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Club Activities

Hobbyists News -

Membership recently approved a Constitutional Amendment that will waive dues and provide Lifetime Status during the year the member turns 90 years of age starting in 2025.

Members are urged to display their Hobbyists dashboard pass when parking on General meeting days. Recently, a member was incorrectly ticketed for parking in an area that followed a longtime agreement Hobbyists have with the Ridgewood Police Department. Peter Weinstein, our Second Vice President, favorably resolved the matter with Ridgewood Police Cpt. Ender.

Membership - Cliff Mathews 201-447-9040, cematth48@optonline.net. **Steve Hochman**, 201-424-9701, shochman@gmail.com.

Welcome New Members:

Steve Mezeiwski, Bob Humphreys, Bill Shontell, Paul Magid, Alan Lo, Art Sapperstein, Chris Stout, Dennis Testa, Alan Krauss, Jim Quinlan, Pat Donahue

Hobbyist Age Data

<u>Age Range</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Age Range</u>	<u>Number</u>
60 - 64	6	85 - 89	61
65 - 69	22	90 - 94	43
70 - 74	55	95 - 99	11
75 - 79	108	100 +	1
80 - 84	96		
Total Membership			403
Average Age			80

Archive - Joe Suplicki, 201-316-3262, jssuplicki@aol.com.

Audio/Visual - Bob Mosher, 201-689-9651, rmosher895@aol.com, **Ed Daly** 201-447-4603, eddaly386@yahoo.com.

Blackjack - Ray Litwitz, 973-714-9019, reljr@optonline.net Blackjack meets on the second and fourth Thursday at noon at various members' homes for a friendly game. If interested in joining the group, please contact Ray.

Bocce - Steve Friedman, 201-916-6079, stefri4@yahoo.com. Bocce will continue throughout the summer at Borough Park, Pine Street, Waldwick, NJ every Friday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Teams are determined at the beginning of play. There is no skill level requirement, so join us for some fun! Everyone who shows up plays! Bring a lawn chair for when it's not your turn. Enjoy the summer and spend some of your Fridays playing bocce.



Book Club - Peter Philip 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net, **Jon Sterling**, jbsterling@optonline.net. Third Friday of the month, 10 am at the church.

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.

We completed the 2023/2024 Bowling season on May 8. The overall results for the year were:



League Champions - The Cobras - **Bob Hope, Bob Kozar, Pete Gibbons, Dick Boswell**
2nd Place - The Strikers - **Don Peterfriend, John Duke, Bob Stevenson, Steve Weinstein**
3rd Place - The Sabres - **Bob Sayegh, Fred Raphael, Fred Damiano, George Millington**
4th Place - The Kingpins - **Paul Richert, Dan Wolf, Rick Krakowski, Joe Savitscus**
The annual bowling awards lunch was held on May 15 at Fiona's in Midland Park. Bowling will resume in September. Anyone interested in joining the Bowling league should contact Chairman Gary Don, garydon3@verizon.net

Bridge - **Ray Chuebon**, 201-652-4586, rchuebon@yahoo.com, **Mike Murphy**, 201-334-7284, mgmclbchp@gmail.com. Thursdays, 11:45 am in the East Room of the church. Duplicate bridge play concludes no later than 4 pm.

Camera Club – **Dennis Portsmore**, 201-378-8047, dportsmo@gmail.com, will be heading up a committee that includes **Tom Heed, Bill Reade, and Scott Abbey**.

Chess Club- **Rick Pascal**, 201-208-7191, rickpas@optonline.net, **Jeff Kresky**, 201-965-5078, kreskyj@wpunj.edu. Our chess enthusiasts meet on Wednesday mornings from 10 am to noon at the church. Players at all levels of proficiency are welcome. We even provide instruction. Anyone who wants lessons, call Rick for an appointment to meet at 9:30 am.



Left to right: Paul Nicolardi, Enzo Magnano, Jeff Kresky

Computer Club - There is interest in resurrecting the Computer Club. Please contact **Bob Stevenson**, 201-615-1202, robtstevenson@hotmail.com, to share information and if you would like to chair the activity.

Cribbage – **Bob Mosher**. Thursdays from 1-3 pm at the church. If interested contact Bob at rmosher895@aol.com

Dances - **Bill Healy**, 201-652-5868, whealy3741@aol.com, **Gary Engelhardt**, 201-670-9185, garye569@msn.com, **Bob Mosher**, 201-615-5603, rmosher895@aol.com.



The 50s Return



Pink Ladies at the Spring Dance

Fishing - Gene Boyle, 973-703-9065, gbrealty@optonline.net, **Peter Weinstein**, 201-663-3536, rodnreel44@aol.com.

Gourmet Cooking - Jim McKeown, 201-327-3411, 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.

Golf Committee - After twelve years of service, Paul Fazio has retired as Golf Chairman. **Mike Doherty, Paul Fazio, Gary Don, Gary Engelhardt, George Giaquinto, Charlie Tuch, Tom Desmond, Paul Richert.** 109 golfers have registered – most ever!

- Spring golf tournament will be Tuesday 6/11 at Apple Greens Golf Course in Highland New York.
- Late summer tournament will be August 13th at Apple Greens
- Fall tournament will be October 1st at Apple Greens
- Travel Tuesday for July will be July 9th at Great Gorge Country Club
- Other tournament details to be worked out
- Paul urges you to refer to the Golf page on our website to stay current for the details of all upcoming events, chair people for the events, and the Hobbyist Song “*Golfing Daydream*” by Dick Boswell and Steve Friedman



Still alive and kicking after a round of golf

Left to right: Dick Spalckhaver, Rick Pascal, Kevin Twibel, John Potter
(With special thanks to Bob Kozar for arranging the foursome)

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. After meeting at Graydon Pool, the Hiking Club visits local sites each Tuesday and Friday morning.



When the Hobbyists Hikers hit the trail in Warwick, N.Y., they often stop off at Bellvale Farms Creamery for an after-hike treat. Founded in 1819, Bellvale Farms ice cream routinely ranks as one of the nation's best!

Hobbyists Concerned - Peter Philip 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net.

Garry Myers is in the Assisted Living section of The Bristol at Waldwick. He would enjoy hearing from his Hobbyist friends.

In Memoriam:

Betty Gulino, wife of Hobbyist **Marty Gulino** passed away on January 11.

Daniel Eckhardt passed on February 22. He was 84 and had been a Hobbyist for 14 years.

Len Pursiano passed away on April 20. He was 101 and had been a Hobbyist for 29 years,

George Maloof passed away on April 21. He was 94 and had been a Hobbyist for 13 years.

Marion Keller, mother of Hobbyist **Gary Keller**, passed away on June 6th.

Investments – Ron Reedy, ronaldreedy@gmail.com, **Mike Flannery**

mikevflannery59@gmail.com. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 24 at 1:30 pm by ZOOM. The meeting should last about 90 minutes and cover the Fed policies. No stock tips are offered during these meetings. Future meetings may include the Connections group who have expressed interest in this activity.

Italian Club - Don Togneri, 201-445-0679, dj2dm2@hotmail.com. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 2 pm at the church.

Jazz Bunch - Bob Stevenson, 201-615-1202, robstevenson@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.

Lunch Bunch Sunday - Bob Sayegh, 201-670-6010, bobsay14@gmail.com.

Military History - Tom Heed, 845-534-8695, theed@ramapo.edu. Fourth Monday of each month at the Church. Looking ahead to September, the discussion will be about the 350 missiles shot at Israel from Iran and that only 7 hit any target. How did that happen?

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, jimckeown@optonline.net. Second Friday, 10:00 am at the church. Upcoming programs: **Friday, September 13 – Silly Songs and Lyrics** **Friday, October 11 - "Music of the Great Depression and World War II"** presented by Hobbyist Jack Warner.

Picnic – The Hobbyists picnic will be held on **Thursday, August 15** at noon at the Graydon Pool in Ridgewood. Bring your own lunch and beverage. Ice cream will be provided. Cost is \$5 per person. Rain date is August 22. Contact **Cliff Matthews**, 201-447-9040, cematthews0914@gmail.com for more information.

Pickleball - Allen Krauss, akrauss2@gmail.com. **Alan Lo**, 908-447-833, funnycpa@aol.com. Looking forward to making this both an outdoor and eventual indoor activity. In response to the growing popularity of pickleball, especially for seniors, we started our Pickleball Club in April. We have had about 8 meet-ups so far. The club has over 30 members signed on to our Team Reach App with about 10-12 Hobbyists playing each week. We play on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am at Saddle River County Park in Rochelle Park. Three new pickleball courts are now available. We are always looking for new players. If interested you can call or e-mail either one of us or download the Team Reach App and input the code Hobby-Pickle to join. All the information is on the site as well as a calendar where you can sign up for the next event and see who else is playing. Any tennis players off for the summer? Why don't you join us as well. Ability levels are mixed and we would like to encourage beginners by offering a few clinics on basics.

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.

ROMEO - Cliff Matthews, 201-447-9040, cematthews0914@gmail.com. ROMEO meets at different moderately priced BYOB places on the 3rd Friday of the month and is a pleasant way to meet and socialize with fellow Hobbyists. The next ROMEO meeting will be on **Friday, June 21** at 12 pm at Fiona's in Midland Park. Contact Cliff if you plan to attend. Please wear your Hobbyists membership badge. ROMEO meetings will continue throughout the summer on the third Friday of July and August.

Science and Technology – Chairman needed. Third Wednesday, 2 pm in the church auditorium. Contact Mark Singer if interested.

Tennis - Al Ianacone, 973-650-1738, acianacone@gmail.com, or Bob Kozar, bkozarl@aol.com.

Trips & Tours, Day - Bob Sayegh, 201-670-6010, bobsay14@gmail.com. **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**. The bus will leave from Graydon Pool at 8:30 am. The cost is \$108 per person. You can sign up for this event at the next General Meeting on April 4th or contact Bob Sayegh directly.
- A trip has been scheduled to the Teddy Roosevelt' Home and the Grant's Tomb in Manhattan, New York City for **Thursday, November 14**. A lunch at Carmine's in Manhattan is included. The cost of the trip is \$110 per person (lunch included) and the payment deadline is November 7th. As always, spouses or companions are welcome. Contact Bob Sayegh.

Trips & Tours, Extended – Chairman needed for this activity. Contact **Mark Singer**.

Volunteer Services - George Millington, 201-444-6245, gzmillington@gmail.com

The Volunteer Service Club has continued to travel to Eva's Village two Tuesdays a month to help set up for and serve two nutritious hot lunches to the homeless, working poor and food insecure from the environs of 393 Main Street, Paterson. Our next volunteer date is Tuesday, June 11th. We will be going two Tuesdays in July, dates to be decided. For a broader description of what we do at Eva's, plus contact information, please visit our webpage under Social Activities on the Hobbyists Unlimited website. We are always looking for new volunteers to join our community.

George Millington, Dave Smilon, co-chairmen, Volunteer Service Club.

Walking – **Alan Stein**, 201-447-4235, stampmaven1@verizon.net, **Mark Singer**, 201-446-6809, msinger@ramapo.edu. 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 four miles. The walk entails both good exercise and brilliant conversation. Hope more will join us.

Wine Appreciation – **Bob Stevenson**, 201-615-1202, 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 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.



Left to right: Art, Guest, Ray, Steve, Dennis, Mike, Gary, Chuck, Bob, Ed, Rick, Bill, Paul.

On May 27th, members of the winemakers' club drove to the winery in Tinton Falls to crush our latest wine making experience. We are making a Chilean blend of Carmenere, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The following Monday, June 3rd, we returned to press the grapes and pump the juice into our new wine barrel. This wine will take 9 months to mature and we will bottle it probably next March. There are a total of 31 hobbyists involved in this winemaking process; 17 have reserved a full case while 14 more have purchased 1/2 case each. The total cost per case is \$184. A small portion of the amount collected is used to produce the labels for our bottles. I thank Lou Fucito for helping with the development of the labels for printing and Ken Hekman along with his wife MaryBeth, who has designed magnificent designs for our labels. In August we plan to bottle our 2023 OPUS ONE blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec.

I want to thank all the hobbyists who have participated over the years. On average, we have made two 60-gallon barrels each year. We have made many red wine blends including two Bordeaux, 5 Opus Ones, 3 Amarones, 3 Super Tuscans, 5 Chilean blends (including a Bordeaux blend) and a Pinot Noir and a Zinfandel Barbera. We began making wine back in 2012 as a club. Anyone who wants to participate please contact me as soon as you see one of these wine making emails. We sell out the barrel very quickly and our group participation in the steps necessary to make wine on the part of my fellow hobbyists has always been very popular.

World Affairs - Don Togneri, 908-347-2820, dj2dm2@hotmail.com. ZOOM meetings only. Second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm. Contact Don for ZOOM link.

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

From the Editor

In the middle of June (about the time that you get to read this newsletter) I'll be celebrating my 83rd birthday. Do I feel old? My body - a little; my memory - a tad. But my attitude towards life is still positive – even stronger than ever.

Dylan Thomas, the Welsh poet and writer penned:

Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

In all candor, I'm not exactly raving or raging. But I am approaching my older self philosophically. With (thankfully only) minor aches and pains after a round of golf (I'm grateful for Ibuprofen, Tylenol and Bio Freeze) or a following a loss in bridge or chess, I believe it's still possible to learn, even as we get older. We must face the fact that we're all in the same boat, heading for that distant, undiscovered shore. So let's keep our oars in the water and paddle toward it gracefully and with dignity. That said, you might enjoy a few words of wisdom sent to me by one of my high school friends who, like us, is still alive and kicking.

Thoughts on Aging Gracefully

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened. - **Mark Twain**

"At fifty, everyone has the face he deserves." - **George Orwell**

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us... at age 40, we don't care what they think of us... at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." - **Ann Landers**

"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone."- **Andy Rooney**

"Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative." – **Maurice Chevalier**

"Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician." - **Anonymous**



Stay well and have a wonderful, healthy, and productive summer.

Rick Pascal, Editor

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.

One Last Thing – It would be greatly appreciated after each month's General Meeting that you please make sure you discard any coffee cups, plastic bottles and paper wrappers in in the appropriate receptacles in the church auditorium. Thank you.

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