

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – April 4, 2024

The April birthday slide was being displayed as the members arrived. 33 Hobbyists have birthdays in March including four lifetime members (John Donohue, Louis Hinchliffe, Gene Parker and Hugh Tuomey). Louis Hinchliffe and Dave Smilon are celebrating their birthdays today.

Meeting called to order by President Mark Singer at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Paoli.

- Ridgewood Gold Star monument is expected to be dedicated in September. Your donations to this cause are appreciated.

President's Report – Mark Singer

- Motion raised to have members who will become 90 years of age in the upcoming year will receive notice that they do not have to pay dues for that upcoming year as they will have attained Lifetime status. Motion approved by acclamation.
- A Hobbyist was parked and ticketed on a street that Hobbyists have an agreement with the Ridgewood Police Department which allows parking at a “No Parking” time of day. The matter was discussed by Peter Weinstein with Captain Ender of the RPD and resolved favorably. The Hobbyists must display a sticker on the dashboard on the day of the meetings and the RPD will enforce the agreement.
- Pickleball Activity – Hobbyist applicant Allen Krauss is offering to start a group who want to play pickleball outdoors. Mark will send an email via Constant Contact to the membership to determine an initial level of interest.
- Kitchen construction should begin in about two weeks. At this time there does not seem to be an impact with any activities including the Fellowship luncheon.
- Science and Technology is still looking for someone to chair the activity. If you're interested, contact Mark.

Speaker Program Details – Don Peterfriend

- Danielle Fabrizio will give a presentation on Nutrition and Diet.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Engelhardt

- There was \$115 interest on the CD last month. There is currently a projected surplus of \$1504.

Hobbyists Concerned –Peter Philip

- Excellent report: There are no deaths nor illnesses to report this month!

Membership – Bob Mosher

- We currently have 413 members, 43 are Lifetime; One member is being inducted today. There were 91 members present, 3 via Zoom, for attendance of 94 for today's general meeting.
- Today's inductee: Steve Mezeiwski sponsored by Ed Lundell

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Dinner Dance – Bill Healy – The Spring Dance will be held on **MONDAY MAY 13, 2024** at Seasons in Washington Township. The cost is \$205 per couple. It will have a 1950's/1960's theme. Lots of checks and commitments received today.

Fellowship Luncheon – Dave Smilon – will be held **THURSDAY APRIL 18, 2024** at the Church. It is for all Hobbyists. Cost is \$15 for this Italian buffet. 70 members have signed up so far.

Activity Chairman Reports (accumulated from in-person, email or activity website)

- Bocce—Steve Friedman – Every Friday in April from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Fair Lawn Superdome in Fair Lawn. Cost is \$15. We expect to play at Waldwick Borough Park beginning May 3rd.
- Book Club — Peter Philip – The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for **FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2024, at 10:00 am** in the Church Library. We will discuss "**The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder**" by David Grann. The book discussion will be lead by Cliff Matthews.
- Chess – Rick Pascal – Chess meets every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until noon. If you would like instructions, please show up at 9:30 a.m. All abilities are welcome.
- Hiking – Ed Lundell – A trip/hike at the Delaware Water Gap is being planned.
- Golf – Gary Engelhardt – the Hobbyist season begins Tuesday, April 9th. The Atlantic City tournament already has 36 members paid so far!
- Investment Club – Ron Reedy and Mike Flannery – the activity will meet on **WEDNESDAY APRIL 24, 2024 at 1:30 PM in the Church Auditorium**. An email will be sent to those who are interested. The group will meet every three months (and by Zoom during the summer).
- Movie Lovers—Dick Oswald – the next Movie Lovers presentation will be on **TUESDAY APRIL 16, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Ridgewood Village Hall Senior Lounge. The movie we will watch is "**JFK Revisited: Through the Looking Glass**" narrated by Donald Sutherland, Whoopi Goldberg and Oliver Stone.”.
- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown - The next Music Lovers meeting is scheduled for **FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 at 10:00am** in the Church Auditorium. The subject of the meeting will be "**Great Composers and Writers of Our Generation**" presented by Hobbyist Enzo Magnano.
- ROMEO—Cliff Matthews – ROMEO is **FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2024 at 12 PM** at TS Ma in Wyckoff. Contact Cliff Matthews if you plan to attend. Wear your membership badge.
- Wine Making – Paul Richert – Group will drive to Tinton Falls on **MONDAY MAY 27, 2024** for the “Wine Experience” and to crush 24 cases of grapes, then return to Bergen County for lunch. The following week, on **MONDAY JUNE 3, 2024**, the group will drive again to Tinton Falls to press the grapes and pump the juice into our barrel for fermentation. If you're interested, please notify Paul Richert in advance and meet at Graydon Pool by 9 am on the day you can attend – Everyone is welcome to participate.

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New Business – none

New Hobbyists music video parody – Steve Friedman and Dick Boswell – “Calendar Guy”

- Here is the link for your viewing pleasure: <https://youtu.be/rdb3OCnchMY>

The business meeting concluded at 10:45 a.m.

Today’s program: Danielle Fabrizio from Valley Hospital will give a presentation on Nutrition and the Mediterranean Diet.

Respectfully submitted by,
Steve Friedman, Executive Secretary