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Officers for 2024 President – **Mark Singer** 1st Vice President – **Don Peterfriend**

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Club Activities

Membership - **Cliff Mathews** 201-447-9040, [cemath48@optonline.net](mailto:cematth48@optonline.net).

Welcome New Members:

Michael Flannery

Tony Galiano

Howard Lindenbaum

Archive - **Joe Suplicki**, 201-316-3262, jssuplicki@aol.com.

Audio/Visual - **Bob Mosher**, 201-689-9651, rmosher895@aol.com, **Ed Daly** 201-447-4603, eddaly386@yahoo.com.

Blackjack - **Ray Litwitz**, 973-714-9019, reljr@optonline.net Blackjack meets on the second and fourth Thursday at noon. The players gather to play at various members' homes. It is a friendly game. If interested in joining the group, please contact Ray for more information.

Bocce - **Steve Friedman**, 201-916-6079, stefri4@yahoo.com. With the cold weather upon us, bocce has moved indoors to the Fair Lawn Superdome on Morlot Avenue in Fair Lawn NJ. Everyone who shows up will play. We play every Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 am; however, there will be no bocce on December 29th. Since we're indoors, the cost is \$15 per person. Have a happy, healthy, and safe Holiday season and New Year.

Book Club - **Peter Philip** 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net, **Jon Sterling**, jbsterling@optonline.net. Third Friday of the month, 10 a.m. at the Church.

Bowling - **Gary Don**, 201-574-3506, garydon3@verizon.net, **Charlie Tuch**, 973-636-9211, clt976@optonline.net, **Don Peterfriend**, 201-739-8672, dpeterfriend@yahoo.com, **Mark Singer**, 201-446-6809, msinger@ramapo.edu, **Bill Raftery**, 201-527- 8585, mrbill357@verizon.net, **Bob Mosher**, 201-615-5603, rmosher895@aol.com.

The Hobbyist bowling league completed their first 10-week session on November 29.

Congratulations to the Strikers for coming out on top as the winners. The Strikers are captained by **Don Peterfriend**, as well as fellow team members **Steve Weinstein**, **Bob Stevenson** and

John Duke. The League is still looking for new bowlers, as we have only two substitutes currently bowling. Please come out at 9am on Wednesdays at Montvale Lanes if you have any interest in joining us.

Bridge - Ray Chuebon, 201-652-4586, rchuebon@yahoo.com, **Mike Murphy**, 201-334-7284, mgmclbchp@gmail.com, and **Jim Deaver**, 201-666-2066, jamesmdeaver@gmail.com. Thursdays, 11:45 a.m. in the East Room of the church. Play concludes at approximately 4 p.m.

Camera Club – Dennis Portsmore, 201-378-8047, dportsmo@gmail.com, will be heading up a committee that includes **Tom Heed**, **Bill Reade**, and **Scott Abbey**.

Chess Club- Rick Pascal, rickpas@optonline.net, 201-791-9526 or 201-208-7191, **Jeff Kresky**, kreskyj@wpunj.edu, 201-965-5078. Our relatively small, but growing number of dedicated chess enthusiasts continue to meet on Wednesday mornings from 10 am to noon at the church. Players at all levels of proficiency are encouraged to participate. We don't rank players, nor do we keep a record of wins and losses. We're just there to have a good time, socialize, and exercise our brains. We have several chess sets on hand, but you're welcome to bring one of your own. Even if you haven't played chess for thirty years (as some of you have indicated), you're still welcome to come and play.

Cribbage – Bob Mosher. Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. at the church. If interested contact Bob at rmosher895@aol.com

Dances - Bill Healy, 201-652-5868, whealy3741@aol.com, **Gary Engelhardt**, 201-670-9185, garye569@msn.com, **Bob Mosher**, 201-615-5603, rmosher895@aol.com.

Eva's Village - Dave Smilon, 201-962-5723, davesmilon@yahoo.com. The Community Kitchen at Eva's Village on Main Street in Paterson, NJ is a charitable organization that provides meals to those in need. We assist twice a month setting up and serving lunch to about 300 people. **George Millington** is coordinator. Between four and six Hobbyists travel to Paterson-Eva's Kitchen twice a month on Tuesdays to set up, serve and clean up for two lunch sittings: noon and 1 p.m. Our time commitment door to door is from 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Fishing - Gene Boyle (gbrealty@optonline.net; cell: 973-703-9065), **Peter Weinstein** (rodreel44@aol.com; cell: 201-663-3536).

Peter Weinstein reports: We had a very active and successful September---November series of party boat fishing trips for sea bass, porgies, and striped bass. We all brought home sea bass, porgy, and stripers dinner. A special note: on one of our sea bass trips, **Dave Smilon** boated a big bass and split the pool fund with another angler. We look forward to continued good fishing in 2024. Warmest Holiday regards to everyone.



Gourmet Cooking - Jim McKeown, 201-327-3411, jimmckeown@optonline.net.

Meets semi-annually in the home of one of the members. Each participant is responsible for cooking his assigned menu item. The menu is paired with appropriate wine selections.

Our semiannual event in January will feature a *Texas Chili Fest* that focuses on Chili four ways: Longhorn Beef Chili, Chuck-Wagon Turkey Chili; Six-Shooter Vegetarian Chili; and San-Antone White Chicken Chili.

Golf Committee - After twelve years of service, Paul Fazio will be stepping down as Golf Chairman. **Mike Doherty, Paul Fazio, Gary Don, Gary Engelhardt, George Giaquinto, Charlie Tuch, Tom Desmond, Paul Richert.**

Habitat for Humanity - Rich Edelman, 973-389-3536, edelmanr@optonline.net and **Ed Daly**, 201-447-4603 or cell, 201-960-7069, eddaly386@yahoo.com.

Hiking - Ed Lundell, 612-865-5381, edlundell4@gmail.com. After meeting at Graydon Pool, the Hiking Club visits local sites each Tuesday and Friday morning. Our hikers recently visited the Hasenclever Mine in Harriman State Park.



Hobbyists Concerned - Peter Philip 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net.

In Memoriam:

Former Hobbyist **Ted King** passed away Sunday, May 12. He was 89.

Anne Warner, wife of Hobbyist **Jack Warner**, passed away on September 14.

Former Hobbyist **Jack Egan** passed away on Oct 3. He was 83.

Hobbyist **Tony Moriera** passed away on October 4. He was 86 and a Hobbyist since 2008,

Former Hobbyist **Tony LaFemina**, passed away on Oct 8. He was 84.

Carol Hope Jebaily, wife of Hobbyist **James Jebaily**, passed away on October 10.

Past President **Bob Morris** passed away on October 30. He was 84 and a Hobbyist since 1998.

Hobbyist **Bob Cestola** passed away on November 3. He was 85 and a Hobbyist since 2013.

Hobbyist **Bob Yampell** passed away on November 8. He was 85 and a Hobbyist since 2003.

Hobbyist **Harry Place** passed away on November 11. He was 93 and a Hobbyist since 1997.

Italian Club - Don Togneri, 201-445-0679, dj2dm2@hotmail.com. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 2 p.m. at the church.

Investments – The Investment Club is looking for a leader. There will be no meetings until someone steps forward. Contact President **Mark Singer** if interested.

Jazz Bunch - Bob Stevenson at 201-615-1202, robtstevenson@hotmail.com. The Hobbyists Jazz Bunch consists of Hobbyists who enjoy all forms of jazz and swing music and periodically attend interesting concerts in the metro NY/NJ area.

Lunch Bunch Sunday - Bob Sayegh, 201-670-6010, bobsay14@gmail.com.

Membership- Cliff Matthews, 201-447-9040, cematth48@optonline.net, **Steve Hochman**, 201-424-9701, shochman@gmail.com.

Military History - Tom Heed, 845-534-8695, theed@ramapo.edu. Fourth Monday of each month at the Church. This year we examined the American Revolution. Last month we looked at a comparison of the 13 Colonies to Great Britain and the issues leading up to the rupture between the two. In our January session, we assess the key battles of 1775-1776: The battle of Lexington and Concord, the Battle of Bunker Hill, the Invasion of Canada, and the Battle of Long Island. We will offer each session on Zoom and live. Hope you will join us.

Movie Lovers - Dick Oswald, 201-447-4053, ddoswald@verizon.net. Movies are shown from September to June on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Lounge of the Ridgewood Village Hall.

Music Lovers - Jim McKeown, 201-327-3411, jimmckeown@optonline.net. Second Friday, 10:00 a.m. at the church. We presented "*Musica del Cinema Italiano*" celebrating the Music Score Compositions of Nino Rota and Ennio Morricone; The influence of *Dixieland Jazz* born

in the early 1900s in New Orleans; the music of Cab Calloway master of energetic scat singing; and *The Most Unique Female Artists Ever*.

Pinochle - Jim Atieh, 201-315-5346, atiehlj1@verizon.net. The pinochle group meets every Monday & Thursday in the clubhouse at the Hovnanian condos in Mahwah just off Route 17 North. We play from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a break for lunch. We are more than happy to teach anyone how to play.

Poker - Dan Wolf, 201-825-7769, danlwolf@optonline.net. Poker Meets every Friday at members' homes. On alternate Fridays we play Texas Hold'em then Hi-Lo Poker the following week. Hold'em is limited to 8 players due to homeowner's table size. Due to the nature of the game Hi-Lo Poker is limited to 7 players.

Public Affairs - Don Togneri, dj2dm2@hotmail.com, 908-347-2820.

ROMEO - Cliff Matthews, 201-447-9040, cematthews0914@gmail.com. ROMEO meets at different moderately priced BYOB places on the 3rd Friday of the month and is a pleasant way to meet and socialize with fellow Hobbyists.

Science and Technology – Chairman needed. Third Wednesday, 2 p.m., in the Church auditorium.

Tennis - Al Ianacone, 973-650-1738, acianacone@gmail.com, or Bob Kozar, bkozar1@aol.com).

Trips & Tours, Day - Bob Sayegh, 201-670-6010, bobsay14@gmail.com.

Trips & Tours, Extended – Chairman needed for this activity. Contact **Mark Singer**.

Volunteer Services - George Millington, 201-444-6245, gzmillington@gmail.com
The Hobbyists Volunteers were active over the summer at Eva's Village in Paterson. We are always looking for volunteers at Eva's Village. We usually volunteer twice a month on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. until about 1:40 p.m. (leaving Ridgewood at 10:00 and returning at 2:00). If members would like to join our Volunteers Group and help feed those who are truly in need, please email **George Millington** or **Dave Smilon** (davesmilon@yahoo.com). The commitment does not have to be twice per month. If you can only make it once, that is fine.

Walking – **Alan Stein**, stampmaven1@verizon.net, 201-447-4235. **Mark Singer**, msinger@ramapo.edu; (201) 446-6809. The Thursday Walking Group continues to thrive. The group walks from the Ridgewood Duck Pond to the Dunkerhook area and back on the Saddle River Trail, a distance of 4 miles. The walk entails both good exercise and brilliant conversation. Hope more will join us.

Wine Appreciation – Bob Stevenson, 201-615-1202, robstevenson@hotmail.com.

The Wine Appreciation Group (WAG), a long-standing Hobbyist activity, meets for lunch and wine tasting on a bi-monthly cycle, excluding July and August. Our luncheons are typically scheduled for the fourth Friday of that “every other” month. The chairman and a committee composed of **Jim Cinquina** and **Jerry Schott** selects an upscale Bergen County BYOB venue and negotiates a custom menu.

Winemaking – Paul Richert, 201-967-1347, phriche7314@gmail.com

This year has again been very productive. Starting in April, we crushed and pressed a 60-gallon barrel of a Chilean Bordeaux Blend - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec. This wine will be ready for bottling in late January or early February of 2024. In October we started another 60-gallon barrel of an Opus One style wine which combines the same grapes as in a Bordeaux blend. However, from California it is known as an Opus One Blend. This wine will be ready for bottling in July or August of 2024. I thank all who have been involved with wine-making as an activity of the Hobbyists. We have created several truly delicious wines. However, the best part of the whole process is our getting together to carry out the various tasks required to make these wines. The camaraderie and cooperation of all who participate adds to the total enjoyment of our wine-making experience. I encourage any Hobbyists who enjoy a glass of wine on occasion to consider being a part of what I consider to be a most rewarding process. New wine-making activities are announced to the Hobbyist membership through Constant Contact every year. It is open to all and to participate you simply must respond to these emails and join.

Fall Programs Review

October - *Sleep Well Feel Well : Healthy Sleep as We Age* was the program topic following the September meeting. Suzanne Pearson, Sleep Lab Manager at The Valley Hospital, led the discussion. Between 7 to 9 hours of sleep each day is recommended, although it may vary for some individuals. The importance of good sleep is to recharge our bodies and provide us with energy and focus on our daily lives. Lack of sleep can include weight gain, a variable heart rate, irritability, and memory loss. As we age, it may become harder to fall asleep, and we may wake up more frequently and spend less time in the deep sleep phase.

November - Hobbyist **Tom Heed** provided an entertaining look back at the 1950s with a multi-media presentation that included videos. The program featured social, political, and cultural touchstones on a wide variety of subjects like TV programming, movies, the Civil Rights movement, the latest fashions, and the dawn of Rock ‘n Roll, to name a few.

December - The always well-received holiday musical program provided by the Ridgewood High School Carolers concluded the 2023 program schedule.



We encourage Hobbyists to attend the programming following the General Meetings.

Editor's Note

Please remember the friendships that we have enjoyed as Hobbyists. Peter Phillip reminded us that in this year alone we have lost sixteen of our dear Hobbyist friends, as well as two Hobbyist spouses. As we think of them in our hearts and mourn their passing, we should also continue to appreciate and value our relationships with one another. On a lighter note, we want to thank outgoing president **Bob Mosher** for his service and congratulate incoming President **Mark Singer** and his new Executive Committee, wishing them success in the coming year. On a personal note, I want to thank **Bill Carbone**, **Ed Daly**, **Mark Singer** and **Mike Doherty** for all their help and guidance in producing and distributing the Hobbyist Newsletter. Finally, on a more general note, we wish all the Hobbyists good health and the happiest of the Holiday Season: Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Happy Whatever Other Holiday you celebrate.

Rick Pascal, Editor

Hobbyists Alert

If you ignore robo-calls from a Caller ID that you don't recognize, you may be missing important calls from the Hobbyists. The service we use is **CALLING POST**, although at times the calling number with an area code of 405 is used instead. So, unless you have voicemail or an answering machine, we suggest you take the call.

One Last Thing – It would be greatly appreciated after each month's General Meeting that you please make sure you discard any coffee cups, plastic bottles and paper wrappers in the appropriate receptacles in the church auditorium. Thank you.

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