

Hobbyists General Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2025

The November Birthday slide is being displayed as Members arrive. Forty Hobbyists have birthdays in November, the most in any month, including 9 lifetime members, George Skau, Al Cunniffe, Raymond Wittke, Kevin McDermott, Ido Rossi, Ferd Raphael, Robert Humphreys, James Newman and Gene Rumbarger. Lastly, Gary Keller is celebrating his 73rd Birthday today.

Meeting called to order by President Don Peterfriend at 10:05AM.

Don welcomed all attendees with a thanks for attending the Meeting. With the beginning of cold weather, it is time to turn our attention to the indoor activities the Hobbyists have to offer and urged all on the 1st Thursday of each month to attend the Monthly Meetings at FPC.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Paoli. Bob reminded all of Veteran's Day on November 11th and welcomed all to attend the event Honoring Veterans on Tuesday November 11th at 11:00AM be held at Memorial Park at Van Neste Square on E. Ridgewood Ave.

President's Report- Don Peterfriend:

- Upcoming Event- Holiday Dinner Dance is one of the Hobbyists long standing activities. Bill Healy is Chairing this Wonderful Event which is being held at Seasons on December 15th. All information is on the Hobbyists Website or see/contact Bill Healy directly. Don urged as many as possible to attend this Spectacular Event.
- Note: The Hermitage is holding a Holiday Marketplace starting on November 15th. Tues-Fri 10AM to 4PM and weekends 12 noon to 4PM.
- Don encouraged all Members to participate in as many activities which the Club has to offer urging all to take a Leadership Role by assisting/supporting and backing up our Activity Chairmen. This will provide Bench Strength for our Activities which is greatly needed and appreciated.
- Don stated with a degree of certainty, he is confident there is a Chairman for the Trips and Tours Activity. Once finalized the new Chairman's name will be disclosed. To avoid a recurrence of the recent issue (No Chair), we need someone to step up and assist the New Chairmen.
- Annual Dues payment has commenced and are currently due for the upcoming year being due by the December 4th Meeting. Dues are not being increased remaining at \$60.00 for 2026. Dues are payable to Hobbyists Unlimited and can be mailed to the Treasurer, Gary Engelhardt (569 Cliff Street, Ridgewood, NJ, 07450) or be given to Bob Mosher, Membership Chair, at the General Meeting.
- Need to keep our New Membership moving forward. We are having great success with New Members joining the Club thanks to Bob Mosher's efforts whereby there are 37 new Members and 3 Pending all with varying backgrounds, since the beginning of the year. Please get a friend, relative or neighbor to join the Hobbyists.
- Urged Members to attend meetings and reach out to others to attend.
- Appreciate if members would remain after Meetings for Speaker Presentations which are interesting and informative.
- Thanks to our strong song writing Duo of Messrs.: Boswell and Friedman (Co-Chairs) 33 Hobbyists Songs have been composed with three new releases on the website under Hobbyists Songs one entitled "9:05", which is great and deserves a listen. In total Steve and Dick have composed 33 songs.

- Don announced that one of the Club's newest members, Mitchell Milch, has chosen to Chair a new activity and introduced Mitchell to provide an overview.
Mitchell stated the Activity will be called "Mastering Retirement Issues" will commence on Wednesday 12/3/'25 at 2PM in the FPC Auditorium running approximately 1 hour. Subsequent meeting will be once per month on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2PM in the FPC Auditorium. Meetings/Topics will be respectful and open (i.e. "You Can't Take It with You").
- Nominating Committee Chairman, Bob Mosher issued a Constant Contact email on 10/19/'25 to all Members outlining the incoming Executive Officers and Executive Committee for 2026. Voting was accomplished online and in person at the November 6th Meeting. Officers elected are President Peter Weinstein, 1st VP Steve Friedman, 2nd VP Chuck Woehrle, Exec Sec Dick Boswell, Treasurer Gary Engelhardt and Sponsor Rep Lew Dickinson
- Parking in the Church lot on the westside of South Van Dien is only in spaces marked "CH", all other spaces are for RWHS students for which they pay.

Hobbyist Concern- Peter Philip:

- Two Hobbyists passed in the last two Months: Jerome Mykietyn (83) a Hobbyists since 2007 passed on October 27th and Henry Weber (101) a Hobbyists since 2014 passed on September 13th. Also, John Butler, who broke his wrist is in rehab at Care One (90 W. Ridgewood Ave, Paramus).
- Steve Rubin was introduced and will be working with Peter going forward.

Treasurer's Report - Gary Engelhardt:

- CD of \$42,000 recently Rolled Over generated \$121 in interest in October which will continue each month until maturity in June. Hobbyists white golf shirts have sold out, Email Gary if you are interested as another order can be placed.

Membership – Bob Mosher:

- We currently have 449 members, 75 which are Lifetime including those to be added during 2025. There are 110 members present today. Since the beginning of the year 37 new Applications have been received with 4 in October. A reminder, per the Hobbyists Constitution New Members may introduce prospective Applicants to the Membership Chairman for Sponsorship, however, a New Member must be a member for one year prior to Sponsoring an Applicant.
- Activity Chairs send Hobbyists pictures to Hobbyists66.com for presentation at monthly Meetings.
- New Inductee: John Lange (Jim Albes), Tom DeBrock (Matt Harold and Paul Fazio), Al Breen (Dave Smilon).

Speaker Program- Don Peterfriend

- Today's program will be presented by one of own: Peter Weinstein, Esq.
"An Anatomy of a Trial"

Activity Chairman Reports:

- Beer Appreciation – Rick Rosenthal: Next gathering is scheduled for November 13, 2025 6:30PM at Front Porch, 217 Wagaraw Road, Hawthorne NJ. Show up for priority on Lamb Chops at Holiday Dance.
- Bocce - Steve Friedman: Meets every Friday 9:30AM at Waldwick Boro Park. All members always welcome. Outdoor season will end 11/21/'24. No indoor season. Wished Mitchell success with Activity.

- Book Club – John Sterling: The next meeting is November 21st (10AM at FPC) will discuss “Pursuit of Happiness: How Classical Writers on Virtue Inspired the Lives of the Founders and Defined America”, written by Jeffrey Rosen with the discussion to be led by Hobbyists Paul Arilotta.
- Bridge Club – Mike Murphy: Group has been growing with 5 or 6 tables, meeting at noon each Thursday at FPC.
- Chess Club -Rick Pascal: Chess reached an all-time high number of players (12-14) and has established a name for the group, “KINGSMEN”. Club meets Wednesdays at 10AM at the Church, with a refresher at 9:30AM. Contact Rick for a refresher.
- Camera Club – Chair and Assistant: Tom Heed and Mark Singer: Meetings commenced on October 27th and continue every other fourth Monday of the month, thereafter, at 2PM in the Church Auditorium (alternating with Military History). Program will continue with Giancarlo’s traditions. Themes will be your best summer photos (trips/events), fall foliage (timely for October/November) and a new idea (local high school/college football games). The games are terrific to photo with today’s cameras/phones and high school games often allow close sideline access. For additional details see Mark and Tom’s Constant Contact email of 9/5/2025.
- Dances – Bill Healy: The Holiday Dance is scheduled for Monday December 15th at Seasons from 6PM to 10PM. Open Bar, Appetizer Buffet (hot and cold) and Sit-Down Dinner. Also, there will be music and dancing. Reservations still open. Contact Bill Healy to save your table/seats for this annual gala event.
- Fishing- Peter Weinstein: Most recent Trip was on November 4th out of Atlantic Highlands. No trips planned at present but contact Peter (rodnreel44@aol.com) to be added to the email listing.
- Golf- Paul Fazio: The 2025 season was wonderful with 115 golfers registered. The Golf Luncheon was held on October 28th at Fiona’s Restaurant with many gifts/prizes. Paul thanked the Golf Committee for their support and all for the gifts. Indoor Golf which is Simulated Golf, commenced on November 3rd at the Player’s Club in Paramus. The cost is \$37 per session where you get to play 18 holes of golf each Monday from 9AM to 12Noon. Len Manis is back-up for the program. If interested contact Paul or Len.
- Habitat for Humanity- Rich Edelman: The past twelve years the group has been working on properties in Paterson. A new building has started on Auburn Street (3Bdrms/2Baths). All are welcome to give it a try. Contact Rich Edelman to sign up.
- Hobbyists Songs-Steve Freidman and Dick Boswell Co-Chairs: See General Activities/Hobbyists Songs on the website. Listen to the songs which will give you a laugh.
- Hiking- Ed Lundell: Hiking is doing well with all three programs (Tuesday Regular and Flex as well as Fridays at the Trail Head). The three-day trip was October 8th-10th in the Berkshires which included tours of some excellent museums.
- Investment Club-Mike Flannery: Quarterly meetings are held in the first month of each quarter. Next meeting will be in January 2026. A constant contact email will be forthcoming with further details.
- Military History – Tom Heed: Next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 24th at 2:00PM in the Church Auditorium and via zoom with topic to be “America’s Way of War”. This program will compare America’s Normandy Invasion (Operation Overlord) with Russia’s Operation Bagration. This Activity will occur every other fourth Monday of the Month at 2:00PM in the Church Auditorium (alternating with the Camera Club).
- Movie Lovers- Dick Oswald: Meets at the Ridgewood Village Hall Senior Lounge on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30PM. See Dick’s constant contact emails for details regarding the next showing.
- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown: Next program is scheduled for Friday November 14th at 10:00AM in the Church Chapel. Enzo Magnano’s program “Happy Feet” is a tribute to dancing from 1930 to 2020 and will let you get lost in the past.
- Newsletter – Rick Pascal: Introduced Steve Rubin will be helping Rick handling composition. Also thanked Mark Singer and Ed Daly who do proof reading as well as Mike Doherty who manages the

website. Next edition will be early December, therefore, Activity Chairmen should start gathering info, photos, etc. for beginning of December delivery.

- Pickleball – Alan Lo and Bob Becher new Co-Chairs: Currently there is not an Indoor Program. Contact Alan or Bob for further information.
- Poker- Don Peterfriend: Need players for HI-LO Game. Contact Don Peterfriend or Dan Wolf.
- ROMEO- Cliff Matthews: Next lunch will be November 21, 2025, Noon at Justin's Restaurant (234 Lafayette Ave, Hawthorne). Kindly advise Cliff no later than Noon on November 19th to reserve your seat and allow him to have a good headcount for the reservation.
- Tennis-Al Iancone: Members meet every Monday at Fair Lawn Racquet Club to play indoor doubles at 12Noon and 1:30PM. Cost is \$15. Contact Al Iancone or Bob Kozar for further details.
- Trip and Tours- Don Peterfriend: Don indicated with a degree of certainty, he is confident there is a Chair for this activity. Once finalized the individual's name will be disclosed. Someone is needed to assist the New Chairman to avoid the recurrence of having no Chair. Contact Don Peterfriend if you are interested.
- Volunteer Services- Joe Hammer: Joe has stepped up for George Millington who is in rehab. Program is active with 13 regulars going 2 times per month to Eva's Village in Paterson. The group meets at 10AM at Graydon North Parking Lot and departs to Eva's Village to set up tables and serve lunches at noon as well as 1PM to homeless and working poor. Generally, the group finishes around 1:30PM and is back in Ridgewood by 2PM. Next date is Tuesday November 11th.
- Wine Appreciation-Bob Stevenson: Nothing planned at present for November.
- Wine Making- Paul Richert: The Group's (which involves 32 different Hobbyist) latest winemaking project began on October 17TH with grape crushing followed by pressing on October 25th for our 2025 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo (A dry, full -bodied red wine from the Abruzzo region of Italy). Approximately 10 Hobbyists drove each time to The Wine Experience in Tinton Falls to perform each task. The wine will mature in the barrel until February 2026 when we will rack it by pumping the juice out of the barrel, clean any sediment out of the barrel with water and then returning the juice to the barrel to finish the fermenting process. In 3 to 6 months, we will return to the winery to bottle approximately 24-12 bottle cases which have been sold to Hobbyists.
At the Wine Experience Awards Dinner this past August the two 2024 wines we made won medals. Our Chilean blend won a Gold Medal and our Cabernet Sauvignon/Barbera blend won a Double Gold. As has been the practice of the club, both of the medals have been awarded to Hobbyists who have been active in the Winemakers Club., Bob Mosher and Ray Litwitz. Cars leave Graydon Pool North Parking Lot at 9AM sharp generally returning around 1PM. Contact Paul if you would like to join the fun.
- World Affairs- Don Togneri: Next Meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 2PM Zoom only. Topic will be Sanctions (US, UN, EU and League of Nations).

Other Business: None

Business Meeting Concluded at 11:05AM

Today's program: Presented by: Peter Weinstein, Esq
"Anatomy of a Trail"

Respectfully submitted by,
Chuck Woehrle, Executive Secretary