



- **Jeffrey Kresky**, 251 Clarmont Rd., Ridgewood. His wife is Helene Elek. Chess, Hiking, Tennis.
- **Tom Melville**, 255 Mountainview Dr., Mahwah. His wife is Florence. Bocce, Bowling, Movies.
- **Perry Perumal**, 3 Sun Watch Ct., Ramsey. Books, Bowling, Chess, Golf, Widowers, Sci & Tech., Tennis, Walking.
- **Isaak Raksin**, 95 Circle Dr., Paramus. His wife is Galina. Chess, Hiking, Poker, Tennis, Walking.
- **Michael Riff**, 65 West Oak St., Ramsey. His wife is Jane. Camera, Gourmet, Hiking, Movies, Waking.
- **Yury Sereda**, 14 Ramapo Ct. W. Glen Rock. His wife is Tatyana. Books, Bowling, Fishing, Italian, Science & Technology, Tennis, Wine Appreciation.
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**Blackjack - Ray Litwitz**, 973-714-9019, reljr@optonline.net. Interested in a fun game of twenty-one, also known as Blackjack? Additional players and substitute players are wanted for the game. Games run from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm every other Thursday at a host's residence. Contact Ray to join.

**Bocce - Steve Friedman**, 201-791-0673, stefri4@yahoo.com. The club meets every Friday morning at the Superdome, Fair Lawn from 10 am to noon. Cost is \$15.00

**Book Club - Peter Philip** 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net, **Jon Sterling**, jbsternling@optonline.net. Third Friday of the month, 10 am 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. Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. at Montvale Lanes.

Gary Don has assumed the role of chairman of the Bowling Committee. We are grateful to Charlie Tuch for his many years of service in that capacity. We are currently in our third and final session of the year. The Cyclones and the Sharks are the winners of our first two sessions. On May 1 and 3, we will have our "final four" tournament to determine the Hobbyist championship team for the year. On May 10, we will celebrate the year with an included bowling luncheon at Fiona's Ristorante at 12 noon. Hope to see everybody there, as we will have many prizes to give out.

**Bridge - Ray Chuebon**, 201-652-4586, [rchuebon@yahoo.com](mailto:rchuebon@yahoo.com), **Mike Murphy**, [mgmclbchp@gmail.com](mailto:mgmclbchp@gmail.com), 201-334-7284, and **Jim Deaver**, 201-666-2066, [jamesmdeaver@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmdeaver@gmail.com). Thursdays, 11:45 am in the East Room of the Church. Play concludes at approximately 4 pm.

**Camera Club - Giancarlo Bisone**, 201-983-3015, [gbisone@optonline.net](mailto:gbisone@optonline.net). Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 pm in the Church Auditorium.

**Chess - Rick Pascal**, 201-208-7191, [rickpas@optonline.net](mailto:rickpas@optonline.net). The Chess Club is off and running into its second year. We meet at FPC each Wednesday morning from 10 am to noon. For those of you who are interested in learning how to play chess, we provide instructions for learners. It doesn't matter how much you know or don't know about the game of chess. Even if you don't know how the pieces move, we will teach you. Someone will be available at each gathering.

**Cribbage – Bob Mosher**. Thursdays from 1-3 pm at the Church. If interested contact Bob at [rmosher895@aol.com](mailto:rmosher895@aol.com)

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

**MAY DINNER DANCE at Seasons, Monday, May 15**, 6 pm to 10 pm.

*Don't Wait!!! Sign up for the first gala event of the Hobbyists 2023 social season.*

Open bar, Hot and cold appetizer bar, hors d'oeuvres, salad, entrée, dessert, coffee – tea.

Cost of this event is **\$195. per couple**. Dress is semi-formal. For reservations (and table group) contact Bill Healy at the March meeting or at [whealy3741@aol.com](mailto:whealy3741@aol.com). Check for payment to Gary Engelhardt, 569 Cliff St, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

**Eva's Village - Dave Smilon**, 201-707-5572, [davesmilon@yahoo.com](mailto: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 pm. Our time commitment door to door is from 10 am to 2:15 pm.



Eva's Village February 21 volunteers: **George Millington, Dick Field, Dave Smilon, Tom Lewis, Ido Rossi, Bob Reilly.**

**Fellowship Luncheon-Dave Smilon**, 201-707-5572, davesmilon@yahoo.com. This year's Hobbyist Fellowship Luncheon will take place at the church on **Thursday, April 27**, beginning at noon. Mail your check in the amount of \$15 payable to Hobbyists Unlimited to: David Smilon, 283 Spring Valley Road, Park Ridge, NJ 07656. For more information, call Dave at 201-573-0887.

**Fishing - Gene Boyle**, 862-377-9016, gbrealty@optonline.net.

**Gourmet Cooking - Jim McKeown**, 201-327-3411, jimmmckeown@optonline.net.  
Meets semi-annually in the home of one of the members.

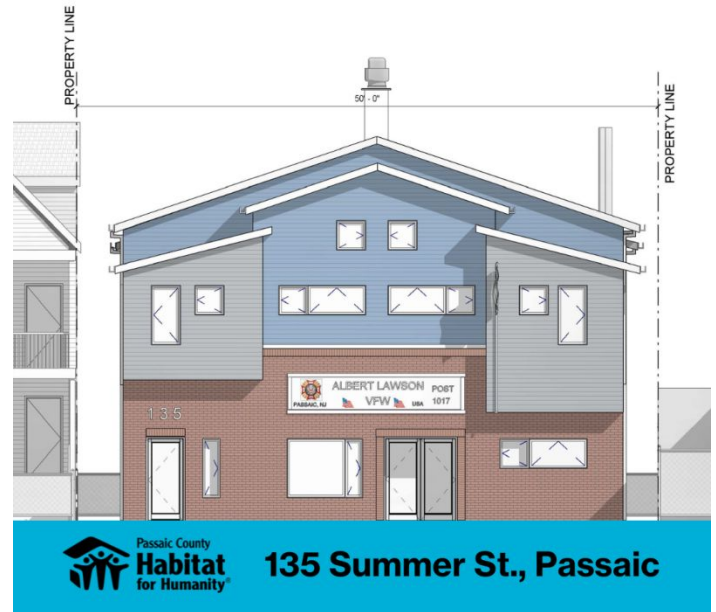
**Golf - Paul Fazio**, 201-445-3426, faz90@optonline.net. Golf committee: **Mike Doherty, Gary Don, Gary Engelhardt, George Giaquinto, Charlie Tuch, Tom Desmond, Paul Richert, Bob Norelli.**

The 2023 Hobbyist Golf Season registration ended on February 28. We have registered 103 Hobbyist to participate in golf for 2023 which begins on Tuesday, April 4 (18 holes) and Friday, April 7 (9 holes). Those who decide to register can continue to do so but there is a \$5 penalty which brings the registration fee to \$20. To do so please contact either Paul Fazio or Mike Doherty. We encourage all registered golfers to continuously review our golf page for all golf tournaments and other golf related activities throughout the 2023 season.

Sincerely, Paul Fazio

**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.

Paterson Habitat has expanded its mission to include all of Passaic County and has changed its name to Passaic County Habitat for Humanity. The first project is the building of a new VFW Hall on Summer Street in Passaic (see photo). There are 4 apartments above on a second floor. Work continues on five one-family homes under construction on Governor Street in Paterson. The Volunteers, mostly retired men, install walls, doors, trim, flooring, cabinets and build decks. The work is very rewarding and fun. Give it a try. Contact Rich Edelman for details.



**Hiking - Ed Lundell**, 612-865-5381, edlundell4@gmail.com. The Hiking Club visits local sites each Tuesday morning. The Club has a regular group that takes on more challenging hikes, and a flex group for easier hikes.



**Hobbyists Concerned - Peter Philip** 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net. If you are on the e-mail list, most communications, illnesses, hospital stays, and deaths will be reported to you through an e-mail message. Those without e-mail will receive a phone call. If you prefer to be on the calling list rather than notified by e-mail, contact **Joe Savitscus**, 201-661-8469.



## **In Memoriam**

Jean E. Navas, wife of Hobbyist **Frederick Navas** passed away on December 13.

Hobbyist **Richard Reilly** passed away on January 26. He was 83 and had been a Hobbyist since 2017.

Hobbyist **Paul O'Leary** passed away on February 15. He was 87 and had been a Hobbyist since 2003.

Hobbyist **Raoul Gersten** passed away on February 19. He was 94 and had been a Hobbyist since 1997.

Hobbyist **Joseph Holder** passed away on February 24. He was 86 and had been a Hobbyist since 2018.

Hobbyist **Rajinder Mehta**, a Life member, passed away on February 23. He was 99 and had been a Hobbyist since 2009.

### *On a Personal Note...*

Once in a while, if we're fortunate, someone comes into our lives, whether by chance or design, and enriches us before we even realize it. The relationship might begin when we're young children, or it could start as adults. If we're able to nurture the friendship, it might continue for many years. Sometimes, despite our wishes, due to circumstances beyond our control, it can be cut short. As part of our involvement and enjoyment in the more than thirty different activities available to us as members of Hobbyists Unlimited, we also recognize that we're at an age where we lose members and friends whose lives we've shared and treasured come to an end.

Within the past two months, two Hobbyists I knew well passed away: Dick Reilly and Raj Mehta. Dick and I volunteered helping college seniors prepare for job interviews for several years even before we joined the Hobbyists, as members of the Society for Human Resources Management. I had the distinct pleasure of knowing Raj a bit closer from our participation in the Hobbyists Bridge Club. He was a kind, sweet and gentle man. Having shared a part of my life with both men, I feel somewhat diminished. I experienced similar losses years ago when close friendships were shattered in the same way.

I've learned not to take friendships for granted; to cherish the value of close relationships. To not judge others harshly. To try to avoid anger and dissention. To treat others as I would like them to treat me. To love my family and those close to me. To smile as often as I can. And to be a good friend.

With that in mind, I wish you all good health and happiness in the coming year.

*Editor, Rick Pascal*

**Italian Club - Don Togneri**, 201-445-0679, dj2dm2@hotmail.com. Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 2 pm at the church.

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

**Jazz Bunch - Bob Stevenson** at 201-615-1202, [robtstevenson@hotmail.com](mailto: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. If you are interested in joining, please contact Bob Stevenson.

**Lunch Bunch Sunday - Bob Sayegh**, 201-670-6010, [bobsay14@gmail.com](mailto:bobsay14@gmail.com).

**Membership- Cliff Matthews**, 201-447-9040, [cematth48@optonline.net](mailto:cematth48@optonline.net), **Steve Hochman**, 201-424-9701, [shochman@gmail.com](mailto:shochman@gmail.com).

**Military History - Tom Heed**, 845-534-8695, [thead@ramapo.edu](mailto:thead@ramapo.edu). Fourth Monday of each month at the Church.

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

**Music Lovers - Jim McKeown**, 201-327-3411, [jimmckeown@optonline.net](mailto:jimmckeown@optonline.net). Second Friday, 10:00 a.m. at the Church. Music Lovers presented *STRIKE UP THE BAND* in February. The 3rd in the series of Irish History through music, *THE "BIRTH" OF A REPUBLIC*, will be presented on March 10. Plans for next Quarter include *Cinema Musica Italiano* and the music of Brazilian composers.

**Pinochle - Jim Atieh**, 201-315-5346, [atiehlj1@verizon.net](mailto:atiehlj1@verizon.net). The pinochle group meets every Monday & Thursday in the clubhouse at the Hovnanian condos in Mahwah. The condos built by Hovnanian just off route 17 north. We play from 10 am to 3 pm with a break for lunch. We are more than happy to teach anyone how to play.

**Poker - Dan Wolf**, 201-825-7769, [danlewolf@optonline.net](mailto:danlewolf@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. We have about 4 substitutes that want to play, but our original members with the correct room and table size have first option to play. I would like to hear from anyone who can help solve this problem as many subs never get to play. There are other card games that may need players, Blackjack meets every other Thursday. Pinochle meets Monday and Thursday. These games are chaired by other members. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

**Public Affairs - Don Togneri**, [dj2dm2@hotmail.com](mailto:dj2dm2@hotmail.com), 908-347-2820.

**ROMEO** (Cliff Matthews, 201-447-9040, [cematth48@optonline.net](mailto:cematth48@optonline.net). ROMEO meets at different moderately priced BYOB places on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month and is a pleasant way to meet and socialize with fellow Hobbyists.

**Science and Technology** – Chairman needed. Third Wednesday, 2 pm, Church auditorium.

**Tennis** - **Al Ianacone**, 973-650-1738, acianacone@gmail.com, or Bob Kozar, bkozarl@aol.com). Competition begins on September 12 in Fair Lawn and ends on May 22, 2023. We play every Monday at the Fairlawn Racquet Club, 11-19 Saddle River Road in Fairlawn. We start at noon and end at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$12 per session.

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

### **Trips & Tours, Extended**

#### **Midweek Getaway, Woodloch Pines PA - Wednesday - Friday September 13-15, 2023**

The cost of the trip is \$465 per person and a \$50 non-refundable deposit is required by June 1, 2023. As always, spouses and companions are welcome. Contact **Bob Sayegh (201-670-6010 or [bobsay14@gmail.com](mailto:bobsay14@gmail.com))** if you would like to sign up for this trip. Specific details are on the Hobbyists Website.

#### **A Coastal Newport Christmas - 2-day Tour - November 30 - December 1, 2023**

A two-day tour of some of the best decorated Christmas Mansions on the East Coast that will feature the visit of three Mansions elegantly decorated for<sup>SEP</sup> the Holidays: The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House. The cost of the trip is \$695 per person with double accommodation and \$795 per person with single accommodation.

A \$150 deposit is required when signing up for the tour. The deposit will be non-refundable after September 9, 2023. As always, spouses and companions are welcome. This trip will be arranged by GROUP TOURS & TRAVEL. Specific details are on the Hobbyists Website.

#### **Volunteer Services** - **George Millington**, 201-444-6245, gzmillington@gmail.com.

Please contact George for information about volunteering or for more information about any activities in this area.

**Walking** - **Pete Seibel**, 201-573-8350, peterams@aol.com. The group walks from the Ridgewood Duck Pond to the Dunkerhook area, a distance of four miles, every Thursday morning starting at 9:00 am. The Walking Group walks 52 weeks a year weather permitting.

#### **Wine Appreciation Group** - **Bob Stevenson**, 201-615-1202, robtstevenson@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. As of this moment, the Hobbyist Winemakers' club has a total of 17 1/2 cases of wine reserved. Again, we will be making a Chilean wine blend. Since we have made a Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere and



Malbec blend twice over the past few years we will be changing our blend for this year. Right now, we will be making either a Bordeaux blend (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc) or a Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot blend). We will need a minimum of 2 1/2 cases more to be able to make a 50-gallon barrel. Our other option would be to make a 60-gallon barrel which would necessitate the purchase of 4 cases in addition to the 2-1/2 cases previously mentioned. This wine will not be made until April or early May, since the grape growing season in Chile is the opposite of ours in the Northern Hemisphere. If any hobbyist is interested in participating this time around or if anyone has any questions regarding the process, cost, etc. PLEASE contact me, Paul Richert, the chairman of the Winemakers' Club. If any of those who have already signed up would like to purchase more than one additional case, please let me know. Thank you all for your continued support. We welcome any Hobbyists who would like to participate.

### **Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon**

**Bob Stevenson** and **Tom Desmond** are heading up this year's long-standing social function honoring the Patron Saint of Ireland as well the memory of the late Jim Feeney, who successfully spearheaded this activity for many years. **The Hearth & Tap**, an authentic Irish Pub located at 125 Kinderkamack Road in Montvale, NJ, is the venue for this Celtic culinary experience. Festivities begin at noon on **Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

The luncheon will consist of a two-hour open bar for beer and, of course, Guinness, plus house wine. There will be a cash bar for mixed drinks. The menu includes Irish Soda Bread, Farm Salad, and a choice of one entrée from the following:

*A) Corned Beef & Cabbage, B) Fish & Chips, C) Shepherd's Pie, D) Blarney Chicken-stuffed with Irish Bacon & Cream Sauce.* It also includes Granny Agnes Warm Bread Pudding, Coffee, Tea and Soda. (Mmmmm, my mouth is watering already!).

Due to seating capacity, the maximum attendance is limited to 60 members. There will be an open forum for 'no hold' jokes or 'talented' vocal offerings. Celtic beads will be distributed to all attending. Mail your check for **\$49 per person payable "Hobbyists Unlimited" along with your entrée selection** to: Bob Stevenson, 23 Bellgrove Drive, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

### **Winter Programming Recap**

Hobbyist Jack Warner's fascinating review of *The Amateur Assassin*, his latest novel, followed the January meeting. Termed a "creepy thriller," the book was an effort that took some 18 months to complete. Jack also detailed the necessary steps to publish a book—the creative, production, distribution, and marketing stages. He encouraged Hobbyists to consider publishing their own works, perhaps based on their own lives.

*Houston, We Have a Problem*, February's presentation by Joe Lennox, was a moving talk about the dangerous mission encountered by the Apollo 13 crew. Mixing slides with interviews with the crew and Mission Control Center personnel, Joe provided a riveting look at the near-catastrophic outcome when an explosion and rupture of an oxygen tank in the service module occurred. Despite not making it to the Moon, the mission was nonetheless dubbed a "successful failure" as the crew returned home safely.

In March, Hobbyist favorite Pat Schuber provided a fresh look at the Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant. Until recently, Grant's two terms that were marked with scandal relegated the former Civil War hero's administration as an abject failure. Now, historians note that Grant's many accomplishments included advancing civil rights for African Americans, creating the Department of Justice, and establishing Yellowstone, our first national park. He also reduced the national debt, championed Civil Service reform, and restored worldwide respect for our young nation.

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

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### **Future Events**

**Bob Paoli** reports that Ridgewood American Legion Post 53 will be conducting a Memorial Day Service on **Monday, May 29, at 11 am**. Commander Paoli invites the community to attend this service to honor and salute our Nation's war dead. The ceremony is at Memorial Park at Van Neste Square in Ridgewood.

**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.

### **Interesting Statistics** – Thanks to Bob Stevenson:

<u>Age ranges of Hobbyists (Avg: 80.2 yrs.)</u>	<u>Hobbyists Tenure (Avg: 9.8 yrs)</u>
60 – 70 .....30	Less than 1 year.....25
70 – 80.....166	1 to 2 years.....33
80 – 90.....165	2 to 3 years..... 3
90 - 100.....38	3 to 4 years.....26
Over 100.....0	4 to 5 years.....30
	5 to 10 years.....113
	10 to 15 years.....82
	15 to 20 years.....51
	20 to 30 years.....32
	Over 30 years..... 4

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