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Meeting Notice for August 29, 2024



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As DIPP Bruce Kramer said, today we had one helluva meeting. The back room at the Stammtisch was full to capacity, for several reasons. President Ingrid Huber opened the event in the usual Kiwanis manner, with an Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and our favorite Patriotic Song. After introducing the Past Leadership (there were many), she introduced a longtime member of our club, who came to take his turn as Sheriff. Joe Bonventre joined us today, and was pleased to see that Glendale spirit was alive and well. He received a rousing ‘How Do You Do?’ from our members, and we immediately put him to work, because Lucien Matej joined us as well. Lucien and Joe go way back, and although he hasn’t been to a meeting in a while, he wanted to see Joe and our guest speaker. He was so happy to be back that he paid for lunch *for the entire club*. That, my friends, is one generous offer! Many of our members were thrilled and grateful, and put up their lunch money as Happy \$\$ as a result. Thank you very much, Lucien.

Today’s Guests: PG Joe Ruggiero joined us today, and introduced his friend Toni Contone; Vin Arcuri had his aide Maria along; Dorie Figliola introduced her friend and *composter extraordinaire* Gwen Ossenfort; PP Vinnie Alberici had his sister Madeline join him today; DPLG Kerrie Hansen treated her mother Pat to lunch; Rudy Jonke introduced his friend Jack Rohan and treated our guest speaker, Ignazio ‘Iggy’ Azzara; Claudia Huber was a guest of her papa DPP Richie. (Actually, the entire club is the guest of Lucien Matej).

Ignazio ‘Iggy’ Azzara is no stranger to our club, and we always look forward to his visits, to enlighten us on what is happening at the **Department of Sanitation**. He has been with DSNY for 25 years, and is the Borough Chief of West Queens. New York City keeps his department very busy. DSNY collects 24 million pounds of trash, recycling, and compostable material *every day*. They operate 59 district garages, and manage a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms, 705 salt spreaders, and several dozen specialized machines to clean and plow bike lanes. His district alone serves 1.2 million people.

Everyone had lots of questions about the hot topic of the year: the Garbage Bin Replacement program. Beginning on November 12, 2024, all trash must be set out in a bin (55 gallons or less) with a secure lid. This applies to all single- and two-family homes, and buildings with up to nine apartments. These bins are specially designed to be rolled to the truck and placed on a lift to be opened and dumped automatically. The secure locking lid will hopefully solve the excessive rat problem the City is facing. The gray trash bin sells for around \$53 and should be ordered by October 1 to insure delivery on time.



Naturally, this program isn’t sitting well with many residents who feel their current bins are secure and do not need replacing. Iggy maintained that the design of the new bins and the auto-dumping feature will make for more efficient service, to free up workers for other sanitation duties. There are many questions to be resolved, but with men and women like Iggy on the case, it will be accomplished.



(l to r) DSNY Queens Boro Chief Iggy Azzara, Lucien Matej, Joe Bonventre and Pres Ingrid Huber

Club News:

DPLG Kerrie Hansen announced for the third and final time that Anna Mastrolembo volunteered for a seat on our **Board of Directors** in the open spot on the 3-Year Board. The Board of Directors approved, and hearing no further nominations, Secretary Kerrie cast a single vote to make it official. Congratulations Anna, and welcome to the Board. (Apparently, Anna is a rock collector, so Vin Arcuri presented her with one to mark the occasion).

Our **\$100 Raffle** last week was a big success. Several of our winners were ecstatic, and donated back to the club: DPP Steve Hansen had a Happy 50, as did President-Designate Kathleen O'Hara; Mike Bilski gave a Happy 100 for all the club does for the community; DPPs Gary Milau and Tony Sauro donated back their \$100 win, and DPP Leo Galante bought a ticket to our Presidents Dinner with his winnings. Outstanding generosity by outstanding people!

DIPP Bruce Kramer announced that the **First Saturday Food Drive** on September 7th has been cancelled, due to our Community Day event that day. It will resume on October 5th.

On September 8th, the Glendale community will be meeting at the **9-11 Monument in Dry Harbor Park** for the annual observance of the September 11th, 2001 attacks. The solemn event will gather at 12 Noon and begin at 1pm. Myrtle Avenue and 80th Street, Glendale.

President Ingrid read two **Thank You Letters**, one from the Moose Lodge #1642 for support of their golf outing, and another from Joshua Aponte, the first recipient of our new Huber-Ritter Trade School Scholarship Award.

SDPLG Bob Kueber announced that DPLG Debbie is going for treatment for A-fib tomorrow. He asked for prayers for his lovely wife.

There was a nice write up on the **Myrtle Avenue Street Fair** on the QNS.com website. Click the link to check it out:
<https://qns.com/2024/08/glendale-kiwanis-myrtle-avenue-street-festival/>

Our 71st 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 and thank President Ingrid for her year of service.

Sheriff:	Joe Bonventre		
Lunch Monitor:	There wasn't one, because Lucien was in the house.		
Invocation:	Karen Kramer		
7-11 Pot Passer:	DIPP Bruce Kramer		
7-11 Winners:	Dorie Figliola, Claudia Huber, DPP Richie Huber, Pop A (PP Vin Alberici) and Jake (Kramer).		
Winner and Losers	DPP Steve Hansen		
Losers:	PP Vin Alberici, Iggy Azzara, Maria de Vin Arcuri, Claudia Huber		
Winner:	Vin Arcuri		
Pig Walker:	DPP Richie Huber		
Happy \$:	618	Pig:	36
Next Meeting:	Wills and Trusts	Sheriff:	DPP Fred Haller III

Calendar of Events:

August 27	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yer Man's Pub	7:00pm
Sept 5	Ridgewood Historical Society	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
Sept 7	Community Day	@ Atlas Park	11:00 - 3:00pm
Sept 12	Birthday & Business	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
Sept 19	"Name the Names"	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
Sept 20	KPTC Black & White Ball	@ Leonard's Palazzo	7:00pm
Sept 24	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yer Man's Pub	7:00pm
Sept 26	71st 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)
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