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We wrapped up the third month of this service year with our meeting at Zum Stammtisch. DPP Steven Hansen was our 'President for a Day', and he opened the meeting in the usual manner; Karen Kramer delivered a fine Invocation, asking for blessing for all first responders. After the Pledge and our Patriotic Song, Steve asked for a moment of silence for the passengers of the plane crash in DC. He walked the room and introduced our Past Leadership. He had an easy time of it, since there were only a few in attendance.

Today's Guests: DPP Big Bill Maher introduced his lunch guest, Pat; Vin Arcuri had his aide Maria along again.

Our special guest speaker today was Retired Firefighter Jim Jacobs, formerly with Engine 286 in Glendale. After a 'How Do You Do' greeting, he presented a program about the **Tunnel to Towers Foundation**. He began with the story of Firefighter Stephen Siller. On September 11, 2001, Stephen, who was assigned to Brooklyn's Squad 1, had just finished his shift and was on his way to play golf with his brothers when he got word over his scanner of a plane hitting the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Upon hearing the news, Stephen called his wife Sally and asked her to tell his brothers he would catch up with them later. He returned to Squad 1 to get his gear. Stephen drove his truck to the entrance of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, but it had already been closed for security purposes. Determined to carry out his duty, he strapped 60 lbs. of gear to his back, and raced on foot through the tunnel to the Twin Towers, where he lost his life while saving others.

Born from the tragedy of 9/11, the **Tunnel to Towers Foundation**, cofounded by his brother Frank, carries out its mission to "do good," by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. Tunnel to Towers is also committed to ending veteran homelessness and helping America to 'Never Forget September 11'. Since its inception, the Foundation has been committed to practicing sound



fiscal management, organizational efficiency and program integrity. Tunnel to Towers keeps fundraising and administrative costs at a minimum, with only a small percentage of funds allocated to overhead expenses. The Foundation's program service percentage on average is 93% – 93 cents out of every dollar goes directly to programs and services. Jim stated that the large grants from corporations such as Home Depot are important, but the \$11/month donations from individuals are the lifeblood of the foundation.

Our club first honored Tunnel to Towers at our First Responders Community Day in 2019, and have donated to their cause every year since. Today was no exception, and Jim gratefully accepted this year's donation. We admire their dedication. If you would like to donate to their foundation, visit www.T2T.org for information

DPP Steve took this opportunity to run the meeting and presented his "On This Day.." list.

- The Beatles performed a concert from the rooftop of their Apple Corps headquarters at 3 Savile Row, in central London's office and fashion district. It was their final live performance as the band.
- In 1835, unemployed house painter Richard Lawrence tried to change the course of history with an attempt to assassinate then-President Andrew Jackson.
- In 1946, a dime with the image of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 32nd president of the United States, was issued. The dime was chosen to honor Roosevelt's support of the March of Dimes, an organization that raised money to find a cure for polio.



Steve's program is always entertaining and educational.

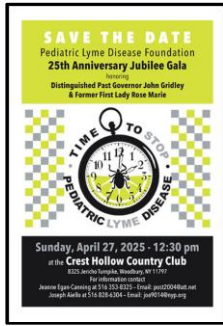
Club News:

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.

At our **Board of Directors Meeting** last night, donations were approved for NY District Circle K, the Allied Veterans Dinner on April 6th, the JROTC at Queens Metropolitan HS, Girl Scout Troop 4234 for their Diaper Drive, and the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation.

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 **Super Bowl Pool** boxes are sold out. Thank you everyone for participating, and good luck!



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 27th at 12:30pm, at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury (site of our 70th 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.

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| Sheriff: | Pat Helger, first time Sheriff, who provided the Attendance Prize |
| Invocation: | Karen Kramer |
| Lunch Monitor: | Fred “Call me JR” Velepec |
| 7-11 Pot Passer: | Karen Kramer |
| 7-11 Winners: | Pop A (PP Vinnie Alberici), Maria, and Pat Helger |
| Winner & Losers: | DPLG Kerrie Hansen |
| Losers: | Pat Helger, Fran Cottone, Irene Kofler and Leona Hansen |
| Winner: | PP Vinnie Alberici |
| Pig Walker: | DPP Steve Hansen |
| Happy \$: | 97 |
| Pig: | 29 |
| Next Meeting: | Birthday and Business |
| Next Sheriff: | Daniel Kurzyna |

Calendar of Events

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| February 1 | First Saturday Food Drive | @ Stop & Shop | 10am – 2pm |
| 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:
Zum Stammtisch 69-46 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385

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