

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – September 5, 2024

The June birthday slide was being displayed as the members arrived. 28 Hobbyists have birthdays in June including one lifetime members (Robert Waring). Three Hobbyists (Robert Kelly, William Raftery and Jeff Seise) are celebrating birthdays today.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Paoli.

- On Sunday, September 29, at 4:30 pm, in Memorial Park / Van Ness Square in Ridgewood, there will be the unveiling of the Gold Star Family Monument. Paoli noted that the Jets play the 1 pm game and the Giants are Monday, so please come out for the event.

President's Report – Mark Singer

- The Hobbyists remain an active group throughout the summer, even though we don't have the general meetings in July and August. Remember that during next summer.
- Bob Mosher will coordinate dues collection. Dues will remain at \$60. If you were born prior to 1936, you are a Lifetime member and will not be required to pay dues.

Speaker Program Details – Don Peterfreund

- Stroke vs. TIA (Transient Ischemic Attack) presented by The Valley Hospital

Treasurer's Report – Mark Singer for Gary Engelhardt

- Dues collection will start soon.

Hobbyists Concerned – Peter Philip – two passings during the summer to note:

- Marion Keller, mother of Gary Keller
- Lola Weber, wife of Hank Weber

Membership – Bob Mosher

- We currently have 416 members, 56 are Lifetime; no member is being inducted today. There were 84 members present, 1 via Zoom, for attendance of 85 for today's general meeting.
- Average Hobbyist age is 80. Average age for non-Lifetime members is 74.
- Today's inductees:
 - none

Constant Contact – Ed Daly

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Friends of Ramapo College – Al Gensch

- Ramapo College has a program for the Hobbyists. For \$150/year, you are able to audit three courses at the school (no course credit given). Course descriptions can be found online. The \$60 fee is waived, plus you get free parking at the school (students pay \$250).

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

- Bocce—Steve Friedman – Bocce is outdoors at Waldwick Borough Park and will remain weekly from 9:30 to 11:30 am on Fridays until the weather turns colder, probably in early November. There is no cost to participate and no experience is necessary. Bring a chair, bring a rake, and have some fun. We're always looking for new members.
- Bowling – Mark Singer for Gary Don – There will be 14 teams of 4 bowlers this year, plus a list of substitutes. If you want to be a substitute, please let Gary know. September 11 and 18 will be practice. Competition begins September 25.
- Chess – Rick Pascal – Wednesdays from 10:00 – Noon at the Church. The group (a.k.a. "Chess Nuts") played outdoors at the Ridgewood Duck Pond during the summer.
- Fishing – Peter Weinstein – a two-day trip is being organized for October. Four guys are signed up.
- Golf – Don Peterfreund –
 - The annual Atlantic City trip is **SEPTEMBER 17-19**. For information and to sign up, contact Paul Fazio.
 - Travel Tuesdays – **SEPTEMBER 24** – Wallkill. Chairmen are Paul Richert and Sid Sobel. To sign up, email Sid Sobel by September 10.
 - Fall Club Championship will be **OCTOBER 1** at Apple Greens. For information and to sign up, contact Gary Engelhardt or Paul Fazio.
 - Golf luncheon will be on **OCTOBER 29**. You must be a member of the golf group to attend.
- Habitat for Humanity – Rich Edelman – There is no current opportunity in Bergen County, but there is activity in Paterson in Passaic County. 8 units are being built on Harrison Street, all next to each other. You can volunteer for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays.
- Hiking – Ed Lundell –
 - A hiking trip is being planned for **OCTOBER 8-10** at the Delaware Water Gap.
- Investment Club – Mike Flannery – The next meeting will be **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 at 1:30 pm** at the Church and via Zoom.
- Military History – Tom Heed – the next meeting will be **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, at 2 pm** at the Church. The discussion will be about the war in Ukraine. In October, Ed Houlihan will discuss his naval experience.
- Movie Lovers—Dick Oswald – the next Movie Lovers presentation will be on **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Ridgewood Village Hall Senior Lounge. We will watch the movie "**The Browning Version**" starring Michael Redgrave, Jean Kent and Nigel Patrick.

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- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown – The next meeting will be **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 at 10:00 am** at the Church. It will be about “**Comedy in the World of Music**”.
- Newsletter – Rick Pascal – Will be distributed next week. Rick thanked Bill Carbone for his help assembling the information while Rick was away.
- Pickleball – Allen Krauss – The group meets Wednesdays at 8:30 am at the Saddle Brook County Park in Rochelle Park. Sign up is via app, contact Allen for more information. Allen is checking into indoor courts for the winter season.
- ROMEO – Cliff Matthews – ROMEO is **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 at 12 PM** at Due Fratelli in Hawthorne. Contact Cliff Matthews if you plan to attend. Wear your membership badge.
- Tennis – Al Ianacone – The activity has 42 members of which 20 are active. The group plays in Fair Lawn on Mondays from 12:00 to 1:30 pm and if enough players show, another group plays from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Show up and you’ll play with others are your skill level. Bob Kozar is co-chair of the activity.

New Business –

- None

The business meeting concluded at 10:41 a.m.

Today’s program:

Stroke vs. TIA (Transient Ischemic Attack) presented by Rachelle Morales

Respectfully submitted by,
Steve Friedman, Executive Secretary