

Hobbyists General Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2025

The March Birthday slide is being displayed as members arrived. 36 Hobbyists have birthdays in January including 7 lifetime members (John Jackson, Tom Mitchel, Len Chernigal, Sy Choo, Ralph Kirby, Joe Linfante and Jerry Goeting). No Hobbyists are celebrating a birthday today.

Meeting called to order by President Don Peterfriend at 10:05AM,

- Don welcomed all attendees and apologized for the short cancellation notice for February's Meeting due to inclement weather as well as FPC going to be closed. Don introduced Pastor Bruce of FPC.
- Pastor Bruce Thanked the Hobbyists for the donation to the Church and for using the facilities. He advised the Members of a Fish and Chips Dinner to be on April 1st (Not an April Fool's Trick). Donations from the event will support Disaster Occurrences, Hunger Programs and Self Development of People which FPC supports.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Paoli

President's Report- Don Peterfriend

- Upcoming Special Events- St. Patrick's Luncheon (3/12), Fellowship Luncheon (4/17), Spring Dinner Dance (5/5). Event Chairs will fill you in on Details Today.
- Activity Chairs: No activities may begin prior to 12 noon on Meeting Thursdays.
- For any of you not involved in activities, we have plenty to choose from, I implore you to participate in an activity or activities of your choice. Activities are on the Hobbyists website for your review.
- Urged Members to attend meetings and reach out to others to attend
- Appreciate if members would remain after Meetings for Speaker Presentations which are interesting and informative.

Hobbyist Concern- Peter Philip

- During the last few months three Members have passed: Dom Casulli (Passed on January 11, 2025, a Memorial Service is scheduled for April 5, 2025), Herb Becher (Passed on February 10, 2025) and James Wyli (Passed on February 12, 2025).

Treasurer's Report – Gary Engelhardt

- Interest on CD \$1,000.63
Dues paid 339 Members

Membership – Bob Mosher

- We currently have 421 members, 70 are Lifetime including those to be added during 2025. There are 70 members present today and in 2024 - 33 new members joined
- Send Hobbyists pictures to Hobbyists66.com for presentation at monthly Meetings.
- New Inductees: Steve Bloom (Ed Daly), Steve Alper (Paul Fazio), Howard Levine (Steve Friedman) and Don Dexter (Bob Becher).

Speaker Program- Peter Weinstein

- Today's program "Cognitive Healing" presented by Lenora Gavalas, MA

Activity Chairman Reports:

- Beer Appreciation – Rick Rosenthal: “You don’t have to be IRISH to Drink Beer”. Next gathering is scheduled for March 13, 2025 at Seven Lakes Station, Sloatsburg, NY.
- Bocce - Steve Friedman: Meets every Friday 9:30AM at the Fair Lawn Super Dome, Fair Lawn Ave. \$15.00 per person. April will begin outdoors at Waldwick Boro Park. Additional members always welcome.
- Book Club – Peter Philip: Next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2025 at 10AM in the FPC Library. Book will be “The Small and the Mighty” See web page for details.
- Chess Club – Rick Pascal: Meets Wednesdays at 10AM at the Church, with a refresher at 9:30AM.
- Golf – Paul Fazio: Indoor Golf continues via simulator at 9:30AM on Mondays at Players Club in Paramus. 2025 outdoor season will be starting the week of April 7th. Annual registration underway with 105 Members as of 3/6/25. Please review the Golf web page where all the details (registration, golf teams, schedules, Travel Tuesdays, AC Trip, etc.) are outlined and a list of Committee Members.
- Dinner Dance- Bill Healy: The next Dinner Dance will be on May 5th at Seasons in Washinton Twp. starting at 6PM to 10PM. Venue is about as good as it gets. Also, kindly respond to the Survey which was issued recently with your thoughts, concerns and ideas about the Dinner Dance and venue. Thus far only about 5 individuals have responded, more feedback would be helpful.
- Fellowship Lunch- Bob Mosher: The Luncheon will be held on Thursday April 17th commencing at Noon being held at FPC in the auditorium. A Constant Contact message will be forthcoming shortly with details. Please sign-up prior to April 10th to reserve your table seating and so we have a good headcount to order adequate food.
- Military History – Tom Heed: No meeting in March. Next meeting April 28,2025 in FPC auditorium at 2PM.
- Movie Lovers- Dick Oswald: The next meeting will be March 11, 2025 at 1:30PM in the Senior Lounge of the Ridgewood Village Hall. Movie will be “Bread and Chocolate” (1974-110 minutes). Starring Nino Manfredi, Johnny Dorelli and Anne Karina. Directed by Franco Brusati. Check web page for additional details.
- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown: No presentation in March. Following are the upcoming programs: April 11, “They Died Young” (composers less than 40), May 9, “Broadway Blockbusters”, June 13, Comedy in Music (reprise). All programs are at 10AM in the FPC auditorium.
- Newsletter – Rick Pascal: Next edition will be in March 2025. Activity Chairmen kindly forward notes and photos to Rick or Bill Carbone for the next publication no later than March 9th. Rick thanked Bill Carbone, Ed Daly, Mark Singer and Mike Doherty for all their support in the Newsletters.
- Pickleball – Allen Krauss: 1st year of Pickleball with 8-10 regulars. If you initially signed up but do wish to play contact Allen to remove your name. Sign-up now for April-October outdoor play season at Saddle River County Park in Rochelle Park on Wednesdays from 8:30AM to 10:30AM. Contact Allen at akrauss@gmail for further information or see web page for further details.
- ROMEO- Cliff Matthews: Next lunch will be March 21,2025 Noon at Due Fratelli (235 Diamond Bridge Road, Hawthorne) Kindly advise Cliff no later than Noon on March 19th to reserve your seat and allow him to have a good headcount for the reservation.
- St. Patrick’s Luncheon- Bob Steveson and Tom Desmond: Luncheon to be held Wed. March 12, Noon at Hearth and Tap, Kinderkamack Rd. Montvale.
- Volunteer Services- George Millington and Dave Smilon: Program is active with 14 regulars going 2 Tuesdays per month to Eva’s Village in Paterson. The group arrives around 10AM to set up tables and

serves lunches at noon as well as 1PM to homeless and working poor. Generally, the group finishes around 1:30PM and is back in Ridgewood by 2PM. The program can be quite fulfilling.

George was approached by “Call Us Clowns” an organization which goes to hospitals and nursing homes to cheer-up children and residents. Requested that he advise Members of program and inform them to check out the website [Call Us Clowns.org](http://CallUsClowns.org) if anyone is interested contact Ed Damico at the firm.

- Wine Appreciation—Bob Stevenson: Nothing in March.
- Other Business – None.

The Business Meeting concluded at 11:02AM.

Today’s program: “Cognitive Healing” Lenora Gavalas, MA.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chuck Woehrle, Executive Secretary