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Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, NJ  
<http://www.hobbyists-unlimited.com>

**Special Event** - Pastor Bruce of First Presbyterian Church noted that the Church is celebrating its bicentennial this year. In the spirit of giving back to the community, the Church is presenting "A Community Conversation with Ali Stroker and Jim Stroker." Ali, a native of Ridgewood, is a Tony Award winning actress ("Oklahoma") who lost the use of her legs in a terrible accident at the age of 2. The show will consist of music and story-telling with a question & answer session. There is no admission fee, although the Church requests a free will offering to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital at RWJ Barnabas Health Facility, Family Promise of Bergen County, and Camp Lots of Fun. The date is Sunday, June 25 from 3:30-5:00 PM at the Church.

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

New Members: Information can be found at the website.

**George Chookazian      Frank Loughlin      Bob Becher      Stephen Cooney**  
**James Stevens      Bill Whelan**

**Archive** - **Joe Suplicki**, 201-316-3262, [jssuplicki@aol.com](mailto:jssuplicki@aol.com).

**Audio/Visual** - **Bob Mosher**, 201-689-9651, [rmosher895@aol.com](mailto:rmosher895@aol.com), **Ed Daly** 201-447-4603, [eddaly386@yahoo.com](mailto:eddaly386@yahoo.com).

**Blackjack** - **Ray Litwitz**, 973-714-9019, [reljr@optonline.net](mailto:reljr@optonline.net) Blackjack meets twice a month on a Thursday from 12 - 4. The group gathers at various Hobbyists' homes. Snacks, strategies, and laughs are shared. Please contact **Ray** for more information.

**Bocce** - **Steve Friedman**, 201-916-6079, [stefri4@yahoo.com](mailto:stefri4@yahoo.com) . With the warmth of spring, the bocce group moved our activity from the Superdome in Fair Lawn to Borough Park in Waldwick. We begin at 9:30 am and play for two hours. There are two bocce courts there if enough players show up. We always have a fun morning and would love to teach new players. Join us!

**Book Club - Peter Philip** 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net, **Jon Sterling**, jbsterning@optonline.net. Third Friday of the month, 10 am at the Church. The following are the books we will be reading through November. (Due to Church activities, we do not meet in December.)

- June 16: "1940" by Susan Dunn, presented by Dave Smilon
- September 15: "Reconstruction - America's Unfinished Revolution", by Eric Foner, presented by Alan Stein
- October 20: "A Fever in the Heartland", by Timothy Egan, presented by Dave Smilon
- November 17 "Sea Stories, My Life in Special Operations" by Adm. William McRaven, presented by John Fabian

**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 Devils repeated as League Champs. Congratulations to Captain **Bill Healy**, **Rich Edelman**, **Charlie Tuch**, and not pictured **Rick Krakowski**.

**Bridge - Ray Chuebon**, 201-652-4586, rchuebon@yahoo.com, **Mike Murph**, 201-334-7284, mgmclbchp@gmail.com, and **Jim Deaver**, 201-666-2066, 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. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 pm in the Church Auditorium.

**Chess Club- (Rick Pascal, [rickpas@optonline.net](mailto:rickpas@optonline.net), 201-208-7191. Jeff Kresky, [kreskyj@wpunj.edu](mailto:kreskyj@wpunj.edu), 2010-965-5078. Meets Wednesday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon at the church. Chess lessons are available for new players and those wishing to play. Meetings will not be held during July and August.**

**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).**

**Eva’s Village - Dave Smilon, 201-962-5723, [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

### **Fellowship Luncheon**

More than 80 members attended the Fellowship Luncheon hosted by **Dave Smilon** on April 27. A good time was had by all!







**Fishing - Gene Boyle**, 862-377-9016, [gbrealty@optonline.net](mailto:gbrealty@optonline.net).

**Gourmet Cooking - Jim McKeown**, 201-327-3411, [jimmckeown@optonline.net](mailto: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.

The Gourmet Cooking Group will hold its' Spring cooking event June 15th at Lake Anora in Upper Saddle River. The Theme is a traditional New England Clam Bake. In this particular situation, and for the first time, this event is being held at an outdoor venue and beer is substituted in place of wine.

The menu begins with glazed sausage bits followed by the main event, the traditional New England Clam Bake consisting of Lobster Tails, Little Neck Clams, Steamers, mussels, Smoked Sausage, Corn on the Cob, New Potatoes, and clam broth with French Baguette bread for dipping.

The Clam Bake is accompanied with New England Clam Chowder, Creamy Cold Slaw, Tarragon Summer Salad, Farfalle Lemon Vinaigrette Salad, Cucumber Yogurt Salad and Deviled Eggs. We will conclude with Watermelon Fruit Basket with homemade Chocolate Chip Cookies. Beer served throughout (moderately, of course).

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

During the Summer months we have scheduled the following events:

June 13 -Spring Tournament-sold out

July 11- Great Gorge Golf Club -contact Len Manis/ George Giaquinto

July 18 -Summer Tournament-contact Gary Engelhardt /James Harte -for this event you must register online by going to the golf page.

August 1st. -Farmstead - contact Paul Fazio/ Charlie Tuch

August 15th. -Late Summer Tournament -contact Paul Richert / Len Manis - for this event you must register online . Registration will start at the end of June/beginning of July. Complete details on the above events can be found on the Hobbyist Golf Activity Page.

**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. 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.

The Hikers recently honored **Ed Collins** (seated, center) longtime chairman, at a luncheon at Rhodes Tavern in Sloatsburg, NY. **Ed Lundell** will succeed Collins, who will continue to hike each Tuesday with the group.



**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.

RoseMary Myers, thanks to Hobbyist **Bob Stevenson**, reports that her husband, **Garry Myers**, a Hobbyist for nine years is now in Assisted Living at the Bristol. His wife says that he has many medical issues and is in pain all the time. Hence, he was unable to live at home and moved to the Bristol. Nevertheless, he would like to receive visitors and receive e-mails and phone calls.

His address is The Bristol at Waldwick, 245 Wyckoff Ave., Waldwick. His cell phone number is 201-602-9462 and his e-mail address is [gnmyers@icloud.com](mailto:gnmyers@icloud.com)

## **In Memoriam**

Hobbyist **Paul Carter**, died on February 12. He was 89 and had been a Hobbyist since 2012.

Former Hobbyist **Warren Boroson**, died on March 12, He was 88.

Hobbyist **Patrick Mullen** died on April 16. He was 94 and had been a Hobbyist since 1992.

Hobbyist **Gregory Sullivan** died on May 11. He was 91 and had been a Hobbyists in 1997.

Karen Doherty, wife of Hobbyists former president **Mike Doherty**, died on May 22.

Timothy Desmond, brother of Hobbyist **Tom Desmond**, died on May 23.

Former Hobbyist president **Bob Norelli** died on May 24. He was 92 and had been a Hobbyist since 2004.

Carol Canariato, wife of Hobbyist **Sal Canariato**, died on May 27.

**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. 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, **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.

**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 pm 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.

**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 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, 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](mailto:cematthews0914@gmail.com)) 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.

ROMEO is June 16, at noon at Fiona's Restaurant 118 Godwin Ave Midland Park. We will follow all covid guidelines. There is ample parking in their lot . If you would like to attend please contact Cliff at 201-447-9040. Please wear your membership badge.

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

**Tennis - Al Ianacone**, 973-650-1738, [acianacone@gmail.com](mailto:acianacone@gmail.com), or Bob Kozar, [bkozar1@aol.com](mailto:bkozar1@aol.com)). The tennis program concluded another successful year with a total of 41 participants. We continue to play at the Fair Lawn Racquet Club which meets our needs so well. We play doubles every Monday from 12 noon 1:30 PM. We are ending this season with a luncheon at Mezza Notte restaurant in Fair Lawn.

**Trips & Tours, Day - Bob Sayegh**, 201-670-6010, [bobsay14@gmail.com](mailto: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))**. 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 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. This tour is arranged by GROUP TOURS & TRAVEL. Specific details are on the Hobbyists Website.

#### **Volunteer Services - George Millington**, 201-444-6245, [gzmillington@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:peterams@aol.com). 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 Group - Bob Stevenson**, 201-615-1202, [robtstevenson@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:phriche7314@gmail.com).

## **Presentations**

Tips to improve your memory, a photographic tour of New Zealand, and a look back at neighboring Paterson were the varied topics following Hobbyists General Meetings this Spring.

Sue Breithaupt from the Valley Community Health Department provided useful information in April about memory loss that afflicts some 6 million Americans. Characterizing the mind as a “filing cabinet”, older people have more files to review and face the additional challenge of losing brain cells as part of the aging process. Nonetheless, we can train the brain to improve retention via brain exercises, a healthy diet, and overall physical exercise. Social interaction is also a key, given that people who are isolated do not age well.

In May, Hobbyist **Giancarlo Bisone** shared his incredible photographs of New Zealand following a trip there in March. As impressive as the pictures were, Giancarlo stated that the beauty of that country is impossible to capture in photos. Giancarlo is a former Hobbyists President and longtime leader of the Camera Club. He recently announced he will be stepping down from that position but will continue to contribute.



Our final program before summer break was a history of the City of Paterson. Presenter Mario Medici provided a comprehensive look at New Jersey’s third-largest city and the first planned industrial city in America. Citing Alexander Hamilton and his key role in Paterson’s development, the city became an industrial leader by harnessing the power of the Great Falls,



which at height of seventy-seven feet, is second only to Niagara Falls, east of the Mississippi River. Paterson soon became the world's leading maker of silk and was a major manufacturer of locomotives. Both the submarine and the Colt revolver were developed there, and Wright Aeronautical developed the engines that propelled both Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart on their historic flights. Famous locals include comedian Lou Costello, baseball Hall of Famer Larry Doby, and poet William Carlos Williams.

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

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### **CONGRATULATIONS & KUDOS**

To **Rick Pascal** on the publication of his second book of short stories, *Next Stop-Unknown* available online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Walmart and with a 20% discount on Booklocker using code "Save 20." Use this link to see the YouTube promo: <https://youtu.be/PSv9ILcqh5Y>.

**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.

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