



THE PLAGIARIST



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*At this year's New York District Mid-Year Conference, it was announced that Glendale Kiwanis was recognized as a **Distinguished Club** for the 2023-2024 Service Year. Congratulations to President Ingrid Huber and First Gent DPP Richie for a year of dedication to our club and the ideals of Kiwanis. Congratulations also go to our Board of Directors for keeping our club on track, and insuring all our community service projects achieved their desired goals. Finally, this recognition is shared by every member of our club, because without the support of our membership, we cannot accomplish all that we do.*



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Kathleen O'Hara

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Treasurer
(Foundation)
SDPLG Bob Kueber

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The Mid-Year Conference is over, so we were back at the Stammtisch for our weekly meeting. We had twenty-one members and guests show up, and they were treated to another special meeting, with another special host. The '*President for a Day*', DPLG Debbie Kueber opened the meeting in the usual manner; Jon Kablack delivered a fine Invocation. After the Pledge and our Patriotic Song, Debbie introduced our Past Leadership, and did a fine job.

Today's Guests: Frank Kotnik introduced his wife/nurse Tina to lunch; Vin Arcuri introduced his "Melania Look-alike, Maria; DPP Big Bill Maher welcomed his "Informed Consumer" wife Pat; SDPLG Bob Kueber treated his favorite DPLG, Debbie; East River PP Jackie Pappas was a guest of DPLG Debbie.

Continuing this year's arrangement of substitute Presidents, DPLG Debbie hosted the meeting. Debbie served as our President in 2005-2006, *twenty years ago*. Only 29 of the 98 current members, Corporate members or

Honorary members were around when Debbie served as the first female President of our club. She started the program with a brief recap of her year. She was preceded by PP Mike Crohn, and succeeded by DPP Charles Gering. Debbie had a copy of the Plagiarist from the beginning of her year, written by Bulletin Editor George Schwille, and passed it around so we could read about her installation. She was proud to be installed by NY District Governor Dave Rothman, along with her secretary DPP Fred Haller, and Treasurers DPP Dave Fitzgerald and DPP Tony Sauro. Her Major Emphasis was twofold: She raised funds to support the Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops in the area, and completed the multi-year commitment to purchase a new ambulance for the Glendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps. She reported that being the first female President went well, as the club accepted her and showed a great deal of support.



Our guest speakers for today were both unavailable, so once again, we ran with Plan B. DPLG Kerrie Hansen gave us a report on last weekend's **Mid-Year Conference** in Binghamton. Obviously, the big news was our club being named Distinguished for the 2023-2024 year. President Ingrid was upstate to hear the good news, and was proud of our club for all we did and continue to do. We won several awards and honorable mentions for our signature projects, and the weekend went well, thanks to the hard work of Coordinators DPLG Kerrie and DPP Steve Hansen.

Jon Kablack was up next, and gave a report on the **Martin Luther School Basketball** team he coached and directed at his Alma Mater in upstate Syracuse. His team played well in the tournament, but was eliminated in a closely contested final game. Sadly, he also reported that we will be stepping down from his positions at the school to concentrate on his other duties in the community. He did well, and we wish him well in the future.



Jon was followed by Pastor Franklyn Caraballo from the **Salvation Army Ridgewood Citadel**. He reported on some of the upcoming projects they are doing. During the Christmas holiday, we participated in the Red Kettle Drive (Bell Ringing), and presented him with a matching donation for the \$259 we collected that day. He said the Food Pantry they run and we support with food drives is currently serving 115 families each week.

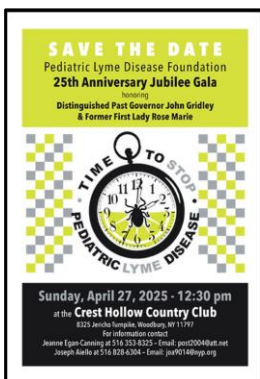
Club News:



DPLG Debbie announced the upcoming chartering of two new **Builders Clubs** we are sponsoring. On March 4th, we will be welcoming IS 49 in Middle Village into the Kiwanis family, and on March 6th we will do the same at IS 119 in Glendale. Builders

Clubs are for junior high/middle school groups. In addition to community service, the clubs also dedicate efforts to supporting classroom activities. Currently there are more than 40,000 members worldwide. We are proud to sponsor these clubs, in coordination with the afterschool programs with Maspeth Town Hall.

DPP Bruce also reminded us about our next **Karaoke for a Cause** fundraiser. It will be held on Saturday, March 8 at 7:30pm, at the *Avenue Restaurant & Bar*, 71-22 Myrtle Avenue. Proceeds will support an arts and music scholarship in honor of President Kathleen O'Hara.



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.

Sheriff: Frank Kotnik Jr for DPP Bill Maher, who provided the Attendance Prize.
Invocation: Jon Kablack
Lunch Monitor: JR Velepec
7-11 Pot Passer: DPP Teresa Donahue
7-11 Winners: JR Velepec and Jon Kablack
Winner & Losers: JR Velepec
Losers: DPP Teresa Donahue, DPP Bill Maher, Mike Porcelli, JR Velepec
Winner: DPLG Kerrie Hansen
Pig Walker: SDPLG Bob Kueber
Happy \$: 174
Pig: 22
Next Meeting: To Be Determined **Next Sheriff:** Ditto

Calendar of Events

February 25	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
March 1	First Saturday Food Drive	@ Stop & Shop	10:00-2:00pm
March 6	Queens Public Library/ QMHS JROTC/Birthday & Business	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
March 8	Karaoke for a Cause	@ the Avenue Bar	7:30pm
March 13	Irish Day	@ Yerman's Pub	12:30pm
March 17	QW Division Meeting	@ Lenny's Clam Bar	7:00pm
March 20	Girl Scouts	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
March 25	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
March 27	Music in the Community	@ Zum Stammtisch	12:30pm
April 27	Pediatric Lyme Gala	@ Crest Hollow CC	12:30pm
May 4	Pancake Breakfast	@ Sacred Heart Church	8:00am
May 14	Baby Shower	@ Wyckoff Hospital	11:00am
May 20	QW Division 'Radio Bingo'	@ TBD	



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

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