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“Honoring the sacrifices many have made for our country in the name of freedom and democracy is the very foundation of Veterans Day.”

Today’s meeting was dedicated to that premise. We met at Zum Stammtisch for our annual salute to all men and women that have served in the armed forces. President Kathleen O’Hara opened the meeting with an Invocation by DPP Bruce Kramer, followed by the Pledge and our Patriotic song. She introduced the Past Leadership in the room, and despite being interrupted by a couple of “undistinguished” presidents in the back (their words), she got it done.

Today’s Guests: Pat Maher was the guest of DPP Bill Maher; Vin Arcuri introduced his substitute aide, Ola; DPP Richie Huber lamented that he and IPP Ingrid were late because he was running late in work, so he paid the fines and bought lunch. Mike Porcelli was also late to the meeting, but was given a Veterans Day pardon.

In the past, we’ve had several veterans in our club present the Veterans Day program. This year, our guest speaker was Jon Kablack, member of the 104th Precinct Community Council, proud Kiwanian, and a Coast Guard veteran. Because he didn’t want the program to be another history lesson, he started with four “Did You Knows?”, stealing a page from IPP Ingrid Huber’s playbook. Did you know..

- Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first Armistice Day to honor the end of World War I. In 1938, it was made a national holiday. In 1954, after WWII, Congress, at the urging of the Veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.”
- Veterans Day wasn’t always observed on November 11. The Uniform Holiday Bill was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11.

- Veterans Day does not include an apostrophe but does include an “s” at the end of “veterans” because it is not a day that “belongs” to veterans; it is a day for honoring all veterans.
- Other countries recognize their veterans as well. Canada, Great Britain and Australia observe Remembrance Day to honor their military veterans.



At this point, Jon switched gears, and related his experiences in the Coast Guard, one of the least understood branches of the US Armed Services. Other members who served shared their stories as well. George Schwille spoke about his tour in Viet Nam. Mike Porcelli said he was proud of his time in the service. IPP Ingrid spoke fondly about her father George Ritter, and how after serving in Austria, he came to the US and was promptly drafted into the Army, where he taught English to Asian soldiers, who spoke English with a German accent!

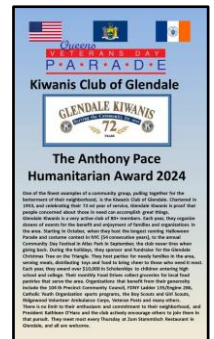
We are fortunate to be in Kiwanis, where we have so many veteran programs. We meet many genuinely good men and women who make great friends.

Club News:

DPP Bruce Kramer reported that the **First Saturday Food Drive** was a success, with 15 cases of groceries and \$124 in donations collected. He wants to thank his wife Karen, DPLG Debbie Kueber, JR Velepec, DPP Teresa Donahue, Richie and Barbara Adams, DPP Fred Haller and George Schwille for participating.



On Sunday, November 10th, the Queens Veterans Day Committee will be presenting the annual **Veterans Day Parade** on Metropolitan Ave in Middle Village, stepping off at 12:00 noon. The parade opens with a ceremony at 80th Street and ends at Christ the King Regional High School at 69th St. This year, Glendale Kiwanis will be presented with the Committee’s **Humanitarian Award** for our years of community service. If you can march with us, we welcome you. If not, we would love to see you at the ceremony.



On Monday, November 11th, the veterans from our community will meet “on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month” for a **Veterans Day Ceremony** at the Glendale Monument to honor the men and woman who have served our country in the armed forces. American Legion Post 104 and Glendale Kiwanis members Bill Cook and Michelle Cook-Lopez present an inspiring program, joined by many veterans and elected officials from our community, and all are welcome to attend.

Our annual **Thanksgiving Turkey Cheer** will be held on Tuesday, November 12th. DPLG Kerrie Hansen has organized the delivery, packaging and distribution of 75 dinners including a turkey and all the fixings. We will be assembling in the courtyard at Sacred Heart School. If you can help, contact Kerrie for starting time, as the delivery time can vary, and we don’t want people standing around waiting for the truck.

Fred Velepec announced this year's **Christmas Cheer** event. It will be held on Tuesday, December 10th in the Sacred Heart Church basement, beginning at 6pm. Each year, we provide meals and toys to local families, plus a visit from Santa Claus. It is always a great way to give back during the holiday. Contact JR for headcount if you can make it there.

At our weekly meetings, the Sheriff donates an Attendance Prize, which is raffled off with our attendance slips, in a game called Winner and Losers. This week, Rudy Jonke was the Sheriff. SDPLG Bob Kueber was the winner, and said he was thrilled to win, because Rudy's prizes are always special. This time, besides a large bottle of Jaegermeister, Rudy included a bottle of merlot, a red wine from the winery of none other than Donald J. Trump! A rather appropriate choice, if you know Rudy. Prost!

Sheriff: Rudy Jonke
Invocation: DPP Bruce Kramer
Lunch Monitor: JR Velepec
7-11 Pot Passer: DPP Bruce Kramer
7-11 Winners: Fran Cottone, Pres Kathleen O'Hara, and Rory (Bruce Kramer)
Winner & Losers: DPLG Kerrie Hansen
Losers: DPLG Kerrie, PP Vinnie Alberici, PP Paul Miceli and Frank Kotnik
Winner: SDPLG Bob Kueber
Pig Walker: PP Paul Miceli
Happy \$: 184
Pig: 66
Next Meeting: Birthday & Business @ Züm Stammtisch 12:30pm
Next Sheriff: Jon Kablack

Calendar of Events

November 10	Queens Veterans Parade	@ Metropolitan Ave	12:00pm
November 11	Glendale Veterans Ceremony	@ Glendale Monument	11:00am
November 21	Club Thanksgiving	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
November 24	Fall Pancake Breakfast	@ Redeemer Lutheran Church	9:00am-12:00pm
November 26	Board Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
November 28	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
December 1	Christmas Tree Lighting	@ Züm Stammtisch	6:00pm
December 10	Christmas Cheer	@ Sacred Heart Church Basement	6:00pm
December 19	Club Christmas Party	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:
Zum Stammtisch 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385

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