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Meeting Notice for August 15, 2024



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President Ingrid Huber was back with us today after enjoying a trip to Cancun with daughter Claudia, and we had another good turnout, even with the District Convention going on. She rang the bell to get us started, and Karen Kramer presented an Invocation, asking for God to shower our members celebrating a birthday this month with blessings. Considering the wet weather we have had the last few days, we found that choice of words rather curious. After the Pledge and a Patriotic song, Ingrid walked the room and introduced the Past Leadership in her usual efficient manner.

Today's Guests:, Trudy Eppich introduced her daughter Trudie (with an 'ie') and her friend Pat; Gjorgi Kukuvikov brought his daughter Harper along; DPP Bill Maher treated a whole crew of guests: his wife Pat, Sophie Ritter and Kim Hock; Joan Popielwicz Miceli was the guest of hubby PP Paul; PP Vin Alberici had his firstborn daughter Kelly with him; Richie Adams had his wife Barbara along; DPP Richie Huber sprung for lunch, for his daughter Claudia and our President.

Before beginning the program, Pres Ingrid gave us a report on her trip to Cancun. She and fourteen other women went on a wonderful vacation. Fortunately, DPP Richie was spared. Instead, he spent a few days in Boston, enjoying a concert in Fenway Park with *Def Leppard, Journey and Steve Miller*.

Part One of our program today was our monthly celebration of member **Birthdays**. We have quite a few August birthdays: Frank Kotnik Jr (10th), DPLG Debbie Kueber (11th), George Schwille (11th), Werner Lehner (15th), Lucille Dwyer (25th), and SDPLG Bob Kueber (29th), plus Honorary Member Gary Giordano (24th) and Corporate Member Mike Hyatt of Meteor Festivals (31st). President Ingrid named famous people that share our honorees' birthdays, and many Happy \$\$ were raised to celebrate, especially SDPLG Bob Kueber, who had a Happy 70 because. Other Happy \$\$ from George Schwille (who celebrates #76 on Sunday), Bruce Kramer, whose son Eric celebrates #31 on the 20th, and DPLG Debbie, who will be celebrating her birthday at DCON for the second year running (no age given). Congratulations to all.

The main event of the afternoon was our annual celebration of Polish Day, presented by Joan Popielwicz, better known and loved as the wife of the Big Guy, DPP Paul Miceli. Paul started the program with a short introduction of Joan and the clan, which was the furthest thing from short. Joan is 100% Polish, and is the product of a Catholic school education in Greenpoint. The colors on the Polish flag are red and white, and she regrets that she doesn't have a single piece of red clothing, so today's outfit was a close facsimile.

She presented a list of random facts about Poland and its people and customs:

- Madam Marie Curie, a physicist and chemist famous for her research in radioactivity, was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and the only person to earn the Nobel in two different scientific fields. She was born in Warsaw.
- Pope John Paul II, born Karol Józef Wojtyła, was born in the Polish town of Wadowice. At only 58 years of age, he was the youngest pope elected since Pope Pius IX. He has been the only Polish pope.
- Nicolaus Copernicus, the famous astronomer and mathematician, proved that the planets in our solar system orbit the sun. He was born in Royal Prussia, within the Kingdom of Poland.



- Joan’s grandparents survived the Concentration Camps. They taught her self-reliance and a strong work ethic. Her grandmother gave her a laundry scrub board, which still works.
- Education in Poland is state funded and free to students. They have adopted a "zero tolerance" school reform. Under this plan, teachers would have the legal status of civil servants, making violent crimes against them punishable by higher penalties. Head teachers are able to send aggressive pupils to perform community service and these students' parents may also be fined.
- The colors of the Polish flag are red and white. Red represents love and sacrifice. White represents goodness and purity of intent.
- It is not entirely clear which country vodka originated from, but historians believe it was either Russia or Poland back in the 8th or 9th century.
- Poles drink beer with raspberry sauce called *Grzaniec*.



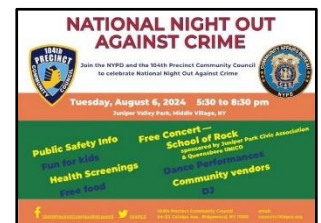
(file photo from 2022)

Paul and Joan concluded the program with the annual singing of *Sto Lat* (One Hundred Years), the traditional Polish song that is sung to express good wishes, good health and long life. Joan brought a shopping bag full of Polish food and pastries from Northside Bakery, and Paul auctioned it off. Pres Ingrid and DPP Teresa had a spirited contest, with Teresa pulling ahead with a bid of \$175. DPLG Debbie Kueber announced that DPP Len Licata, a big fan of Paul and Joan and Polish Day, sent a Happy 100 for the program.



Our annual **Myrtle Avenue Street Festival** on Sunday, August 4th was a success. Despite threatening skies, there was a good turnout of vendors and neighbors on the Avenue, from Forest Ave to Fresh Pond Road, with food, rides and merchandise for all. Several of our members, including DPG Joe Aiello, DPP Steve Hansen and DPLG Kerrie Hansen, were walking the route, introducing ourselves, handing out our logo drawstring bags, and thanking everyone for coming out.

The annual **National Night Out** was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 6th at Juniper Valley Park in Middle Village. Because of threatening skies and forecasts of heavy rain and thunderstorms, the event was moved to the parking lot at Maspeth Federal Savings, where a tent could be erected. Unfortunately, that prevented us from setting up grills and cooking the 1000 hot dogs we were donating. We are sad that was the case, and look forward to other opportunities to serve the community.

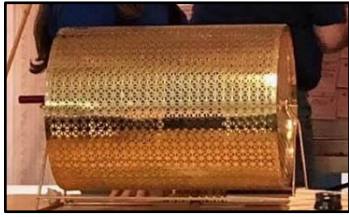


Club News:

Our **First Saturday Food Drive** at the Stop & Shop Supermarket on Myrtle Avenue was another success. DIPP Bruce Kramer reported that 16 cases of groceries and supplies, plus \$65 in donations, were collected. It was a rather warm day, so Bruce was grateful for the help from Jon Kablack, JR Velepec, DPP Teresa Donahue, SDPLG Bob and DPLG Debbie Kueber, Dorie Figliola and George Schwillie. The food was delivered to the pantry at the Salvation Army.

We received word that Eileen Reilly welcomed her second great-grandchild, a little girl. Congratulations!

DPP Bruce Kramer announced the winner of the **7-11 Pool** on the 7th was DPP Teresa Donahue with ticket #03, for \$200.



The **\$100 Raffle** is next week! DPP Big Bill Maher announced that all 150 tickets for our annual fundraiser are accounted for! The drawing will be held next 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 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:	DPP Teresa Donahue for Gary Giordano, who did provide the Attendance Prize.		
Lunch Monitor:	DPLG Debbie Kueber		
Invocation:	Karen Kramer		
7-11 Pot Passer:	DIPP Bruce Kramer		
7-11 Winners:	Richie Adams, Pres Ingrid Huber, Pat Maher and Claudia Huber.		
Winner and Losers	DPLG Debbie Kueber		
Losers:	SDPLG Bob Kueber, Pat Maher, Irene Kofler and Karen Kramer,		
Winners:	DPP Big Bill Maher		
Pig Walker:	Richie Adams		
Happy \$:	502	Pig:	50
Next Meeting:	\$100 Raffle	Sheriff:	None required

Calendar of Events:

August 19	QW Division Meeting	@ Cross Bay Diner	7:00pm
August 22	Sanitation Department	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
August 27	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
August 29	Wills and Trusts	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
Sept 7	Community Day	@ Atlas Park	11:00 - 3:00pm
Sept 20	KPTC Black & White Ball	@ Leonard's Palazzo	7:00pm
Sept 26	Presidents Dinner	@ Vetro's Resturant	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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