



# Kiwaniis®

## THE ROCKAWAYS

### August 21 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. On Thursday, August 21, 2025, Kiwanis of Rockaways' monthly meeting was held at Roger's Pub. We had chicken Francese supplied by Flip Flop Catering; it was very good!
2. The following people were present Scott Valentine, Jeanette Garramone, Stacey Savitsky, MaryAnn Nellen, Grace Arnemann, Jason Hernandez, Helen Montero-Hernandez, Michelle Hettich, Brian Hettich, Jose Morales, Conner and Shiela from Cross County Bank, and Lídice, a potential new member.
3. At 7:30PM, Scott called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Convention news: Scott has official NY Yankee baseball hats with Kiwanis Logo for \$25. He sold 3 at the meeting. Scott had a good time at the convention; it was informative and many people took him under their wings. He thinks everyone should go to the convention at least once.
5. Baseball update: Last game is on 8/23. Walter & Ozone Park will be bringing breakfast, Helen is getting beverages. Jeanette will take photos for the sponsor thank you plaques. There will be a date in the future for trophies. Starting September 13<sup>th</sup>, Jason is going to organize "Fall Ball" on Saturdays to keep the kids playing longer. After that Jason is looking for a location where he can offer year-round baseball clinic. They are always looking for volunteers to help with coaching and managing teams.
6. ICARE foundation backpack event was on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. We attended and helped them hand out school supplies to the community. The families had to stop at 4/5 health care stations and then they were able to get backpacks, supplies and refreshments.
7. Mt Carmel back to school event was on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. We were unable to attend the event but we donated school supplies. Helen said the group was very appreciative.
8. National Night Out recap: We provided balloon animals for the event and handed out a list of some of the activities and events we have participated in over the past 3 years. One of the people we met that night came to this meeting.
9. Carnival is the weekend of 8/23. We have a busy weekend and we don't have enough people to table or attend the event.
10. 100<sup>th</sup> Precinct back-to-school backpack event is on August 28<sup>th</sup>. at the 100<sup>th</sup> Precinct, from 12:00 through 3:00 pm. Scott, Jose, Teri, Grace and Kathy will be tabling the event. We are donating school supplies and Jeanette is tipping the DJ.
11. We were invited to table the Children's Harvest Festival, on October 11, 2025 at the Far Rock Farm. This is an event sponsored by the Campaign Against Hunger. We have done past events with them and would like to participate. We will need volunteers.
12. Radio Bingo: We will be at the Knights of Columbus on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Can we count on everyone in our club to make a basket? Let Jeanette know what basket you'll be making. Rockaway Kiwanis Little League will be purchasing a table to thank this year's volunteers.
13. **This week members only can purchase/reserve your Radio Bingo Tickets.** On August 29<sup>th</sup> the tickets will be offered to Kiwanis/Queens West. On September 2<sup>nd</sup> the tickets will be offered to past loyal

attendees and they will go on sale to the public on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Buy them while the tickets are still available. We sold out in 24 hours last year. We already have 91 of the 180 tickets spoken for.

14. There will be a Halloween theme this year – Costumes are optional – We will offer sponsorships to cover the cost of the prizes, most creative, best couple, and most unique. We are offering sponsorships to cover coffee and deserts.
15. We have 50/50 raffle tickets available to buy and sell for the Radio Bingo event, contact MaryAnn.
16. Chilli and Mac & Cheese! The 100<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council has invited us to partner with them for a Chilli and Mac & Cheese tasting contest, on November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Knights of Columbus 7:00 PM. Partnering will involve sharing the work, supplying baskets for raffles, selling 50/50s and sharing in the profits. Committee - Jeanette, MaryAnn, Grace, Brian, Jose and Lidice. Anyone else?
17. Other Committee Updates:
  - a. 501 c3 - Michelle said we are going to start on that soon.
  - b. Key Club – No updates
  - c. Sip and Paint Event @ Raymor & Flanagan – January Event, the fall is getting busy. Painting on one side where the service account gets the proceeds/ Poker on the other side where the admin account gets the proceeds. (1/23 or 24 or 2/7 or 2/8)
  - d. Kiwanis Signs -no updates
18. Jeanette and MaryAnn will be designing Rockaway Kiwanis business cards so we can have something to hand out to the public when we want to give out our information
19. Whoever is available to attend the 9-11 Memorial at Tribute Park, please be at the park at 8:30 in your blue Kiwanis shirt.
20. Next meeting is Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>,