safe Charging Accelerator, an effort for property owners to install public battery charging stations on city sidewalks. These stations will allow for safe battery charging and swapping, increasing compliance with safety regulations and protecting the lives of New Yorkers.

Bob announced that due to term limits, this will be his last term on the City Council, and we can only hope to find someone with his determination to succeed him.



On July 20th, Queens West Division hosted our annual **Governor’s Visit**. This year, Lt Governor Janice Bar put together an amazing event, setting up a dinner cruise from the World’s Fair Marina. Governor Lucien Giancursio and Heather had a great time. We had a fantastic afternoon sailing down the East River past Manhattan down to the Statue of Liberty. We had a tasty buffet lunch, clubs presented Governor Lucien and Heather with gifts, and everyone had some fun being serenaded by our club. It was a fun day on the water.



Club News:

DPP Steve Hansen reported that the next **Veterans BBQ** will be on Saturday, July 27, starting at **3pm** at the Edward R. Miller Post, 71-32 Cooper Ave in Glendale. Generous support of our 13 Run Pools have made this event possible. All members are welcome to participate. On a happy note, the winner of the last pool was Bill Rabile from Sacred Heart. He took his winnings and promptly bought two \$100 Raffle tickets. That’s the way to let it ride!

DIPP Bruce Kramer announced that the next **First Saturday Food Drive** will be held on August 3rd at the Stop & Shop Supermarket on Myrtle Avenue, from 10:00 until 2:00pm. Everyone is invited to give us some time and help the local food pantries help those in the neighborhood.

The annual **National Night Out** will be held on August 6th, at Juniper Valley Park in Middle Village. The **104th Precinct Community Council** puts together an amazing event, and the crowds are usually enormous. We volunteered to purchase, cook and serve one thousand hot dogs, so your help will be greatly appreciated.

The **\$100 Raffle** is coming around again! DPP Big Bill Maher announced that tickets for our annual fundraiser are available again. If you have a favorite number(s) from last year’s raffle, it is available for you again. The drawing will be held on Thursday evening, August 15 at



Yerman's Irish Pub, 70-26 88 St in Glendale. Doors open at 6:00pm, and the first ticket out of the barrel will be pulled at 6:30pm. A buffet dinner will be served, free for all ticket holders. Contact Big Bill, SDPLG Bob Kueber or DPP Steve Hansen for ticket information.

Our annual **Presidents Dinner** will be held on Thursday evening, September 26th. We will be returning to *Vetro's Restaurant* in Howard Beach for our final meeting of our club year. The price for members is \$75 each, and guests are \$100. It's not too early to **Save The Date** and make plans to celebrate another great year.

Sheriff:	DPLG Kerrie Hansen for Rosemarie Fitzsimons, who did provide the Attendance Prize.		
Lunch Monitor:	Karen Kramer		
Invocation:	Karen Kramer		
7-11 Pot Passer:	DIPP Bruce Kramer		
7-11 Winners:	Pres Ingrid, Irene Kofler, Nancy, and Abby (the Kramers).		
Winner and Losers	DPLG Kerrie Hansen		
Losers:	Toni Binanti, DIPP Bruce Kramer, Vin Arcuri and DPLG Kerrie.		
Winners:	Pat Maher		
Pig Walker:	PP Paul Miceli		
Happy \$:	55	Pig:	35
Next Meeting:	GCOP	Sheriff:	DPP Leo Galante

Calendar of Events:

July 30	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
August 3	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop, Myrtle Ave	10:00 - 2:00pm
August 4	Myrtle Ave Street Festival	@ Myrtle Ave	11:00 - 6:00pm
August 6	National Night Out	@ Juniper Valley Park	5:00 - 9:00pm
August 8	Birthday & Business	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
August 8-11	NY District Convention	@ Syracuse, NY	
August 15	\$100 Raffle	@ Yerman's Pub	6:00pm
August 19	QW Division Meeting	@ Cross Bay Diner	7:00pm
August 22	Sanitation Department	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
August 27	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
August 29	Wills and Trusts	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
Sept 7	Community Day	@ Atlas Park	11:00 - 3:00pm
Sept 26	Presidents Dinner	@ Vetro's Restaurant	7:00pm



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