

Hobbyists Membership Meeting – January 11, 2018

Minutes of Meeting

President Rich Edelman opened the meeting at 10:00AM.

Officers Present:

Rich Edelman – President; Ed Daly – 1st Vice President; Don Togneri – 2nd Vice President; John Pensec – Treasurer

Secretary - Joe Burns, substituting for Joe Shannon

Salute to the Flag – Led by Wayne Lemme

Announcements – Rich Edelman

- Bill Flynn will chair the Investors Club; a replacement is being sought for Warren Boroson who has chaired the Music Club for many years; and, an Assistant Chairman for the Public Affairs Club is being sought, to work with George Mackey, the Chairman.
- Hobbyist Sunday will be on Sunday, January 14. The service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, where the Hobbyists meet, at 10 AM. All Hobbyists are encouraged to attend. There will be refreshments after the service.
- The Fellowship Luncheon will be on Thursday, April 19th, at 12 Noon, in the church auditorium. The cost is \$10. Dave Smilon is coordinating the luncheon and will begin collecting money at the Hobbyist February meeting.
- We have need for a member to take on the job of turning on, adjusting, and turning off the audio speakers at the monthly meeting.
- We plan to reactivate the role of Hobbyist Historian and are seeking a Hobbyist interested in handling this assignment.

Programs – Ed Daly

- Today's speaker is Philip Decyk, a residency counselor from Vista, a division of Christian Health Care, in Wyckoff. Philip will discuss the kinds of information older individuals need to think about, and look into, when considering housing options from independent living to skilled nursing facilities.
- The speaker for our February meeting will be Chris Stout, Ridgewood resident, historian, and author. He will discuss people of note who are buried in Ridgewood's cemeteries.

Membership – Ed Lundell

Attendance at today's meeting is 99, and Hobbyist total membership is 440. Life membership – Hobbyists who no longer pay dues because they have reached the age of 90 – is 35. John Cobianchi, whose birthday is this month, is the latest add to this notable group.

New members inducted today are:

- Fred Kowal, sponsored by Peter Weinstein
- Frank Mikos, sponsored by Mike McAndrews
- Bill Meehan, sponsored by Jim Angus
- Rich Rosenberg, sponsored by Bernard Davidson
- Irwin Berkowitz, sponsored by Elliot Ratchik

Treasurer's Report – John Pensec

Monies accrued for the payment of expenses in connection with various Hobbyist interest groups (e.g. Golf, Tennis, Bowling, etc.) is \$13, 709.72, and for various trips & tours, \$5,694.40.

Hobbyists Concerned – Peter Philip

William Carhart (age 97) and Tom Shea (age 78) died during the last month. Betty Benedict, long-time companion of the late Hobbyist Bob James, also passed away.

Two Hobbyists, Dave Shaw and George Parowski, had surgery. We are pleased to see that Dave is in attendance at this meeting. George is still in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Activities Reports

While It is our practice to omit from the minutes activity reports about events that are well covered in the activities section of the Hobbyist web site two, Bridge and the Book Club will be covered here.

- Book Club – Pete Seibel: Meeting at 10:00 AM, Friday, Jan 19, in the church library. The book to be discussed “Germs, Guns, and Steel”.
- Bridge – Rick Pascal: The club has 24 active players, and meets on Thursdays, at 12 Noon, in the church’s “year-round” room at the rear of the auditorium. The format is rubber bridge. Players at all bridge skill levels are welcome.
- Lively Widowers – Bill Healy: The next meeting of the club will be on January 17th, at Lemoncello’s Restaurant, Waldwick – at 1:00PM.
- Military History – Tom Heed:
 - o The January meeting will be in the church auditorium, Monday, January 22nd, at 2:00PM. Hobbyist Charlie Calott will discuss his experiences in China during WWII. Charlie’s duties included accompanying U.S. General George C. Marshall, Chinese Nationalist General Chiang Kai-shek, and Communist leader Mao Zedong.
 - o At the February meeting Hobbyist Wayne Lemme, decorated helicopter gun-ship pilot, will discuss advancements in military helicopter design and capabilities.
 - o Efforts are being made to have a guided visit to the aircraft carrier Intrepid this Spring.

Music Lovers – The January 12th meeting is cancelled.

Science & Technology – Elliot Ratchik

This month’s meeting is on Wednesday, January 17th, at 2:00 PM, in the church auditorium. New Hobbyist member Irwin Berkowitz MD will discuss the use of algorithms in medicine.

Check the Hobbyist website for information on other topics to be covered at this meeting.

Wine Makers –

Rich Edelman reported that the club will go to Tinton Falls on Tuesday, January 16th to rack the wine they are making. Meet at Graydon Pool parking lot at 9:00AM.

Public Affairs – Ed Houlihan:

The next meeting will be at 2:00PM, Monday, January 29th, in the church auditorium. The topic is the Geopolitical Global Outlook for 2018. Ed will lead the discussion examining the 2018 outlook for the United States as it relates to its policies with China, Russia, Iran, Europe, North Korea, and the Middle East. Members are encouraged to research the issues and be prepared to engage in a constructive discussion exercising critical thinking skills. The program is a discussion, not a lecture or a debate – and members are asked to leave their politics at the door. An agenda will be issued during the week before the meeting.

Trips & Tours – Bob Paoli:

Bob reported that the following trips organized by Ray Cheesman are on the 2018 schedule: Ocean City, Md. (June); various cities in Texas (October); Viking Caribbean cruise (December). Members should take the time to thank Ray for his efforts when they see or talk with him.

Bob said that the trip he has organized – Woodloch Pines – is scheduled for September. Two-thirds of the rooms are booked. If you are interested, contact Bob asap.

Dinner/Dances – Ed Daly:

The Spring Dinner/Dance will be held on Monday, May 7th. The price is \$130 per couple. We are seeking a “Theme” for the dance. Members with ideas for this should contact Ed Daly.



New Members and Their Sponsors



Philip Desyck - Speaker