

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – March 7, 2024

The March birthday slide was being displayed as the members arrived. 35 Hobbyists have birthdays in March including seven lifetime members (Jonathan Jackson, Thomas Mitchell, Len Cheringal, Sy Choo, Ralph Kirby, Joe Linfante, and Jerry Goetting).

Meeting called to order by President Mark Singer at 10:01 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Paoli.

President's Report – Mark Singer

- Mark, on behalf of the Hobbyists, wishes Ed Daly a quick recovery from his knee replacement surgery.
- The Science and Technology chairmanship is still open.
- We are now offering long sleeve Hobbyists shirts for \$20. Short sleeve shirts are \$25.

Speaker Program Details – Don Peterfriend – Hobbyist Mike Hurd will present a program about Guide Dogs.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Engelhardt – Using JFK/PT references (PT Boat Number and Year), we accumulated \$109.43 in interest last month. Look it up if you don't get the references.

Hobbyists Concerned –Peter Philip

- Daniel Eckhardt passed away on February 22.
- Garry Myers is in the Assisted Living section of The Bristol at Waldwick. He would enjoy hearing from his Hobbyist friends.

Membership – Bob Mosher – We currently have 399 members, 45 are Lifetime; 2 members are being inducted today. There were 86 members present, 6 via Zoom, for attendance of 92 for today's general meeting.

Today's inductees:

- Bill Rooney, sponsored by Tom Lewis
- Art White, sponsored by Ray Litwitz

Dinner Dance – Bill Healy – The Spring Dance will be held on **MONDAY MAY 13, 2024** at Seasons in Washington Township. Cost is \$205 per couple. It will have a 1950's/1960's theme.

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

- Bocce—Mark Singer for Steve Friedman – Every Friday in March (including Good Friday) from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Fair Lawn Superdome in Fair Lawn. Cost is \$15.
- Book Club—Jon Sterling - The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for **FRIDAY MARCH 15, 2024, at 10:00am** in the Church Library. We will discuss "Four Poems". It will be led by Jon Sterling. Looking ahead, the April book will be "The Wager" and the discussion to be led by Cliff Matthews.

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- Bowling – the King Pins (Joe Savitscus, Rich Krakowski, Dan Wolf, Paul Richert) won the second session. The third session is under way.
- Chess – Rick Pascal – the group meets Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. All are welcome, new players will be provided with instruction.
- Investors Club – Ron Reedy and Mike Flannery (new co-chairmen) – looking forward to quarterly meetings, sharing ideas, having guest speakers. There will be no joint investments by the club, nor will any investment advice be provided. A Constant Contact message will be sent to the entire membership about the resumption of this activity.
- Golf – 109 golfers have registered – most ever! Golfing will begin in April and for those who have signed up for either Tuesdays or Fridays but can't make specific dates, please advise that day's leader by March 15th.
- Military History – Tom Heed – the next meeting will be **MONDAY MARCH 25, 2024, at 2:00 PM**. The meeting will be conducted in the Auditorium and on Zoom. The subject of the meeting is "Battles of the Revolutionary War: Part IV". This session will focus on the battle of Saratoga, the turning point in the American Revolution.
- Movie Lovers—Dick Oswald – the next Movie Lovers presentation will be on **TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Ridgewood Village Hall Senior Lounge. The movie will be "The Lives of Others".
- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown - The next Music Lovers meeting is scheduled for **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024 at 10:00am** in the Church Auditorium. The subject of the meeting will be "1950's ROCK AND ROLL" and will be presented by Rick Pascal. There are 28 songs in the presentation. Wear your saddle shoes.
- ROMEO—Cliff Matthews – ROMEO is **FRIDAY MARCH 15, 2024 at 12 PM** at Due Fratelli, 235 Diamond Bridge Ave, Hawthorne NJ. Contact Cliff Matthews if you plan to attend. Wear your membership badge.
- Trips and Tours – Bob Paoli – A trip to Locust Grove NY to tour the Samuel B Morse home followed by a luncheon locally is planned for **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 2024**. The bus will leave from Graden Pool at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$108.
- Volunteer Service – Dave Smilon and George Millington – The web page has been updated. There are two basic services provided – Habitat for Humanity (contact Rich Edelman) and Eva's Kitchen (Dave/George). Always looking for additional volunteers!
- Wine Appreciation – Bob Stevenson – will be at Aldo's in Wyckoff on **FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024**. A custom menu has been prearranged, as is the wine.
- St. Patrick's Luncheon – Bob Stevenson – will be held on **WEDNESDAY MARCH 13, 2024** at the Hearth and Tap in Montvale.
- Fellowship Luncheon – Dave Smilon – will be held **THURSDAY APRIL 18, 2024** at the Church. It is for all Hobbyists. Cost is \$15 for this Italian buffet.

Other Activity Updates

- Rick Pascal will be publishing the Spring 2024 Newsletter. All activity chairmen are requested to submit an activity report by March 11. Include a picture of the activity if you have one.

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- The Camera Club, with the Hikers and Walking Groups, has organized an Urban Walk and Photo Shoot on the New York City High Line on **TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024**. Contact Dennis Portsmore or Giancarlo Bisone if you plan to attend.
- Bob Stevenson will reactivate the “Keep in Touch” program for reaching out to the Lifetime members who are happy to hear from another Hobbyist, as they don’t regularly attend the meetings.

New Business – none

The business meeting concluded at 10:46 a.m.

Today’s program: New Hobbyist Mike Hurd is presenting “Therapy Dogs”, rather than Guide Dogs.

Respectfully submitted by,
Steve Friedman, Executive Secretary