

Meeting of Rockaway Kiwanis Club

Held on Thursday – April 17, 2025@Rogers 205 Beach 116 Street

Members in Attendance:

Scott Valentine	Stacey Savitsky	Dolores Orr	MaryAnn Nellen
Jeanette Garramone	Grace Amemann	Kyle Meyer	Helen Montero-Hernandez
Kathy Giuseppone	Felicia Johnson	Brian Hettich	
Jason Hernandez	Erica Lawless	Michelle Hettich	

GUEST: Kiwanis Past Lieutenant Governor Janice Barr

President Scott Valentine lead group in Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by MaryAnn Nellen to approve minutes of February 20, 2025 with correction to add Radio Bingo date of October 24, 2025. Seconded by Jeanette Garramone. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – MaryAnn Nellen - Balance in accounts

Administrative Account: Balance as of 4/17/2025 \$2,277.41 (Expense \$100 – Deposits \$196)

Service Account: Balance as of 4/17/2025 \$9,654.29 (note: \$960 reserved for Swim Strong Grant; \$1,005 for Little League)

Collected \$700.00 (\$200 – baseball pool + \$500 Little League Sponsor)

Expenses: \$495 NYC Parks Baseball Field Permits. \$221.56 Easter Egg Hunt (\$50 cash Golden Egg, \$116.00 Golden Egg Prizes, purchase Easter Bunny Costume.

. Motion by Helen Montero-Hernandez and seconded by Jeanette Garramone to accept April 2025 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Key Club Update: We are sponsoring the Key Club at BCHS campus – Teacher Coordinator is Sean O'Connell. Charter cost is \$400. Motion by Dolores Orr and seconded by MaryAnn Nellen to approve payment of the \$400 Key Club charter fee if the school is not able to cover the cost.

Special Olympics Polar Plunge – We will participate in 2026 event and partner with 100th Precinct

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday – April 12th -Our participate this year was different but was a great success. We provide prizes for Golden Eggs, our member Helen made a fabulous Easter Bunny, took pictures of children with Easter Bunny. For 2026 we will do the same and purchase a new backdrop for pictures.

Swim Strong – Celebration of swimmers sponsored by Kiwanis' grant - to be held last day of Saturday swim session. Event took place on April 19th at Far Rockaway High School. Members should arrive at 11:30am. We will provide pizza & beverages. We will present each swimmer with a swimming medal. Need to confirm date – either 4/19 or 4/26.

Walk-a-thon – June 14th @ 7pm - Participants asked to strive to get 20 sponsors and ask for \$20 commitment which will provide \$400 per participant. We will be walking from B 96 St. to B. 76 St and back to B, 96 St. Unrelated to our event there will be Fireworks at B. 92 Street for Flag Day. A sponsor sheet will be sent to all members.

Kiwanis Rockaway Little League – Jason Hernandez

Flyers circulated and will continue to advise – NO registration fee – will continue to advertise and post our flyers. This is a summer league so we will continue to register children - girls & boys ages 9-12 years old. Still striving for 5 Teams. We have been awarded a \$3,000 Grant from FRANC. Registration and player assessment will take place on April 26th 9:00am at Redfern playground Beach 12th Street and Redfern Ave. Still looking for Coaches. Equipment we anticipate needing: Buckets of baseball, bases (est cost \$105), at least 4 helmets (est cost \$35 ea). Paul King from BHPOA donated practice balls and Rule books. Brian will take care of sign boards.

Radio Bingo - October 24th DJ secured. Springman Hall not available (was a much larger venue) so have confirmed booking at Knights of Columbus. Formation of committee: to date – Jeanette, Grace A., Rikki, MaryAnn.

DISTINGUISHED KIWANIAN AWARDS – Janice Barr - Past Lt Governor attended our meeting to present the club and several individual members DISTINGUISHED KIWANIAN AWARDS which was awarded at the NYS Kiwanis convention.

Helen Montero-Hernandez shared with the membership that there the **Prince of Peace Pentecostal Church** at 18-35 Mott Avenue provides hot meal and access to a food pantry on Wednesdays. They welcome volunteers to help with prep, serving and cleanup in addition to need of food both for Wednesday meal but also to stock the pantry.

Other business:

- Still working on 501c3
- Corn Hold/Bean Bage Toss event/committee still in the planning
- We currently have 25 Paid Members
- Sip and Paint will be held in the Fall (NOVEMBER) @ Raymor & Flanagan – more to follow.
- Kiwanis outdoor signs –to advertise our presence in the community, we will purchase one plastic sign and post in one of 3 possible locations.

Submitted by: Dolores Orr