

Meeting Notice for August 8, 2024

President Ingrid Huber was back on the road today, enjoying a trip to Cancun, and despite many other members being away on vacation, we still had another good turnout. DPP Richie Huber filled in for his wandering wife. He gave our guest speaker an extra minute 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, Richie walked the room and introduced the Past Leadership in his usual haphazard manner.

Today's Guests:, Vin Arcuri introduced his aide Maria; DPP Bill Maher treated his wife Pat to lunch; Dorie Figliola brought along her friend Mary to have lunch. DPLG Kerrie introduced NY District Membership Chair Mark Pohl and Guest Speaker Elizabeth Delacruz.

The 104th Precinct Civilian Observation Patrol, more widely known as G-COP, was originally formed by four Glendale residents who wanted to preserve their way of life in the community. Starting with these four concerned residents, the 104COP has grown into a strong group of volunteers that reside within the borders of Glendale, Ridgewood, Middle Village and Maspeth, which currently is the largest Civilian Observation Group in the City of New York. For over 45 years, the 104th Precinct Civilian Observation Patrol has been the extended eyes and ears for the NYPD in the precinct. They are the oldest, largest and most active civilian patrol in the City of New York. They patrol the streets of our neighborhood and, by radio, report all police, fire or medical emergencies to the proper authorities. They also aid the 104th Precinct with traffic and crowd control during numerous events (including our annual Halloween Parade and our Christmas Tree Lighting), the Memorial Day and Veterans Day Parades, and religious and funeral processions throughout the year, which makes the 104th Precinct Patrol Officers available for talking 911 calls. They have also been assisting in the cutting up and removal of fallen trees after heavy storms.

Today, we were honored to have the President of the 104COP, Elizabeth Delacruz, join us, and after a hearty 'How Do You Do?', she told us more about herself and the organization. She joined in 2002, after buying a home in the area. With

rowdy crowds congregating and drinking at an abandoned knitting mill across the street from her home, she contacted the Community Board 5, and attended their meeting. She met some residents who made up 104COP. She joined them, and eventually went "up the chairs", becoming the Patrol Coordinator and then President in 2019. She is proud of the work they do. They are funded by city grants and private donations to help the patrol with fuel and equipment. In that regard, we were proud to present a \$1000 donation to them for all they do for us and our community.



Last next, we hosted another **Veterans BBQ** at the Edward R. Miller Post, 71-32 Cooper Ave in Glendale. Using the generous support of our 13 Run Pools that made this event possible, we prepared a great lunch of barbecue chicken, burgers and dogs, plus a tray of wursts and sauerkraut and German potato salad donated by Zum Stammtisch, and another tray of chicken donated by JP Sanchez. More than 60 veterans and Kiwanians attended the event, including 1st Vice Commander Patrick, 2nd Vice Commander Bernadette, and 3rd Vice Commander Bill from the American Legion Continental Post 1424. Also in attendance were the veterans from the Edward R Miller VFW Post 7336, and the Brewery Keenan Heisser Post 1815. Of course, we were joined by other Kiwanians, from the Howard Beach and Queens Boulevard clubs. It was a pleasant surprise when State Senator Joe Addabbo, NY District Governor Lucien Giancursio and Queens West Lt Governor Janice Bar "stopped by" for a hot dog. It was a fun day, and congratulations go to DPP Steve Hansen, Richie Adams, Pres-Elect Kathleen O'Hara and all the other Glendale Kiwanians who worked to make it happen.



Club News:

Pres Ingrid received a letter from Joshua Aponte, thanking her for the *Trade School Scholarship* he received in June. He was one of the first recipients of this new scholarship created during Ingrid's year.

DPP Steve Hansen announced the early winners in the 4th edition of the **13** *Run Pool*: Joe Kruk had the first team to score 13 runs for \$50; Kathleen O'Hara and Richie Adams split the prize for first team to score zero runs, \$25 each.

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 *Myrtle Avenue Street Festival* is set to go this Sunday, August 4th from 11:00am until 6:00pm. Vendors and merchants will line the Avenue from Forest Ave to Fresh Pond Road with food, rides and merchandise. We will be walking the route, introducing ourselves and thanking everyone for coming out. Please come out and join the fun.

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 almost here. DPP Big Bill Maher announced that a few tickets for our annual fundraiser are still available. 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 to early to *Save The Date* and make plans to celebrate another great year.

Sheriff:	Karen Kramer for Gary Giordano, who did provide the Attendance Prize.			
Lunch Monitor:	Karen Kramer			
Invocation:	Karen Kramer			
7-11 Pot Passer:	George Schwille			
7-11 Winners:	DPLG Kerrie Hansen, DPP Teresa Donahue three times!			
Winner and Losers	DPLG Kerrie Hansen			
Losers:	SDPLG Bob Kueber, DPP Big Bill Maher, Irene Kofler and DIPP Bruce Kramer,			
Winners:	Maria			
Pig Walker:	SDPLG Bob Kueber			
Happy \$:	119	Pig:	30	
Next Meeting:	Birthday & Business/Polish Day	Sheriff:	DPP Leo Galante	

Calendar of Events:

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 8-11	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 Züm Stammtisch, located at 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385 (unless otherwise specified) <u>www.glendalenykiwanis.org</u>