

## THE PLAGIARIST

The Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale, New York Inc. Established September 1953

LXXII 16

President Kathleen O'Hara

Immediate Past President Ingrid Huber

Secretary DPLG Kerrie Hansen

Treasurer (Administrative Fund) DPP Steve Hansen

Treasurer (Community Fund) Teresa Donahue

Treasurer (Foundation) SDPLG Bob Kueber

QnsKiwanis2024

The cold weather this week is starting to wear on our members, so there were only 23 in attendance at our meeting at the Stammtisch. DPP Ingrid Huber was our 'President for a Day', and she opened the meeting in the usual manner; Karen Kramer delivered a fine Invocation, and after the Pledge and a rather ragged version of our Patriotic Song, she walked the room and introduced our Past Leadership. She did a fine job.

January 23, 2025

*Today's Guests:* DPP Big Bill Maher introduced his lunch guest, Patricia Ann Maloney Maher; Frank Kotnik Jr introduced his longtime friend and City Council candidate Dermot Smyth.

When you schedule a meeting each week as we do, you are bound to have a noshow speaker now and then. Today was one of those days. Fortunately, we are quite able to go with Plan B. DPP Ingrid usually began her meetings with a "Did You Know?" segment, and she came prepared (as always). Eight random facts:

- The longest wedding veil was worn by a bride in Cyprus. It measured *23,000 feet*. It's in the Guiness Book of World Records.
- Some cats are allergic to humans. Apparently, it can happen.
- The Crown Jewels of England contain the two largest cut diamonds on Earth, both cut from the 3,106 carat Cullinan Diamond. One is set in the scepter, the second in the crown.
- The voice actors of Mickey and Minnie Mouse were actually married for 18 years before Mickey's voice passed away in 2009.
- The two "M"s in M&M candy stand for Mars, son of the founder of Mars Chocolate Co., and Bruce Murrie, son of the president of the Hershey Chocolate Co.
- You can hear the heartbeat of a blue whale from two miles away. The heart can weigh 400 lbs.
- The odds of drawing a Royal Flush are exactly 1 in 649,740. The odds are better for a straight flush, 1 in 72,192.
- Four times more people speak English as a second language than as a native one.

We were fortunate to have the Captain Vetter of *FDNY Engine 286* in Glendale stop in to say hello. He reported that the firehouse has been rather busy during the cold spell. Between handling fires, health calls and frozen hydrants, they spend a lot of time outdoors. We had purchased a gift certificate from DiMarco's Butcher Shoppe as a token of appreciation for all that *New York's Bravest* do for our community, and we were happy to present it today. DPP Bruce Kramer asked that Capt Vetter send our regards to Capt Italiano.



As I reported, Frank Kotnik brought a guest to lunch today. *Dermot Smyth* is running for the City Council seat left open by Robert Holden, due to term limits. He took a few minutes to introduce himself and answer a few questions from members about his agenda and views on several topics of interest. He seems to be a strong candidate, and we wish him well during the election.

## Club News:

Reminder: The date of the next **Board of Directors** meeting has been changed to **Wednesday**, **January 29**<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The location remains unchanged: Yerman's Pub, 70-26 88<sup>th</sup> St, Glendale. All members are welcome to attend, and see how our Board operates.

DPP Bruce Kramer announced the next *First Saturday Food Drive* will be held on Saturday, February 1 at the Stop & Shop Supermarket, from 10:00am until 2:00pm. If you are available, please spend a few hours helping support the food pantries in our neighborhood.

Our next *Karaoke for a Cause* fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 8 at the *Avenue Restaurant & Bar*, 71-22 Myrtle Avenue. Time to be determined.



The *Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation*, one of NY District's major foundations, is celebrating 25 years of raising awareness and funding for medical treatment for children with this disease. They are hosting a gala on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm, at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury (site of our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presidents Dinner). Tickets are \$125 each. Please consider supporting this worthwhile fundraiser, and honor DPG John Gridley and his First Lady Rosemary, for their 25 years of service to this cause.

Sheriff:	Gjorgi Kukuvikov, who provided the Attendance Prize			
Invocation:	Karen Kramer			
Lunch Monitor:	Karen Kramer			
7-11 Pot Passer:	DPP Bruce Kramer			
7-11 Winners:	DPLG Kerrie Hansen, Frances Cottone and Thomas Rodecki (DPP Bruce)			
Winner & Losers:	DPLG Kerrie Hansen			
Losers:	Anna Mastrolembo, Gjorgi Kukuvikov, DPP Big Bill Maher and Frank Kotnik			
Winner:	Karen Kramer			
Pig Walker:	Gjorgi Kukuvikov			
Нарру \$:	107			
Pig:	27			
Next Meeting:	Grover Cleveland HS Key Club	Next Sheriff:	Daniel Kurzyna	

## **Calendar of Events**

January 29 (New Date)	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
February 1	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop	10am – 2pm
February 6	Birthday and Business	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
February 13	Valentine's Day	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
February 13 – 16	NY District Mid-Year Conference	@ Binghamton, NY	
February 18	Queens West Division Meeting	@ Atlas Park	7:00pm
February 20	President's Day	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
February 25	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
February 27	German Day	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
March 8	Karaoke for a Cause	@ the Avenue Bar	TBD



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:All Correspondence can be sent to:Züm Stammtisch 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385<br/>www.glendalenykiwanis.org67-13 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385