

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – October 1, 2026

Birthdays: The October birthday slide was displayed as members arrived. 36 Hobbyists have birthdays in October, including 4 lifetime members: Frank Gillen (92); Raymond Lambert (95); Joseph Burns (91); and Charles Theisen (93). Two members are celebrating their birthdays today, October 1: Gary Engelhardt and Terry Lynch.

Meeting called to order by President Peter Weinstein at 10:07 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Joe Burns led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hobbyists Concerned – Peter Philip

- There were no Hobbyist deaths or health concerns to report during the past month.

Treasurer's Report – Peter Weinstein, standing in for Gary Engelhardt

- Our CD earned \$99.49 in interest during the past month.
- 99 members have already submitted their dues for 2027.

Membership – Steve Fonder

- Please tell friends and neighbors about the Hobbyists. New members are welcome.
- There are 81 members present at this morning's meeting
- As of today, there are 446 total Hobbyists members, including 61 life members.
- One new member was inducted today: Lloyd Hyman, introduced by Jon Sterling

Speaker – Steve Friedman

- Today's speaker is Hobbyist Jack Warner, who will present "Food Glorious Food"

Activity Chairman Reports:

- Beer Appreciation - Rick Rosenthal: Next gathering is on Saturday October 10 at 2:30 pm at Seven Tribesmen Brewery, 1151 NJ Rte 23 in Wayne. Please contact Rick Rosenthal (rickrosenthal@icloud.com, 201-675-1870) if you plan to attend.
- Bocce – Steve Friedman: The Bocce group meets every Friday from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Borough Park in Waldwick. Last Friday we had enough players for games on 2 courts. If you are not already on the mailing list, please contact Steve Friedman (stefri4@yahoo.com).
- Book Club – Jon Sterling: The Book Club meets on the third Friday of each month at 10:00 am in the church library. The next meeting will be on Friday October 16. The book being discussed is "This Vast Enterprise: A New History of Lewis and Clark" by Craig Fehrman.
- Camera Club – Mark Singer, standing in for Tom Heed: The next Camera Club meeting will take place on Monday October 26 at 2pm in the church auditorium. We will review

photos that members have taken over the summer. Bill Raftery will also present some of his favorite photos.

- Dinner Dance – Bill Healy: Our Holiday Dinner Dance will take place on Monday December 14 at Seasons in Washington Township. The first Constant Contact email announcing the dance went out a few days ago and some members have already submitted their checks.
- Fishing – Peter Weinstein: A full strike fishing charter for 6 will be going out from Belmar, fishing for stripers.
- Golf – Peter Weinstein, standing in for Paul Fazio: Thirty-seven members played in the final season tournament. Winners were: First Flight – Jim Harte with a score of 73; Second Flight – Fred Barbi with a score of 87; and Third Flight – Irwin Berkowitz with a score of 95. The annual golf luncheon will be held at Fiona's Restaurant in Midland Park on October 27.
- Hobbyists Songs – Dick Boswell: The Hobbyists Songs page now has 62 songs, including 6 posted during September.
- Investments – Mike Flannery: The next quarterly meeting of the investments group will be on Wednesday October 28 at 1:30 in the church auditorium. Mitch Slodowitz will be speaking about private equity.
- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown: The next meeting of Music Lovers will be on Friday October 9 at 10:00 am in the church auditorium. The program will be "America the Beautiful", featuring a collection of songs from America's wars over its 250 year history, including Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, WWI, WWII and Vietnam War.
- Trips and Tours – Bob Wong: The Fall trip we were contemplating to the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) for a tour and lunch has been postponed to Spring 2027. For our Fall trip, we are now looking at going to see the Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Gardens, including lunch at the Gardens. Tentative date is November 17. Details will be forthcoming via Constant Contact.

The business meeting concluded at 10:31 a.m.

October program: Jack Warner presented "Food Glorious Food".

Respectfully submitted by:
Dick Boswell, Secretary