

## **HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – May 2, 2024**

The May birthday slide was being displayed as the members arrived. 39 Hobbyists have birthdays in May including five lifetime members (Allen Demby, John Garrigan, John Pensec, Richard Spalckhavel and Arthur Wrubel). Gerald Bucci and Kent Papsun are celebrating their birthdays today.

**Meeting called to order** by VP Don Peterfriend at 10:02 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Bob Paoli.

- On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Ridgewood American Legion will place 1000+ flags on cemetery plots of veterans
- On Memorial Day, at 11 am, there will be a service at Veterans Memorial Park

**President's Report** – Don Peterfriend for Mark Singer

- For May and June meetings, the parking lot may look empty, but students still will be parking during the day, so park in the “CH” spots only on the lot and on the designated streets
- With the adoption of the new definition of a Lifetime member, we now have additional lifetime members. An email will advise those members who will become 90 during 2025 so they will not have to pay dues for that year.

**Speaker Program Details** – Don Peterfriend

- Dennis Niland will present a program about “Scams – Stay Alert”

**Treasurer's Report** – Don Peterfriend for Gary Engelhardt

- There was about \$1000 interest on the CD last month.

**Hobbyists Concerned** –Peter Philip

- George Maloof, a Hobbyist since 2011, was 94 years young.
- Len Pursiano, a Hobbyist since 1995, was 100 years young.

**Membership** – Bob Mosher

- We currently have 408 members, 58 are Lifetime; 4 members are being inducted today. There were 77 members present, 2 via Zoom, for attendance of 79 for today's general meeting.
- Today's inductees:  
Bob Humphreys sponsored by Walter Perog  
Bill Shontell sponsored by Ken Hekman  
Paul Magid sponsored by Dennis Stefanelli  
Alan Lo sponsored by Louis Queralt

**Doo Wop Dinner Dance** – Bill Healy – The Spring Dance will be held on **MONDAY MAY 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM** at Seasons in Washington Township. The cost is \$205 per couple. It will have a

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1950's/1960's theme. There are currently 110 people signed up and paid. Last minute signups can occur through Wednesday.

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

- Bocce - Steve Friedman – Bocce is now outdoors at Borough Park on Pine Street in Waldwick. It is **every Friday in May from 9:30 to 11:30 am**. Now that we are outside, there is no cost to participate. Bring a chair, bring a rake.
- Book Club – Jon Sterling – The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for **FRIDAY MAY 17, 2024 at 10:00 am** in the Church Library. We will review **“Accidental Presidents: Eight Men Who Changed America”** by Jaren Cohen. Discussion will be led by Dave Smilon. Looking ahead to June, the book will be **“Facing the Mountain”**.
- Bowling – Don Peterfriend for Gary Don – In the bowling semifinals, the Cobras beat the Sabres and the Strikers beat the Kingpins. The Cobras and Strikers will bowl for the league championship on Wednesday, May 8.
- 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.
- Cribbage – Don Peterfriend – meets Thursdays at 12:30 pm at the rear of the Church auditorium
- Fishing – Peter Weinstein – Organizing a Striper Party Boat on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Peter if you are interested.
- Golf – Don Peterfriend – there are 112 golfers registered – a record for the Hobbyists!
  - Tuesday 5/14 will be at Beaverbrook Golf Club, sign up by 5/7; contact Stu Franch
  - Tuesday 6/4 will be at High Point Golf Club in Montague NJ, sign up by 5/26; contact Don Peterfriend
  - Tuesday 6/11 will be at Apple Green, sign up by 6/1
- Gourmet Cooking – Jim McKeown – the next event will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> with the theme being your specific ethnic food.
- Hiking – Ed Lundell
  - There will be the usual two hikes on Tuesday and the more casual hike on Friday.
  - Looking ahead, there will be a hike/picnic at Wawayanda State Park NY on Tuesday June 11 for Hobbyists and their guests. Rain date is June 25.
- Investors Club – Mike Flannery – The next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY JULY 24, 2024 at 1:30 PM by Zoom**. The meeting should last about 90 minutes and cover the Fed policies. No stock tips are offered during these meetings. Future meetings may include the Connections group who have expressed interest in this activity.
- Military History – Tom Heed
  - There will be no meeting in May as the fourth Monday is Memorial Day so the next meeting will be **MONDAY JUNE 24, 2024 at 2 PM** and the group will wrap up the discussion on the Revolutionary War.
  - Looking to September, the discussion will be about the 350 missiles shot at Israel from Iran and that only 7 hit any target. How did that happen?

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- Movie Lovers—Dick Oswald – the next Movie Lovers presentation will be on **TUESDAY MAY 14, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Ridgewood Village Hall Senior Lounge. The two short movies we will watch are "**White Mane**" and "**The Red Balloon**" from Albert Lamorisse.
- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown – No meeting in May or June. They are postponed due to the reconstruction of the kitchen. The updated schedule:
  - **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13** (postponed from June) – Silly Songs and Lyrics
  - **FRIDAY OCTOBER 11** (postponed from May) - "**Music of the Great Depression and World War II**" presented by Hobbyist Jack Warner.
- Newsletter – Rick Pascal – All activity chairmen are requested to submit input for the summer newsletter to Rick by the end of June.
- Pickleball – Allen Krauss – about 30 Hobbyists have expressed interest in the activity. There have been 4 meetups so far. Play has been outdoors at Warren Point in Fair Lawn and Saddle River Park in Rochelle Park. Download the teamreach (?) app to sign up. Contact Allen Krauss for more information.
- ROMEO – Steve Friedman for Cliff Matthews – ROMEO is **FRIDAY MAY 17, 2024 at 12 PM** at Fino in Allendale. Contact Cliff Matthews if you plan to attend. Wear your membership badge.

**New Business** – There is interest in resurrecting the Computer Club. Please contact Bob Stevenson to share information and especially if you would like to chair the activity. We envision this would meet 2-3 times per year.

**The business meeting concluded** at 10:50 a.m.

**Today's program:** Dennis Niland from the Bergen and Passaic Division of Consumer Affairs will present "Scams – Stay Alert". Here is a URL for reference:  
[www.bergenPassaicConsumerAffairs.com](http://www.bergenPassaicConsumerAffairs.com) for the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs

Respectfully submitted by,  
Steve Friedman, Executive Secretary