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THE ROCKAWAYS

Our January 16, 2025, a meeting was held at Roger's Pub. It was catered by Flip-Flop Catering. Eddie made chicken falafel, rice and salad. It was delicious, as always.

At 7:30 PM, Scott called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were in attendance: Scott Valentine, Jeanette Garramone, Stacey Savitsky, MaryAnn Nellen, Kathy Guiseppone, Sam Gonzalez, Antonio Handy, Jason Hernandez, Helen Montero-Hernandez, Brian Hettich, Michelle Hettich, a special appearance by Giuliana Hettich, Felicia Johnson, Jose Morales, Teri Morales. Electra Holmes came by to see if this club was a fit for her.

The Treasurer's Report was read. The November Meeting Closed with \$3,312.15 in the Administrative Account and we now have 1811.15 in that account. The November Meeting Closed with 13,738.61 in the Service Account. \$4,500.00 is for the Swim Strong Grant. We now have \$10,957.31 in Service Account; \$2,700 is Swim Strong Grant Money.

We are currently doing two football pools, the \$20 will net \$325, the \$50 will net \$1000

We will sponsor a Rockaway Little League Team. The sponsorship fee is \$450. After a long debate the name of the team will be 'Kiwaniis the Rockaways'. Everyone present agreed that we should find out the schedule and support the team. Also, MaryAnn is going to find out about getting adult sized Little League shirts, or if we can have them made ourselves. If you're interested in a shirt text her your size 917-515-0024, the sooner the better.

Review of November and December events:

A – Turkey and food give away, Kathy and MaryAnn met up with Michelli who worked at Cross County Savings Bank and collected food and turkeys for Thanksgiving. They bought the food and Turkeys to Helen and Antonio at St John's Episcopal Hospital and joined them distributing food for the neighborhood. Food distribution happens almost every week and they can always use volunteers, see attached flyers. Next year Brian and Michelle said they can get turkeys! ~~Helen has the food distribution been cancelled with the government freeze on spending?~~

B- Thanksgiving – Every year some of us cook, donate food, money, and time distributing meals on Thanksgiving morning. This year Stacey and Ed, Brian, Jeanette, Felicia, Ozzie all did an awesome job!

C- We sponsored a table at the New York Families for Autistic Children's Annual Toy Run. It was a nice fundraiser that a bunch of us go to every year.

D- Adopt a Family. We did a Thanksgiving football pool, and raised money to adopt a family of 6 for the holidays. The gifts we were able to get them are listed on a flyer attached.

E- While the Installation dinner was fun, we all agreed that we don't want to go back to Rocco's of Rock Beach for another party

F- St. John's Episcopal Hospital ICare Holiday Winter Wonderland was a great event. We made a cash donation and gave away popcorn and distributed candy donated by Madelaine's Chocolate. Everyone who attended would like to do it again. We can also help them give out gifts next year, like Rikki did this year. We will also try to coordinate and communicate with the Icare Team a little bit better moving forward.

G- Movies with Santa was in St Camillus gym this year, the movie was That Christmas, the kids had popcorn, candy, pictures with Santa and each kid got a gift donated by our generous Kiwanis members or the 100th Precinct Community Council who got donations from toys for tots. A good time was had by all!

It was suggested that St Camillus may be a good location for our next Radio Bingo.....

Also attached is a list of events we have done in the previous years. The next one that needs our attention is the St Patrick's Day Parade. I am submitting the application. Jeanette is making a list of marchers. So far, Jeanette, Scott, MaryAnn, Kathy, Teri, Michelle, Helen, Jason Felicia, and Electra are willing to march, who else? Jeanette ordered sweatshirts last year, I guess we could still get some more. If you need one, say something! We are getting slap bracelets, necklaces and ~~other landfill along with~~ lollipops to hand out along the parade route.

Antonio wanted to let us know that The St. John's Episcopal Hospital is holding a health screening event in Broad Channel on Wednesday, January 29th between 2:00 and 4:00 PM at the Broad Channel Public Library located at 16-26 Cross Bay Boulevard. They are offering A1C Screenings, Blood Pressure Screenings and Vaccinations

Jason is interested in sponsoring a 10 -12-year-old All Star Little League Baseball Team. He would locate the best players from Queens South and form a District Team. He thinks it would take about \$1,000 for uniforms and equipment. The parents would have to pay for the travelling expenses. He is going to put together a proposal for a future meeting.

Rikki was not at the meeting but everyone is getting interested in the possibility of a corn hole/bean bag toss tournament, maybe with a country western theme. Get those ideas cooking. Rikki creates beautiful, custom-made boards. No pressure...

Next meeting is Thursday, February 20th. I hope to see you all there.

MaryAnn