

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2018

Rich Edelman called the meeting to order at 10:04 am

Officers attending: Rich Edelman (Pres.) Ed Daly (1st VP) Don Togneri (2nd VP), John Pensec (Treasurer) and Bill Healy (Sec.)

Ron Weiscarger led the Pledge of Allegiance

Opening remarks and Announcements

Don Togneri made remarks about Volunteer opportunities that exist in the Hobbyists, in addition to Habitat for Humanity and AARP Tax Assistance. Through Hobbyist Volunteer Services members will be able to volunteer at Eva's Kitchen in Paterson, either physically or with contributions. Don also commented that 22 members had already signed up to participate. Thank you to Don for initiating these new volunteer opportunities.

A Financial audit has been initiated. Digby Wertz is the Auditor.

Thank you to all the Club Chairmen, as well as activity and event leaders and organizers.

Passing of the Gavel

As is traditional at the December meeting, the Presidents gavel was passed from outgoing President Rich Edelman to new President Ed Daly. Maureen Ashe (daughter of former President Bill Ashe) was in attendance for the ceremony and George Skau made the opening remarks. The following former Presidents participated : John Gilpatrick(2001) Bill Comis(2004) Bob Paoli(2006) Bob Morris(2007) Bill Carbone(2009) John Butler(2010) Bob Norelli(2011) Giancarlo Bisone(2012) Mike Doherty(2013) Bob Stevenson(2014) Joe Burns(2015) Jim Sutherland(2016) Syd Robertson(2017) and Rich Edelman(2018)

Programs – Ed Daly

After the December meeting the Ridgewood High School Chorale did their usual great job performing seasonal songs.

Membership – Ed Lundell

There were no new members inducted at the December meeting because of the Presidential ceremony..

There are 445 members, 161 are in attendance at today's meeting.

Financial Report : John Pensec

<u>Date</u>	<u>Active Int. Groups</u>	<u>Trips & Tours</u>	<u>Opening Bal.</u>	<u>Ending Bal</u>
12/1/2018	\$13,987.51	\$14,726.63	\$36,153.70	\$33,084.46

Hobbyists Concerned – Alan Stein

Hank Weber was released from rehab. Bill Pursley has entered acute rehab.

Activities Reports

Dance Committee – Bill Healy

The Hobbyist Holiday dance will be Monday, December 17 at Seasons in Washington Township, \$140 per couple. Interested Hobbyists should contact Ed Daly, Bill Healy or Phil Almeida to register. Currently about 300 signed up.

Music Lovers – Jim McKeown

The next meeting will be Friday, December 7 in the church chapel. The program will be “Boogie Woogie”

Public Affairs – George Mackay

The next Public Affairs meeting will be in January.

Bridge – Rick Pascal

The club meets every Thursday at 11:45 at the back of the church auditorium. The competition is divided into 6 month increments and prizes are awarded to the winners. The Quentin Wiest trophy will be awarded to Raj Mehta and Ed Zelhof.

Military History – Tom Heed

The next meeting will be held in January 2019 and the February 2019 meeting will be a discussion on the Chinese Military.

Trips and Tours – Ray Cheesman

There is still room on trips planned for 2019 to St.Louis and Norway.

Ed Daly adjourned the meeting at 10:45AM

