



## CAROL VERDI, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR 2021-2022

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### Message From Lieutenant Governor Carol Verdi

Greetings Queens West. I have had an extraordinary time as your Lt. Governor since October 1st. It has been so inspiring to see first hand what each and every club in our Division has been up to. I always knew that we had a Division to proud of, but to see it first hand really makes your heart swell. We were very busy in October and November getting back to meeting in person and getting busy with our community service. I was honored to be one of the Grand Marshall's in the Howard Beach Halloween parade. My first time ever being Grand Marshall and what a thrill it was. It was amazing to see all the children who were able to participate after a 2-year hiatus with the pandemic. Glendale also brought back their Halloween parade the same weekend with a big crowd happy to having some normalcy back.



A big shout out to Ridgewood 321 for supplying so many children with filled backpacks to start their school year. With only a small number of clubs reporting we gave away over 700 turkeys and gift cards at Thanksgiving. During these times I am sure that all the families were so grateful to have a holiday meal on their tables for their families. I heard stories of children clinging to the deliverer's legs as they dropped off the food and squeals of joy when families had the burden removed from them. I blinked and it was Christmas. I was blessed to be at Ozone Park-Woodhaven and Glendale's tree lighting ceremonies. Seeing the looks on the children's faces when they saw Santa up close was so heartwarming. At the Ozone Park-Woodhaven ceremony I, and the 400 people attending, was brought to tears when a prosthetic arm was given to a young boy who lost his arm in a bakery accident several years before. Santa presented the arm to the child and the man who donated the arm carefully put it on the boy for all to see. There was not a dry eye in the house. What was even more special is that the boy will continue to receive these prostheses as he grows. I believe that is 12 in total until he reaches adulthood.

What a life-changing experience for this young man all through the good works of Kiwanis and its' partners. Queens Boulevard took care of a woman's shelter and brought joy to so many families who needed a little miracle. Astoria and East River were very generous to QSAC, an organization providing services for the Autism community.

As of this writing all but 2 clubs have had their installations. My feedback was that they were just a little bit unconventional, but fun. No matter, the important thing was to install the good officers and new members at each installation. I installed new members in Astoria, Corona East Elmhurst, Glendale, Ozone Park, Lefferts/Liberty and Kew Forest Richmond Hill thus far. Let's keep our membership growing. I am giving a shout out to Queens Boulevard who earned a patch by going up to their charter number. Yeah, Queens Boulevard. Thank you to Glendale, Ozone Park-Woodhaven and Queens Boulevard for completing the round robin. I got a kick out of teasing Bruce and Karen from Glendale

of following me around!

January there was a lot of behind the scenes work being done to get our newest club up and running. We had a few preliminary meetings and on February 4th began to sign up our new members. They have decided to be the Kiwanis Club of Sharing Hearts/Queens West and their charter day will be by April 1, 2022 at 11am at Resort World in Ozone Park.

On February 5th we celebrated Vasilopita with the Queens Boulevard club. What a great time we had. It was nice to see so many clubs out to support Queens Boulevard. We had a wonderful presentation from Corona East Elmhurst on Sickle Cell Anemia at our February Division meeting with 30 in attendance. The Mid-Winter Convention had a wonderful turnout from Queens West and it was fun spending time together learning and laughing. Someday someone may tell you a story about a pizza shop that did not know what hit them when Queens West walked in. All I can share is a quote from Bob Kueber, "This is one for the books, a pizza delivery guy delivering pizza to a pizzeria. Someone should get a picture of this!" What happens in Albany, stays in Albany

The year is almost half over and there is so much more to do. Let's keep our Governor's project first and foremost. Let your focus be on our earth. Recycle, compost, clean water, pick up litter and be aware of your surroundings. We will have a presentation at our April Division meeting on this (April 18). The Lt. Gov. focus is on early childhood special education. There are many ways to support this initiative.

We have so many events coming up. Be sure to mark your calendars and support one another. Please remember to donate to our foundations: KPTC, Kamp Kiwanis, Lyme Disease and the Children's Fund. It has been a pleasure to get to know all of you better during the first 6 months and I look forward to a fun and productive next half of the year. Remember, "Always be the Light in Someone's Darkness."

Yours in Service,  
Carol

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## 2022 DIVISION MEETING - CLUB AWARDS



## MID YEAR QUEENS WEST DIVISION 2022



## OZONE PARK - WOODHAVEN KIWANIS' NEW BANNER



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## RIDGEWOOD 3-2-1



*104 Community Affairs Officer Dilsia Bonilla stopped by the GRYC and read to the KIDDY KIDZ for Fairy Tale Day. The students LOVED the time they shared with our NYPD partner.*



*Gino and Maricelis went out to the store and bought bags of cereals to donate to Kamp Kiwanis for the upcoming season. They used their own money to make this donation. Great Job.*



## RIDGEWOOD 3-2-1



***At their March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Ridgewood 3-2-1 showed a video to the 76 members and friends in attendance, highlighting the amazing work done by Ridgewood 3-2-1 and Immediate Past President Janine Mahon for 2020-2021. At the completion of the video, SDPLG Bob Kueber and other Distinguished members of Glendale spoke about that high level of achievement as shown and complimented 3-2-1 on all of their great service. Then others in the room began to compliment Janine and the Club on outstanding and distinguished accomplishments. DPP Bob Monahan presented HIS Distinguished President's PIN to Janine to highlight her true leadership.***



## RIDGEWOOD 3-2-1

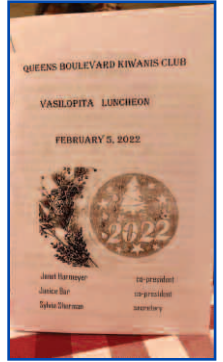


*The Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood 3-2-1 got a request from one of our partners, the NY Race Track Chaplaincy, to collect diapers for the Backstretch families. A \$10 Grid Box was created and raised over \$1,300 to buy diapers, wipes and other items for the families.*



**The Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood, NY 3-2-1 fundraised over \$12,000 for the construction and installation of the Officer Anastasios Tsakos Wellness Center at HWY3 in Queens. Detective Tsakos was tragically killed in the line of duty. Partnering with 3-2-1 member Remorca Fitness and the NY Police Foundation, this \$30,000 project is to honor his service and sacrifice in the line of duty.**

## QUEENS BLVD. KIWANIS VASILOPITA LUNCH



## GLENDALE KIWANIS CLUB



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*Have An Amazing Year!*  
**PP Bill Maher &  
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**Congratulations Lt. Carol Verdi!**  
We wish you the best of luck on your year as  
2020-2021 Queens West Lieutenant Governor!  
We look forward to working with you,  
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