

## HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - December 4, 2025

**Early start and shortened business agenda:** To allow time for the annual gavel passing ceremony and for the performance of holiday songs by the Ridgewood High School chorus beginning at 10:00 am, the business portion of today's meeting started earlier than usual at 9:20 am, with an abbreviated agenda that excluded activity reports.

**Birthdays:** The December birthday slide was displayed as members arrived. 30 Hobbyists have birthdays in December, including 6 lifetime members (Bob Paoli, John Butler, John Mawe, Dan Wolf, John Gilpatrick and Harold Conant).

**Meeting called to order** by President Don Peterfriend at 9:20 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Bob Paoli.

**Remarks by Outgoing President:** Don Peterfriend sincerely thanked Hobbyist members for entrusting him with leadership of the club for the past year, and for supporting him in many ways throughout his presidency.

**The Gavel Passing ceremony** was emceed by Charlie Tuch. The giant gavel was passed by these past presidents:

John Gilpatrick 2001 → Bob Paoli 2006 → Bill Carbone 2009 → Giancarlo Bisone 2012 → Mike Doherty 2013 → Bob Stevenson 2014 → Joe Burns 2015 → Syd Robertson 2017 → Rich Edelman 2018 → Ed Daly 2019 → Bill Healy 2022 → Bob Mosher 2023 → Mark Singer 2024 → Don Peterfriend 2025 → incoming President Peter Weinstein.

**Remarks by Incoming President:** Peter Weinstein expressed his thanks for the honor of being chosen to serve as president of the Hobbyists, all of whom he regards as "family". He sincerely thanked Don Peterfriend for his leadership in 2025 and John Gilpatrick for having sponsored him as a new Hobbyist years ago.

**Hobbyists Concerned:** Peter Philip - We mourn the passing of two Hobbyists since our last meeting: Hugh Rodgers and Jost Ladwig.

### **President's Report** – Peter Weinstein

- Given the compressed agenda, Peter made only a few brief announcements and comments.
- Peter thanked Rich Edelman for his years of service leading the Habitat for Humanity activity and announced that Bob Becher will be stepping in to lead that activity.
- The Trips & Tours activity continues to need a new leader. This has been a vital activity over the years with both domestic and international trips enjoyed by many Hobbyists. As the leadership role involves a lot of work, we may want to consider having co-chairmen.
- Members are reminded that dues must be paid no later than February 1. Failure to pay dues can result in the termination of one's membership.
- Room is still available for Hobbyists who would like to attend the Holiday Dance at Seasons on December 15. It's a great occasion for camaraderie and fun. If interested, please contact Bill Healy.

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**Membership:** There was no membership report at the December 4 meeting, but Bob Mosher provided notes indicating that the meeting was attended in person by 89 Hobbyists, with an additional 2 people participating on Zoom. There are currently 421 Hobbyists members, including 350 General Members and 71 Life Members. There are 8 new applicants for membership.

**The business meeting concluded** at 9:40 a.m.

**December program:** The Ridgewood High School chorus entertained with holiday songs.

Respectfully submitted by:

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