

Hobbyists General Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2024

The December birthday slide is being displayed as members arrived. 27 Hobbyists have birthdays in December, including 5 lifetime members (Robert Paoli, John Butler, Daniel Wolf, John Gilpatrick, Harold B. Conant). No Hobbyist is celebrating a birthday today.

Meeting called to order by President Mark Singer at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Paoli who reminded all of the upcoming Pearl Harbor Day-December 7th.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Engelhardt

- CD interest \$147.00 per month
- Recap of annual account activity-135 checks written, 37 trips to bank, 192 deposits and 1,346 checks deposited.
- Also stated, always remember and never forget December 7th.
- Wished Happy Birthday to Bob Paoli (90) and Ted Wagner (82).

Membership – Bob Mosher

- We currently have 420 members, 72 are Lifetime. There were 77 members present.

Constant Contact Update - Ed Daly

- The firm which manages Constant Contact has been hacked. Therefore, they are establishing a new protocol to set up user ID's and passwords. Contact Ed Daly for further details.

Holiday Dinner Dance – Bill Healy

- Dinner dance is scheduled for December 9th at Seasons. Presently 160 people will be attending. Can still sign up to attend and provide \$215.00 check at party.

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

- Beer Appreciation – Rick Rosenthal
 - Next gathering is scheduled for December 12th at Five Dimes Brewery in Westwood. Time to be announced.
- Book Club – Peter Philip
 - No meeting in December 2024.
 - Next meeting Friday, January 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Church Library. The book to be reviewed will be “Moscow X A Novel” by David McCloskey. Hobbyist Michael Riff will lead the discussion.
- Movie Lovers—Dick Oswald
 - No meeting in December 2024.
 - Next meeting scheduled for January 25, 2025 in Senior Lounge of the Ridgewood Village Hall. The movie will be “The Verdict”, starring Paul Newman, Charlotte Rampling and James Mason. (1982-125minutes).
- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown and Walter Perog

- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 19th 2024 at 10:00AM in the Church Auditorium. The presentation will be “ Big Choral Masterpieces”. Presented by Water Perog and Jim McKeown.
- Newsletter – Rick Pascal
 - Year end Newsletter will be published in mid-December. Activity Chairman kindly forward your Committee reports no later than December 11, 2024 to Rick Pascal and Bill Carbone. Feel free to include appropriate photos and any updates to emails and phone numbers.
- ROMEO – Cliff Matthews
 - Next luncheon is scheduled for December 20, 2024 at Fiona (118 Godwin Ave, Midland Park 201-857-5800) at noon. Call Cliff no later than noon on December 18th to reserve your seat.
- **Presidents Report** - Mark Singer
 - Steve Friedman’s daughter Jennifer got engaged. Congrats to Jennifer, Steve and his family.
- **Passing of the Gavel Ceremony** was emceed by Peter Weinstein who thanked all Past Presidents for their service. The Giant Gavel was passed by these Past Presidents who were present:
 John Kilpatrick 2001---Bob Paoli 2006---Bill Carbone 2009---John Butler 2010---
 Giancarlo Bisone 2012---Mike Doherty 2013---Bob Stevenson 2014---Joe Burns 2015---
 Syd Robertson 2017---Rich Edelman 2018---Ed Daly 2019---Don Togneri 2020---
 Cliff Matthews 2021---Bill Healy 2022---Bob Mosher 2023---Mark Singer 2024---
 Incoming President, Don Peterfriend
- **Remarks President Don Peterfriend** (excerpts from Don’s speech)

“I consider it an honor to serve as President of the Hobbyists Unlimited for 2025. I want to thank you for the trust you have in me to help run the club. Most importantly, after reviewing the voting for President, I want to thank the ONE and only person who voted for me.

I can’t say enough about the past Presidents who showed up today for the Passing of the Gavel Ceremony. These gentlemen have devoted their time and energy to making our club the special organization that it is. It is my fervent hope that I can carry on the tradition of excellence these past Presidents have set.

Your officers for the coming year are: Peter Weinstein, 1st Vice President; Steve Friedman, 2nd Vice President; Chuck Woehrl, Secretary; Lew Dickerson, FPC Rep and our Treasurer for Life, Gary Englehardt.

I’m quite certain that you are all aware of just how special Hobbyists Unlimited is. At our age, where else can you go to have the length and breadth of activities our group has to offer. Not only that, but if you find the need to start a new activity you can easily do so. Not one of our members is ever excluded from an of our activities. You can choose to participate in an activity or decide not to participate in an activity. I certainly would urge you to get involved in the activities we have to offer. You will be glad you participated.

Lastly, and most importantly, is the spirit of fellowship we provide for each other. Where else can you go to meet and have almost 450 men care about you like our group does? You cannot buy the spirit of fellowship and friendship the Hobbyists provides.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns to any and all matters pertaining to Hobbyist Unlimited.

I thank you all for listening and wish all of you the happiest and healthiest for the New Year.”

Other Business

- None.

The business meeting concluded at 9:30AM.

Today’s program: Holiday songs by the Ridgewood High School Carolers.

Respectfully submitted by, Chuck Woehrle, Executive Secretary