

## **HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – January 4, 2024**

January birthday slide was being displayed as the members arrived. 31 Hobbyists have birthdays in January including four lifetime members (Joseph Ippolito, Melvin Flanzman, Chester Greenleaf, Lucillo Uliana). Two Hobbyists are celebrating birthdays today (Ed Baumbach, Peter Bondy).

**Meeting called to order** by President Mark Singer at 10:01 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Bill Healy.

**President's Report** – Mark Singer

- Mark reached out to the activity chairmen to find out who will present their report at the meeting. Those who responded will make their presentation to the group and this will enable the meeting to flow more efficiently.
- Leadership opportunities – we have openings for chairmen for three activities – Investment, Science and Technology, and Extended Trips and Tours. If you are interested in any of these, please contact Mark.
- Congratulations to Jim Atieh for becoming the president of Activities Unlimited, a group similar to ours based in Wyckoff.

**Speaker Program Details** – Don Peterfriend – Joe Lennox will give a presentation on “Apollo 17: The Last Moon Landing”.

**Treasurer's Report** – Gary Englehardt – we accrued \$1,158 in interest for the year! “We should have a good year going forward”.

**Hobbyists Concerned** – Peter Philip – Glad to report there were no Hobbyists who passed away since our last general meeting.

**Membership** – Bob Mosher – 80 Hobbyists attending in person, 2 on Zoom; currently have 408 members, 34 are Lifetime; 3 members are being inducted today. 24 members currently have their dues outstanding.

Today's inductions:

- Gary Keller, sponsored by Steve Friedman
- Kevin Wada, sponsored by Mike Murphy
- Jeff Keller, sponsored by Len Manis

**Activity Chairman Reports**

- Bocce—Steve Friedman – Every Friday in January from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Fair Lawn Superdome in Fair Lawn. Cost is \$15.

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- Book Club—Jon Sterling - The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for **FRIDAY JANUARY 19, 2024 at 10:00am** in the Church Library. The book discussed at the meeting will be "**The Outlier: The Unfinished Presidency of Jimmy Carter**" by Kai Bird. Discussion will be led by Peter Philip. "Guarded Gate" is scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Golf—Paul Fazio – Paul has stepped down from overall management of the activity. The activity is broken down into these functional areas ...
  - Registration – Mike Doherty
  - Friday golf schedule coordinator – Giancarlo Bisone
  - Tuesday golf schedule coordinator – Gary Don
  - Travel Tuesdays – Paul Richert
  - Championship Tournament – Gary Englehardt
  - Atlantic City Golf Trip – Paul Fazio

Also: "**Golfing Daydream**", another song from Steve Friedman and Dick Boswell, is on the Golf activity page, look for the link

- Habitat for Humanity – Rich Edelman – team is building 8 houses on one block in Paterson. Our role is mostly carpentry, decks and insulation. If interested in participating, contact Rich Edelman.
- Hiking—Ed Lundell – Met on Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup> for a regular and flex hike. Another hike is scheduled for Friday January 5<sup>th</sup>. Two events are in the future – a summer picnic which will include a hike, and a 3 day 2 night hike at the Delaware Water Gap (overnight in a hotel).
- Military History – Tom Heed – the next meeting will be **MONDAY JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>** and the Revolutionary War will be discussed starting with the battles of Lexington and Concord.
- Movie Lovers—Dick Oswald - The next Movie Club Meeting is scheduled for **TUESDAY JANUARY 9, 2024 at 1:30pm** in the Senior Lounge of the Ridgewood Village Hall. The movie we will watch is "**THE PRISONER**" starring Alec Guinness, Jack Hawkins and Ronald Lewis. Directed by Peter Glenville (1955, 91 minutes).
- ROMEO—Cliff Matthews - ROMEO is **FRIDAY JANUARY 19, 2024 at 12PM** at Due Fratelli 235 Diamond Bridge Ave. Hawthorne, NJ. Please wear your membership badge. 15 people already signed up. Contact Cliff if interested.
- World Affairs—Don Togneri – the next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm** via Zoom. Topic of discussion will be Russia, what it is today and its role in the current state of the world.
- Dinner Dance recap – Bill Healy – about 200 people attended the December 11<sup>th</sup> dinner dance. It was well received and fun. Bill thanked several people who helped with the planning and execution. Future dances at Seasons:
  - May 13, 2024 – Spring dance
  - December 9, 2024 – Holiday dance

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

- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown – no program in January.

**New Business** – None

**The business meeting concluded** at 10:40 a.m.

**Today's program:** Joe Lennox' presentation of "Apollo 17: The Last Moon Landing".

Respectfully submitted by,  
Steve Friedman, Secretary