

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – November 7, 2024

The November birthday slide was being displayed as the members arrived. 38 Hobbyists have birthdays in November including five lifetime members (Robert Humphreys, Ido Rossi, James Newman, Ferdinand Raphael and Gene Rumbarger). No Hobbyist is celebrating a birthday today.

Meeting called to order by President Mark Singer at 9:59 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Paoli.

President's Report – Mark Singer

- The Valley Hospital Monthly Newsletter will be sent to all Hobbyists via Constant Contact beginning in December
- Al Ianacone is looking for people who build birdhouses – they are for a charitable cause. Contact Al if you are interested.
- **Please note that the December General Meeting will begin 30 minutes earlier than usual.** Here's the schedule:
 - **8:30 a.m.** – Social time
 - 9:00 a.m. – General meeting, including the passing of the gavel
 - 10:00 a.m. – the Ridgewood High School Chorus will entertain us
- The 2025 budget was reviewed and approved by the Executive Board
- The Hobbyists will begin to offer rides to Hobbyists in need – only to Hobbyist functions. The current drivers are Peter Weinstein and Les Weiss. We are looking for additional volunteers. Contact Peter or Les if you want to volunteer to be a driver – or if you need a ride to a Hobbyist function. These rides are at no charge.

1st Vice President's Report – Don Peterfriend

- **Speaker Program: A Day on the International Space Station** presented by Joe Lennox
- Also, there are still many Hobbyists whose pictures are not included in the roster. Please send in a passport sized picture that can be used. Email it to Hobbyists1966@gmail.com.

Holiday Dinner Dance – Bill Healy

- The holiday dinner dance is scheduled for December 9th at Seasons. The cost is \$215 per couple. We have exceeded the committed number of 150 people for the function. Please forward table arrangement information to Bill Healy and send your checks to Gary Engelhardt.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Engelhardt

- CD interest is about \$140 per month.

Hobbyists Concerned – Peter Philip

- We regret the passing of Joe Ippolito, a Hobbyist since 2014, on October 2. He was 91.
- Joe Suplicki, who recently had open heart surgery, was in attendance today!

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Membership – Bob Mosher

- We currently have 415 members, 72 are Lifetime; 4 members are being inducted today. There were 78 members present for today's general meeting.
- Today's inductees:
 - Tom Cahill, sponsored by Ed Lundell
 - Matt Silverman, sponsored by Rick Pascal
 - Robert Husband, sponsored by Bob Paoli
 - Steven Marcone, sponsored by Jeff Kresky

Vote for 2025 Officers – Bob Mosher

- The following slate of officers for 2025 was approved by 78 on-site attendees and 113 who voted online.
 - President – Don Peterfriend
 - First Vice President – Peter Weinstein
 - Second Vice President – Steve Friedman
 - Executive Secretary – Chuck Woehrle
- The Executive Board also consists of the Treasurer (Gary Engelhardt), Church Liaison (Lew Dickinson) and the four most recent past Presidents.

Activity Chairman Reports (accumulated from in-person, email or activity website)

- Bocce – Steve Friedman
 - Tomorrow, November 8th, will be the last day of outdoor bocce at Waldwick Borough Park. Beginning November 15th, we will start playing indoors at the Fair Lawn Superdome on Morlot Avenue in Fair Lawn. We will still play from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost, like last year, will remain at \$15 per person per session. We will not be playing on Thanksgiving Friday, November 29th. We're always looking for new players and no experience is necessary. So come on down and have some fun with the Bocce Boys.
- Chess – Rick Pascal
 - 3 new chess players joined last month. The group meets every Wednesday at the Church from 10:00 to Noon. If you are new to the game or need some assistance, show up at 9:30.
- Fishing – Peter Weinstein
 - Peter talked about a recent trip to Lake George where they caught lake trout that were 100 feet down. Perhaps we'll get to see pictures of the trip next month.
- Golf – Paul Fazio
 - There were a record 116 golfers signed up this year!
 - 58 golfers enjoyed the golf luncheon at Fiona's last week.
 - The golfing activity coordinators will meet next week to plan the 2025 schedule.
 - Paul acknowledged the work effort by Mike Doherty, Gary Don, Gary Engelhardt and Giancarlo Bisone for making the year so successful
 - Club Champion is Ian Coburn.

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- During the season, there were three holes in one! These stud golfers are Bill Burdick, Mike Serpico and Joe Taormina. They were honored with plaques at the luncheon.
- Indoor golf is every Monday at the Players Club in Paramus from 9 am – Noon. The cost is \$37.50 per session.
- Movie Lovers—Dick Oswald
 - The next meeting will be **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12 at 1:30 PM** at Ridgewood Village Hall in the Senior Lounge. We will show **TWELVE ANGRY MEN**.
- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown
 - The next meeting will be **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 at 10:00 am** in the Church auditorium. The subject of the meeting is **“GUITAR”** presented by Hobbyist Enzo Mangano.
- Pickleball – Mark Singer for Allen Krauss
 - There is no indoor pickleball at this time.
- Pinochle/Single Deck – Mark Singer for Steve Basch
 - If you are interested in playing single deck pinochle, please contact Steve Basch. The group plays at a private residence in Hawthorne on Thursdays.
- ROMEO – Cliff Matthews
 - ROMEO is **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15 at 12 PM** at Fino Ristorante 114 W Allendale Ave Allendale NJ. Contact Cliff Matthews if you plan to attend. Wear your membership badge.
- Wine Making – Mark Singer for Paul Richert
 - On October 28, the Winemakers started on a 60 gallon barrel of a Cabernet Sauvignon and Barbera blend. This past Monday the wine was pressed and the fermentation process started. 26 Hobbyists are participating in the activity.
- Beer Appreciation
 - While not an official activity, Rick Rosenthal is looking to visit some local craft beer makers in the area. He will send a Constant Contact note to the group.

Other Business –

- None

The business meeting concluded at 10:47 a.m.

Today's program:

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Respectfully submitted by,
Steve Friedman, Executive Secretary