

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – February 1, 2024

The February birthday slide was being displayed as the members arrived. 39 Hobbyists have birthdays in February including five lifetime members (John Fabian, James Jebaily, William Leahy, Charles Calotta and Hank Weber). Special recognition to Hank Weber who will celebrate 100 years young on February 29th. One Hobbyist is celebrating his birthday today (Peter Philip).

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Paoli.

- Bob also reports that the American Legion will be dedicating a monument to Gold Star Families. The fundraising has reached its goal. The dedication will be Sunday, September 29, 2024.

Check Presentation – Rev. Bruce Ballantine – accepted a check from the Hobbyists and thanked the group for its support and that we're a great outlet for retirees. He joined the Hiking group! Also, the kitchen renovation will begin soon.

President's Report – Mark Singer

- Mark will speak at the church service on February 11.
- Dues – only six members did not pay, so the response was around 99%.
- No travel insurance needed by committees as it is covered by the church insurance.
- We still have chairmanships open for Science & Technology and the Investment Club.

Speaker Program Details – Don Peterfriend – Pat Schuber will present “The Hall-Mills Murder Mystery”.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Engelhardt – CD interest for 2023 was \$1268!

Hobbyists Concerned – Alan Stein

- Betty Gulino, wife of Hobbyist Mark Gulino, passed away
- Steve Basch is in Hackensack Hospital

Membership – Bob Mosher – We currently have 406 members, 41 are Lifetime; 4 members are being inducted today.

Today's inductions:

- Frank Tercovich, sponsored by Cliff Matthews
- Ron Reedy, sponsored by Giancarlo Bisone
- Rich Kuller, sponsored by Jon Sterling
- Mike Hurd, sponsored by Stu French

All Hobbyists and family are invited to the Ridgewood High School Jamboree at the Benjamin Franklin Middle School on **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2024, at 7 PM**. Tickets are complimentary and they would like it if you could contribute to their scholarship fund.

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Activity Chairman Reports (in person, email or website)

- Bocce—Steve Friedman – Every Friday in February from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Fair Lawn Superdome in Fair Lawn. Cost is \$15.
- Book Club—Jon Sterling - The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2024, at 10:00am** in the Church Library. The book to be discussed is "Garden Gate" and it will be led by Michael Riff.
- Camera Club – Dennis Portsmore - The next Camera Club Meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2024, at 2:00 pm**. Meeting is in person and by zoom.
- Chess – Rick Pascal – every Wednesday at the church from 10 a.m. until noon. All abilities accepted. If you don't know how to play, you will receive friendly instructions.
- Golf – Gary Engelhardt – \$15 registration ends February 25, after that it is \$20.
- Military History – Tom Heed – the next meeting will be **MONDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2024, at 2:00 PM**. The meeting will be conducted on Zoom.
- Movie Lovers—Dick Oswald - The next Movie Club Meeting is scheduled for **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2024, at 1:30pm** in the Senior Lounge of the Ridgewood Village Hall. The movie we will watch is "**THE SWAN**" starring Grace Kelly, Alec Guinness, and Louis Jourdan.
- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown - The next Music Lovers meeting is scheduled for **FEBRUARY 9, 2024 at 10:00am** in the Church Chapel. The subject of the meeting will be "**CLASSICAL POTPOURRI**".
- Poker – Dan Wolf – is played on Fridays at private residences, rotating between Texas Hold 'Em and Hi-Lo Poker. The group is well established, but call Dan if you want to be added as a sub.
- ROMEO—Cliff Matthews – ROMEO is **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2024 at 12 PM** at FINO Restaurant, 114 Allendale Ave in Allendale. Contact Cliff Matthews if you plan to attend.
- World Affairs – Don Togneri – Next meeting is **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2024 at 2 PM**. Subject is **TAIWAN**. This is a Zoom meeting only.
- Bob Paoli will run Trips and Tours with Bill Carbone and Bob Mosher. More to come.
- The Spring Dance will be held on **MONDAY MAY 13, 2024**. Cost is \$205.
- Fellowship Luncheon – Dave Smilon – will be held **THURSDAY APRIL 18, 2024**. It is for all Hobbyists. Cost is \$15 for this Italian buffet.

Other Activity Updates - none

New Business – none

The business meeting concluded at 10:45 a.m.

Today's program: "The Hall-Mills Murder Mystery" presented by Pat Schuber.

Respectfully submitted by,
Steve Friedman, Executive Secretary