

## HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - December 7, 2023

December birthday slide was being displayed as the members arrived. 29 Hobbyists have birthdays in December including one lifetime member (John Gilpatrick). Three are celebrating birthdays today (Bob Paoli, Michael Pendergast, Ted Wagner).

**Meeting called to order** by President Bob Mosher at 10:00 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Bob Paoli. December 7th is the 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the attack at Pearl Harbor.

**Hobbyists Concerned** – Peter Philip - We mourn the passing of three Hobbyists since our last meeting. They are Harry Place, Bob Yampell and Bob Cestola.

**Treasurer's Report** – Gary Englehardt – last month we accrued \$102 in interest! The coffee and munchkins today posted a \$12 profit. Dues for 2024 will not need to be increased as we are in good financial shape. More collections are needed for those who are late with their dues.

**Membership** – Cliff Matthews – 96 Hobbyists attending in person, 2 on Zoom; currently have 408 members, 34 are Lifetime; 21 members following the induction process.

**The Gavel Passing ceremony** was emceed by Charlie Tuch. The giant gavel was passed by these past presidents:

Bob Paoli 2006 → Bill Carbone 2009 → John Butler 2010 → Giancarlo Bisone 2012 → Mike Doherty 2013 → Bob Stevenson 2014 → Joe Burns 2015 → Syd Robertson 2017 → Rich Edelman 2018 → Ed Daly 2019 → Don Togneri 2020 → Cliff Matthews 2021 → Bill Healy 2022 → Bob Mosher 2023 → incoming President Mark Singer.

**President's Report** – Mark Singer

- Bob Mosher presented Mark with his new President's badge
- Mark thanked Bob Mosher for all the great work he did as president for 2023
- Mark recalled Tom Heed as his sponsor and encouraging him to get involved with activities, including hiking. "Give It A Shot" were words of advice to him, and now Mark's words to all new members.
- Mark will reach out via email to all activity chairmen to find out who will present information during the monthly meetings. Responders will present, others will be passed by, which should streamline the efficiency of the meeting.
- Newsletter expected to be distributed later this weekend. Activity chairmen should send their notes to Rick Pascal.
- The Chess activity will return to Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the church.
- Mark introduced this year's officers – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Don Peterfriend; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Peter Weinstein; Secretary Steve Friedman.
- Lew Dickinson is the church liaison.
- Executive Meeting held prior to this meeting. Budget for 2024 similar to 2023.

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### Activity Chairman Reports

- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown – The next Music Lovers meeting is scheduled for FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 2023 at 10:00am in the Church Auditorium. The program will feature “THE MOST UNIQUE FEMALE ARTISTS EVER” and it will be presented by fellow Hobbyist Vincent Magnano.
- Dinner / Dances – Bill Healy – HOLIDAY DANCE at Seasons scheduled for Monday, December 11, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. \$205 per couple. 207 people have signed up and all are paid! Entertainment by Peter Lieberman.
- ROMEO – Cliff Matthews - The next ROMEO will be Friday December 15 at noon at Justin’s in Hawthorne.
- Movie Lovers – Dick Oswald - The next Movie Club Meeting is scheduled for TUESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2023 at 1:30pm in the Senior Lounge of the Ridgewood Village Hall. The movie we will watch is "THE MALTESE FALCON" starring Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor, Peter Lorre and Gladys George.

### Other Activity Updates (from email or website)

- Bocce – Steve Friedman - Fridays 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Fair Lawn Superdome in Fair Lawn. No bocce on December 29th. Cost is \$15.
- Bowling – Gary Don - Congratulations to the Winners of Session 1 - The Strikers - Don Peterfriend, John Duke, Bob Stevenson, Steve Weinstein.
- Golf – Paul Fazio – Looking for a new chairman.
- Book Club – Peter Philip / Jon Sterling - There is no December meeting. The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for FRIDAY JANUARY 19, 2024, at 10:00am in the Church Library. The book for January will be "The Outlier: The Unfinished Presidency of Jimmy Carter" by Kai Bird.
- Camera Club – Dennis Portsmore - There was no December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for TUESDAY JANUARY 3, 2024.
- World Affairs – Don Togneri – The next meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Discussion topic is Venezuela. Meeting is by ZOOM call only.

**The business meeting concluded** at 10:28 a.m.

December program: Don Peterfriend introduced the Ridgewood High School choir to sing holiday songs.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Steve Friedman, Secretary