

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2018

Rich Edelman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Officers Attending: Rich Edelman (President), Ed Daly (1st VP), Don Togneri (2nd VP), John Pensec (Treasurer), and Joe Shannon (Sect.)

Tom Desmond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Remarks and Announcements: Rich Edelman

When you park in the Church parking lot, be sure to place the Hobbyist sign on your dashboard. Otherwise you may be towed.

There are open vacancies for chairmen for the following clubs: Music Lovers, Fishing, and Public Affairs. In addition we need a back up for the audio system. Contact Rich if you are interested in any of these positions

The Club is in the process of forming an Archives committee.

See Joe Burns if your picture is not in the Club roster. He will provide a portrait photo for the roster.

When there is a need to cancel a club meeting, it is important for the Club to send out emails to all participants. Therefore, that club's chairman should contact Don Togneri as soon as possible to report cancellations.

Programs: Ed Daly

After today's meeting Hobbyist Joe Suplicki and his wife, Peggy Norris, will give a lecture on Camp Merritt in Cresskill. One hundred years ago it was an important, busy place.

Next month Pat Schuber will give a lecture on the US entry into World War I.

Membership: Ed Lundell

Four new members were inducted at today's meeting. They were: Phil Ceppaglia (sponsored by Ron Weiscarger), Wayne Latawiec (sponsored by Ray Cheesman), Robert Pickert (sponsored by Bob Mosher) ,and Richard Gentile (sponsored by Paul Fazio).

There are 430 Hobbyist members. 123 are in attendance at today's meeting.

Len Cheringal became a Life Member this month.

Financial Report John Pensec

<u>Date</u>	<u>Active Int. Groups</u>	<u>Trips & Tours</u>	<u>YTD Inc.</u>	<u>YTDexp</u>
2/28/18	\$16,277	\$7,411	\$20,070	\$7,553

Hobbyists Concerned: Alan Stein

Jim Schwick had back surgery. Currently he is in Englewood Hospital. He will be there for several before going to Christian Health Care for rehab. He requests no visitors.

Event Reports

50 have signed up for the St. Patrick's Day lunch, 65 for the Fellowship Luncheon on April 19, and 160 or so for Dinner Dance on May 7.

Activity Reports

Club chairmen should email updated information about their groups' activities to Giancarlo Bisone prior to the end of the month so he can put it on the Hobbyist website.

Three activity chairmen gave reports in which the information is on the Hobbyists' website. In keeping with what was decided when the website was activated, their verbal reports are not included in these minutes. The chairmen from the **Movie Lovers, Book, and Science & Technology** clubs gave such reports.

Bocce – Roger DuBroff

Attendance has been good. The club may need an outdoor facility with two courts this summer.

Bowling – Charlie Tuch

The club has completed the first half of the season. It welcomes new members.

Bridge – Rick Pascal

The club is planning to organize a pinnacle club.

Camera Club – Joe Burns

The club is currently running a photo contest. Hobbyists can cast their votes for best photos on the website. There are 54 photos to choose from. You pick your favorite three photos.

Golf – Paul Fazio

90 have registered for this season.

There is one opening for the AC trip May 15-17.
Hobbyist's golf shirts are available at \$20 each.
Stay tuned to the website to keep up with what is going on.

Habitant for Humanity – Rich Edelman

Work in Washington Township has not started. It is expected to start in late April.
Members can work in Paterson on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Investors Club – Bill Flynn

This month's speaker will be Art Gilman. He will talk about the new income tax bill and how it affects you.

Military History – Bob Paoli

This month's speaker will be Charles Collata. He will talk about experiences during WWII.

Tennis – Dick Oswald

Outdoor tennis will start when the weather is better. Indoor tennis continues.

Trips & Tours – Ray Cheesman

26 have signed up for the Ocean City trip June 10-13. There is room for more.

22 people have signed up for the Texas trip Oct. 15-24.

28 people have made reservations for the Viking Caribbean cruise Dec. 27, 2018 to Jan. 3, 2019.

All trips are open to friends and family. Complete details are on the website.

Rich Edelman adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.



Induction of 4 new members



Joe Suplicki and Peggy Norris giving presentation on Camp Merritt