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Be sure to visit the website where the Roster of Members and additional information on most activities can be found, along with the full version of this Newsletter.

Parking Violations Must End

At least one Hobbyist parked in a spot reserved for Ridgewood High School students in the Church lot at our recent membership meeting. This was more than a small inconvenience as one student was forced to park his car in a lot near Graydon Pool and was late for school during exam week. Imagine how angry and stressed the student was! The High School comes down hard on the Church when this happens.

Every meeting notice makes it very clear that parking for Hobbyists is only available in white lines marked “CH” located in the middle of the lot, and the Hobbyists sign must be displayed. No other spots are available, including unnumbered spots and those on the perimeter of the lot.

We will not allow the actions of a few inconsiderate Hobbyists to jeopardize our relationship with the Church or the Ridgewood Police when it comes to street parking. We support the Church towing cars parked in spots reserved for the students, which will be at the expense of the owner.

Rich Edeleman, President

New Members:

- **Bill Balcerski**, 8 Brittany Ct., Ramsey. His wife is Chris. Hiking, Investments, Music, Tennis.
- **Joao Martins**, 37 Bedford Pl., Ramsey. His wife is Sonia. Books, Bridge, Camera, Computer, Investments, Italian, Movies, Science & Technology, Winemakers.

Activities:

Archives (Joe Suplicki, jssuplicki@aol.com, (201) 316-3262)

Audio (Pat Mulry, 201-447-5389, patrick.mulry@yahoo.com) An assistant is needed. Contact Pat.

Bocce (Roger DuBroff, 201-327-7014, dubroffr@yahoo.com) Friday at 9:00 a.m. at Waldwick Boro Park. Join us and have lots of fun.

Book Club (Alan Stein 447-4235, stampmaven1@verizon.net, Peter Philip 666-0105) 3rd Friday, 10:00 a.m., at the Church.

Bowling (Charlie Tuch, 973-636-9211, clt976@optonline.net, Don Peterfriend, 201-739-8672, dpeterfriend@yahoo.com, John Pensec, 447-1317, jpensec@optonline.net, Mike Doherty, 447-4625, mikedoh@aol.com, Gary Don, 574-3506, garydon@verizon.net) Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. at Bowlero Lanes, Fair Lawn.

Bridge (Rick Pascal, 201-791-9526 and Jim Deaver, 201-666-2066) Thursdays, 11:45 a.m., in the East Room of the Church. Play concludes at approximately 4:00p.m. Some 21 players of the 37-member roster are active participants. Newcomers are welcome.

Art Rock is atop the most recent leaderboard with 91 points, followed by Ed Zelhof (88); Raj Mehta (83); Ken Herr (68), and Jim Deaver (58).

Camera (Giancarlo Bisone, 201- 644-8844, gbisone@optonline.net) 1st Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. at the Church. Twenty-one members of the Camera Club will be exhibiting their work at the Ridgewood Public Library during the month of November. Lou Karcher is coordinating the activity.

Steve Basch	Irwin Berkowitz	Giancarlo Bisone	Joe Burns
Bill Carbone	Ed Collins	Lou Dickinson	Mel Flanzman
Tom Heed	James Hildreth	Ara Hourdajian	Lou Karcher
Al Kunz	Bob Norelli	Bill Raferty	Elliot Ratchik
Syd Robertson	Jack Rosenberg	Vincent Scauzzo	Jerry Schott
	Paul Woodburn		

Dinner Dances (Ed Daly (201-447-4603, eddaly386@yahoo.com; Phil Almeida, 201-445-9935 phil1231@optonline.net; Bill Healy, 201-652-5868 whealy3741@aol.com). Fall Dinner Dance will be Monday, October 15, at Seasons. Check the web site for updates.

Fishing (Gene Boyle, 862-377-9016, gbrealty@optonline.net)

Golf (Paul Fazio, 201-445-3426, faz90@optonline.net) The recent Hobbyists win at the Apple Green Golf Course in New Paltz, NY against rival Activities Unlimited highlights another successful season. Twenty-seven golfers brought home the trophy for the third consecutive year by a 6½ to 5½ score played in extremely hot weather. The club championship tournament is set for September 25, and the season concludes with a luncheon November 1. Currently there are a record-high 90 golfers registered.



Gourmet Cooking Group (Jim McKeown, 201-327-3411, jimmckeown@optonline.net)

Habitat For Humanity (Paterson, **Rich Edelman**, 201- 973-427-7647, edelmanr@optonline.net ; **Ed Daly** 201-447-4603, cell 201- 960-7069, eddaly386@yahoo.com) Hobbyists volunteers continue to provide key support to both the Bergen and Paterson units of Habitat for Humanity.

Hiking (Ed Collins, 201-445-5158, edward5158@aol.com)

Hobbyaires (Joe Hovan 201-445-6708)

Hobbyists Concerned (Peter Philip 201-666-0105) If you are on the e-mail list, most communications, illnesses, hospital stays, and deaths will be reported to you through an e-mail message. Those without e-mail will receive a phone call. If you prefer to be on the calling list rather than notified by e-mail, contact **Joe Savitscus**, 201-661-8469.

Investments – (Bill Flynn, 917-693-1469, williamaflynn@gmail.com) All meetings of the Investment Group meet at 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at the church.

Italian Club (Don Togneri, 201-445-0679, dtogneri@yahoo.com). Meetings are on the second and fourth Thursdays, 1:00 p.m., at the church. A “Basic” group will meet at 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday.

Jazz Bunch (Bob Stevenson at 201-615-1202, robtstevenson@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. If you are interested in joining, please contact Bob Stevenson.

Lively Widowers (Vince Campione, 201-505-4870, vcamp12345@aol.com , Bill Healy, 201-652-5868, whealy3741@aol.com) The luncheons are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

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

Membership (Ed Lundell , 201-857-1992, lundeoo@gmail.com , Rich Szigety, 201-445-5895, zig284@optonline.net, Steve Hochman, 201- 424-9701, shochman@gmail.com).

Military History Club (Tom Heed, 845-534-8695) 3rd Monday of each month at the Church.

Bob Paoli, Commander, Ridgewood American Legion, will be conducting an Honor and Remember service for Ridgewood community Gold Star Families on Sunday, September 30, at Van Neste Square starting at 7:00 p.m.

There will also be a service for Veterans Day on Sunday, November 11, at 2:00 p.m. at Van Neste Square.

There will be a week long exhibit titled *Story of Americas Spirit* at The Bethlehem Lutheran Church located at 155 Linwood Ave., Ridgewood. It is open to the public at no charge and the exhibit will be there from Monday, November 12, thru Sunday, November 18. The exhibit shows Americas engagement in all the wars from Revolutionary to the present War on Terror including 9/11. Exhibit hours are from 10:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Movie Lovers (Dick Oswald, 201-447-4053, ddoswald@verizon.net) Movie Lovers usually meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., at the Village Hall, ground floor. There is a discussion period at each film showing.

Music Lovers (Jim McKeown, 201-327-3411, jimmckeown@optonline.net) 2nd Friday, 10:00 a.m. at the Church.

Pinochle (Bill Flynn, 917-693-1469, williamaflynn@gmail.com) The Pinochle club now will have two chances to play cards. We have established a group gathering to play Double Deck Pinochle at the club house at 8 Tamaron Dr. Waldwick, NJ on Mondays from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m..

We will also be playing at the Church on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. We will teach anyone to play the game in all the variations.

There is also an interest in the game of Hearts. Anyone looking for a chance to play during this time period, please contact me by phone or email. 917-693-1469 williamaflynn@gmail.com

Poker (Paul Levin 201-444-7729, Dan Wolf 201-825-7769)

Public Affairs (George Mackey, gfmjd@aol.com, 201-445-3777; Dom Casulli 201-261-4991) 2nd Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., Church Auditorium.

ROMEO (Cliff Matthews, 201-447-9040, mrmcem@optonline.net), ROMEO meets at different moderately priced BYO places on the third Friday of the month and is a pleasant way to meet and socialize with fellow Hobbyists.

Science and Technology (Elliot Ratchik, 914-420-4330, eratchik@gmail.com) 3rd Wednesday, 2:00 p.m., Church auditorium.

Tennis (Dick Oswald, 201-447-4053, ddoswald@verizon.net, George Shabet , 201-444-8492, jonhoz@aol.com)

Extended Trips And Tours (Ray Cheesman, 201-652-9372, raycheesman@yahoo.com)

An exciting program for 2018-19 features five excursions. Given that two of the trips have already sold out (Texas and The Viking Turquoise Caribbean Cruise), Hobbyists are urged to sign up soon for the remaining programs.

- A two-day visit to Newport, Rhode Island December 8-9 that features tours of The Elms Mansion, The Vanderbilt Breakers Mansion, and The Marble House—all decorated for the Holidays.
- July 27-August 5, 2019, a ten-day tour includes a seven-night Louisville to St. Louis river cruise on the Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers aboard the first All-Suite Paddle Wheeler. Ports of call in Kentucky include Brandenburg, Owensboro and Paducah; Chester, Illinois, and Cape Girardeau and St. Louis in Missouri. Tours of the Kentucky Derby Museum and Churchill Downs; Abraham Lincoln's birthplace; Louisville Slugger Museum; the St. Louis Arch, and much more, is planned. For reservations on Rhode Island and St. Louis River Cruise trips, contact Group Tours at (973) 513-9001.
- Beginning August 2, 2019 a 15-day Grand Circle tour includes stops in Helsinki, Finland, Lapland and the Norwegian Fjords aboard a Norwegian Coastal Voyage ship. The tour ends in Oslo, Norway on August 16, 2019. Call Grand Circle Travel at (800) 597-2452, option 2, and mention the Hobbyists Group Code GGG9-900. Complete details for all programs are posted on the website. For further information, contact Ray Cheesman at (201) 652-9372.

Trips & Tours (Bob Sayegh, 201-670-6010, bobsay14@gmail.com)

Volunteer Services - Sunday Morning Newspaper Distribution at Valley Hospital – We need volunteers to deliver Sunday newspapers one Sunday a month, two hours in the morning from 8:30 to 10:30. Two guys working together is fun and the satisfaction allowing the patients to get their newspapers is worth the couple hours a month. Please contact **Dave Smilon** at 201-573-0887.

Walking (Pete Seibel, 201-573-8350, peterams@aol.com) The group walks the Saddle River bike path every Thursday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. from the Duck Pond in Ridgewood.

The Walking Group walks 52 weeks a year weather permitting.

Wine Appreciation Group –WAG: (Bob Stevenson, 201-615-1202, robtstevenson@hotmail.com)

Wine Making (Paul Richert, 201-967-1347 or prichert@optonline.net)

Monthly Presentations

September: *Judah P. Benjamin: The Jewish Confederate* was the topic of interest following the September General meeting. Presented by James Devine, a retired high school history teacher and a lecturer at Bergen Community College, Benjamin held key positions in the Confederacy, including Secretary of State and Secretary of War.

Prior to the Civil War, Benjamin served as a United States Senator from Louisiana. After Louisiana seceded from the Union, he moved to Richmond after CSA President Jefferson Davis named him Attorney General. Benjamin entered Yale College at age 14, but left without graduating. He became an authority in commercial law, which served him well in New Orleans' busy port.

Benjamin was the first Jew to be elected to the U.S. Senate who had not renounced his faith, and was the first to hold a cabinet position in North America.

The lecture also highlighted key events during the Civil War. Benjamin fled after the defeat of the South and became a noted English barrister.

Hobbyists are encouraged to attend lectures from 11:00 to 12 noon that follow the General Meeting.

Special Event



The NY Mets have been having trouble this year. They sent a representative to visit with Hobbyist Bob Paoli to see if he could offer any suggestions.

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.

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