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Meeting of Rockaway Kiwanis Club

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

Members in Attendance:

Scott Valentine	Stacey Savitsky	Jeanette Garramone	MaryAnn Nellen
Frank Amato	Ozzie Edwards	Rose Guerrier	Jason Hernandez
Helen Montero-Hernandez	Brian Hettich	Michelle Hettich	Felicia Johnson
Kyle Meyer	Jose Morales	Teresa Morales	

GUEST: Sheldon Soloway from Peninsula Kiwanis SheldonSoloway@yahoo.com

President Scott Valentine led group in Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report \$2,184.26 in Administrative Account, \$2,164.58 in Sports Service Account and \$7,183.42 in other Service Account. Voted on and accepted

Our Walk-a-Thon raised \$1,587.00 for our Sports Account, there is some outstanding money.

Scott congratulated our club on a successful Opening Day for the Kiwanis Rockaway Little League and recognized the hard work of the members involved. This League is a tremendous accomplishment!

(We need to make a budget for snacks and beverages necessary for games and practices as members have been paying for these items. **Keep Receipts.**)

Baseball games are Saturdays at 10:00 AM at the Redfern ballfields. There will be no game on Saturday, July 26th, instead there will be **A DAY OF FUN** for the players at Redfern Park. It starts at noon. All are welcome. Last game will be played on August 23rd. (possible event at B.44th St Community Center)

Trophies, team photos and sponsor gifts will be looked into by Rose, Jason, and Brian.

Rockaway Day with the Cyclones was a success. One of our players threw the first pitch, the kids got to go on the field and interact with Cyclones players. Our members operated the Cyclones' prize wheel.

We are hosting the July Queens West Division Meeting at Lenny's next Monday, July 21st. It is usually \$35 for the meal. It is not necessary to attend but if someone wants to go, let MaryAnn know right away. Scott is arranging a speaker for the meeting. Scott, Jeanette, Stacey, MaryAnn, Jose & Teresa will attend.

Night Out Against Crime will be on Tuesday, August 5th. Volunteers for the 101st Precinct are Rose, Felicia and Helen and the 100th Precinct volunteers are Scott, Stacey, and MaryAnn. Brian designed and ordered 300 Kiwanis slap bracelets to give out at the event, and Ozzie is taking care of the next batch for the next event. Who else wants to join us? Also, is there a possibility of getting some of the Little League kids to join us in uniform? If they do, we will ask if the Cyclone' mascot can join the event. Jeanette spoke with Liz Geraghty, President of the 100th Precinct Community Council, We can donate the balloon person for \$400.00, and they will be placed near us. Is there something similar we can donate to the 101st Precinct? Ozzie will be manning the grill for the 100th Precinct.

Carnival is on Saturday, August 23rd. There is an early set up with a breakfast that starts at 8:30. It is undecided what, if any, our role will be in the event.

On August 27, 2025, we will join the the 100th Precinct in a back-to-school backpack event. In the past, we have paid for the DJ but this year we want to get more involved. Our guest Sheldon will get us a list of places where we can order school supplies at good prices, and we will put our stickers on them and give them out at the event. Backpack Committee is Rose, MaryAnn, Scott, Stacey, Helen, Jeanette, and Ozzie.

St. John's ICARE foundation has invited us to participate in their back-to-school backpack event on Friday August 15th, 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Felicia suggested that instead of donating we should volunteer to help them like we did at Christmas. We will need a list of volunteers. Please volunteer on the group chat ASAP so we can coordinate with ICARE. So far, Felicia, Rose and MaryAnn have volunteered.

We are invited to join Rockaway Beach Autism Families for Queens Culture Clash again on September 28th. Jason went to the last event. He said a good event but it was very crowded, and he struggled to find a place to put the box for equipment donations. He said that if you're a sports fan, you will find a lot of good sports memorabilia. We will evaluate at our next meeting if we should join them again.

Radio Bingo: We will be at the Knights of Columbus on October 24th. The Committee is Jeanette, Stacey, MaryAnn, Jose, and Michelle. Can we count on everyone in our club to make a \$50-\$75 basket? Sheldon said his club has lists of what to buy for each basket. He is willing to share it with us. To avoid repetition, Jeanette is keeping track of the baskets and what is in the baskets. Please let Jeanette know what you have decided to make. We have raffle tickets available to sell. \$5 each 3 for \$10. If you want to sell raffle tickets contact MaryAnn.

Other Committee Updates:

- a. 501 c3 – we can get started
- b. Key Club - no news
- d. Sip and Paint Event @ Raymor & Flanagan - Fall event - no news
- e. Kiwanis Signs – we have the vinyl sign. Grace is going mount it. We need to get vinyl stickers made with a URL or our website and Jason is going to hang it.... somewhere....
- f. Roger's Plaque – is ready, Jeanette is going to ask Renee and Mike to our next meeting so we can present them with the plaque.

New Business:

Felicia is asking all of us to follow Queens Community Board 14 on Facebook. It will keep you updated on community events and projects

Ozzie asked us to join him on Sunday, July 27th, 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Pilot House to meet with the Community Board 14.

Rose has invited us on a private tour of the new Labor and Delivery Suite at St John's Episcopal Hospital, 327 Beach 19th Street. The tour will be on Wednesday, July 23, at 7:00 PM. Please come and wear your Kiwanis shirts. We are also invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, July 31st at 11:00 AM. Please come, enjoy the food and company, and wear your Kiwanis shirts. There is a proposal for our club to donate an item to the bag the parents take when they go home. Something that says Kiwanis of the Rockaways and will be visible in photographs.

In September the Walsh Pavillion, a new, top of the line oncology facility, will be similarly celebrated. We will be invited to that event also.

Scott and Kyle have been collaborating to have the club appear in the Belle Harbor & Neponsit Living Magazine. Kyle's photographer will give us a date and time and Scott would like as many of us to show up for the photograph as possible. It can be on a Monday – Friday, during the daytime, at the beach.

Brian is arranging for the NY Post to do an article about our Little League Teams.

Stacey will be updating the hand-out sheet listing our accomplishments and out Radio Bingo flyer.



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Trunk or Treat with the 100th Precinct will be on Saturday, October 25th.