

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

February 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Paul Ziems, Chris Reilly, Robert Gluck, Kathrine Soscia and Jean Hartling.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Erma Gluck introduced civic leaders from ABCO who were present at this meeting. Officer reports were suspended to allow time for the guest speakers.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Mathew Rizzo of Grassroots Environmental Education gave a detailed presentation on the quantity and quality of Long Island's drinking water. He discussed water protection concerns (pesticides and synthetic fertilizers, household chemicals, prescription drugs, septic systems and cesspools, pet waste) and tips for household water conservation. Informational handouts were provided. Civic members discussed questions regarding preservation of open space, alternative septic systems and education for ground water protection.

Tricia Ewald, Longwood Chapter, Blessings in a Backpack provided an overview of this nation-wide program that was started locally two years ago. Nutritious weekend meals are provided to 200 students in need as identified by the district's wellness team. Volunteers meet at the Charles E. Walters School on Tuesdays, 4 to 6 PM to assemble these meals at a cost of \$4.00 per weekend per student. Volunteers and donations are needed to sustain the program and address the needs of additional students.

Officer Gabaldi of the 6th Precinct highlighted current crime statistics. Vehicular theft continues to be a problem for unlocked cars and those left running while unattended.

50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 was won by Susan Capek who took home \$36.00.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hartling,
Recording Secretary