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<http://www.hobbyists-unlimited.com>

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:

**Phil Ceppaglia**, 300 Wales Ave., River Edge. His wife is Mary. Bocce, Books, Bowling, Camera, Fishing, Military History, Movies, Music, Tennis, Winemakers.

**Paul Daniele**, 695 Bergen Blvd, Ridgefield. Bocce, Computer, Investments, Italian.

**John DiSalvo**, 42 Bradford St., Glen Rock. His wife is Maria. Bocce, Golf.

**Russ Forenza**, 228 Emmett Pl., Ridgewood. His wife is Carole. Investments, Military History, Poker, Public Affairs, ROMEO, Science & Technology, Walking.

**Rick Gentile**, 97 Colonial Rd., Midland Park. His wife is Joanne. Golf, Habitat, Hiking, Investments, Walking, Winemakers.

**Joe Giglietta**, 24 Split Rock Rd., North Haledon. His wife is Dorothy. Bowling, Camera, Fishing, Golf, Investments, Italian, Poker, Winemakers.

**Tom Haring**, 59 Sleepy Hollow Rd. Wayne. His wife is Rita.

**Wayne Latawiec**, 548 Hobart Rd., Paramus. His wife is Rosemary. Bowling, Golf, Hiking, Investments, Public Affairs, Tennis, Walking.

**Len Manis**, 276 McKinley Blvd., Paramus. His wife is Danielle. Bowling, Golf, Hiking, Tennis.

**Charlie Mulkeen**, 77 Kent Rd., Glen Rock. His wife is Joan. Camera, Golf, Habitat, Hiking.

**Robert Pickert**, 140 Morton Dr., Ramsey. His wife is Patricia. Golf, Hiking, Investments, Movies, Poker.

**Ray Rubin**, 4305 Warrens Way, Wanaque. Books, Hiking, Investments, Lively Widowers, Movies, Music, Poker, Public Affairs, ROMEO, Science & Technology, Walking.

**Vincent Scauzzo**, 56 North Monroe, Ridgewood. His wife is Josephine. Habitat, Hiking, Italian, Science & Technology.

**Mike Zaritsky**, 42-11 Union St., Fair Lawn. Books, Hiking, Investments, Movies, Tennis.

There are **438** Hobbyist members.

#### **Activities:**

**Archives** (Joe Suplicki, [jssuplicki@aol.com](mailto:jssuplicki@aol.com), (201) 316-3262)

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

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

**Book Club** (Alan Stein 447-4235, [stampmaven1@verizon.net](mailto:stampmaven1@verizon.net), Peter Philip 666-0105) 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 10:00 a.m., at the Church.

**Bowling** (Charlie Tuch, 973-636-9211, [clt976@optonline.net](mailto:clt976@optonline.net), Don Peterfriend, 201-739-8672, [dpeterfriend@yahoo.com](mailto:dpeterfriend@yahoo.com), John Pensec, 447-1317, [jpensec@optonline.net](mailto:jpensec@optonline.net), Mike Doherty, 447-4625, [mikedoh@aol.com](mailto:mikedoh@aol.com), Gary Don, 574-3506, [garydon@verizon.net](mailto: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.

After 19 weeks of play, **Raj Mehta** is top scorer, followed by **James Hildreth**, **Jim Deaver**, **Jim Angus** and **Rick Pascal** and **Bob Yampell** (tie).

**Camera** (Giancarlo Bisone, 201- 644-8844, [gbisone@optonline.net](mailto:gbisone@optonline.net) ) 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. at the Church.

**Dinner Dances** (Ed Daly (201-447-4603, [eddaly386@yahoo.com](mailto:eddaly386@yahoo.com); Phil Almeida, 201-445-9935 [phil1231@optonline.net](mailto:phil1231@optonline.net); Bill Healy, 201-652-5868 [whealy3741@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:gbrealty@optonline.net))

**Golf** (Paul Fazio, 201-445-3426, [faz90@optonline.net](mailto:faz90@optonline.net))



The golfers enjoyed another trip to Atlantic City. Not much golf, but lots of fun.

**Gourmet Cooking Group (Jim McKeown, 201-327-3411, jimmmckeown@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](mailto: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](mailto:edward5158@aol.com))**



The Hikers recently were at Doodletown, an abandoned village in New York. The Hikers also visited The High Line in New York City, followed by lunch at Eataly.

**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](mailto:williamaflynn@gmail.com))** All meetings of the Investment Group meet at 2:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month the church.

**Italian Club (Don Togneri, 201-445-0679, [dtogneri@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:vcamp12345@aol.com) , Bill Healy, 201-652-5868, [whealy3741@aol.com](mailto:whealy3741@aol.com))** The luncheons are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

**Lunch Bunch (Bob Sayegh, 201-670-6010, [bobsay14@gmail.com](mailto:bobsay14@gmail.com)).**



**Membership** (Ed Lundell , 201-857-1992, [lundeeo@gmail.com](mailto:lundeeo@gmail.com) , Rich Szigety, 201-445-5895, [zig284@optonline.net](mailto:zig284@optonline.net), Steve Hochman, 201- 424-9701, [shochman@gmail.com](mailto:shochman@gmail.com) ).

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



Twenty-three Hobbyists took a tour of the Intrepid, organized by Military History Director **Tom Heed** (l.) seen here with former Navy officer **Ed Collins**.

**Movie Lovers** (**Dick Oswald**, 201-447-4053, [ddoswald@verizon.net](mailto:ddoswald@verizon.net) ) Movie Lovers usually meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** (Vacancy - contact President Edelman if interested) 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 10:00 a.m. at the Church.

**Pinochle** ( **Bill Flynn**, 917-693-1469, [williamaflynn@gmail.com](mailto:williamaflynn@gmail.com) ) We gathered in a private home and played for a few hours and enjoyed remembering the game. It was a review of rusty concepts.

Now we are planning to start a group that will play regularly. In order to create a club, I am willing to do a clinic to bring everyone up to speed and teach others who might want to learn the game from scratch.

Please call me at 917-693-1469 if you have an interest and leave a message.

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

**Public Affairs** (**George Mackey**, [gfmjd@aol.com](mailto:gfmjd@aol.com), 201-445-3777; **Dom Casulli** 201-261-4991) 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., Church Auditorium.

**ROMEO** (**Cliff Matthews**, 201-447-9040, [mrmcem@optonline.net](mailto: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](mailto:eratchik@gmail.com)) 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 2:00 p.m., Church auditorium.

## Spring Presentations

America's role in World War I, senior citizens fraud, and a sailing voyage around the world were the topics this spring at presentations following the general meetings.

Pat Schuber's talk in April on "The U.S. Enters the Great War 1917-18" was an interesting look back on the cause of the conflict and the run-up to our entry after Germany resumed its unrestricted submarine warfare in February 2017.

Using slides and graphs that highlighted events like the assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the sinking of the Lusitania, and the Presidential Election of Woodrow Wilson in 1916, Schuber's presentation also featured new instruments of war like tanks and airplanes, cultural trends such as women in the workforce and major personalities like George Marshall, Douglass MacArthur, George Patton, and Dwight Eisenhower, all of whom would subsequently emerge as leaders during World War II.

In May, Hobbyist Steve Mercer and colleagues Denis Niland and Melissa Carroll from the Department of Public Safety of the Division of Consumer Affairs provided members with a bevy of helpful tips to protect seniors from fraud. They identified laws and policies that cover refunds, gift cards, furniture delivery, product assembly, home improvement, and towing, urging consumers to "do your homework" before purchasing a product or signing a contract. The Department works with local authorities and the State Police when investigating complaints from consumers.

The final presentation this spring was Ken Bardon's fascinating talk in June on "Sailing Around the World—A Lifetime Dream Realized." He discussed his self-financed trip of almost three years on his 52' boat that made long stops at places like Tahiti and Australia. Preparation was key—from providing an adequate medical inventory to stocking up on food that had to last as long as four months on open seas. In all, he had as many as 57 different crew members as they made their way through the Panama Canal and island hopping in the South Pacific.

His trip fulfilled his "bucket list" years in the planning, and allowed him to "smell the roses" by meeting many wonderful people along the way.

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

**Extended Trips And Tours (Ray Cheesman, 201-652-9372, [raycheesman@yahoo.com](mailto:raycheesman@yahoo.com))**

For 2018 we have three Extended Trips with space available. Complete details are posted on the Hobbyists website. These trips are open to friends and family.

Plans are in place for four upcoming tours this Fall and in 2019.

- A 10-day Texas tour of San Antonio–Dallas–Austin–Galveston and Fort Worth will take place October 15-24, 2018. The cost includes round trip transportation to Texas from Newark Liberty Airport. In addition to city tours, the trip includes visits to two horse ranches; the University of Texas campus in Austin; a boat ride along the Riverfront in San Antonio; an offshore drilling rig; the Johnson Space Center and more.
- A two-day tour of Newport, Rhode Island takes place December 8-9, 2018. Plans call for visits to The Vanderbilt Breakers Mansion, the Elms Mansion, and the Marble House.
- A holiday Viking Turquoise Caribbean Cruise is set for December 27, 2018 –January 3, 2019. Visits to Key West, the Mayan Pyramids in Belize, archaeological sites in Cozumel, Mexico and more are planned.
- July 27–August 5, a 10-day tour includes a Louisville to St. Louis river cruise on the Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland rivers aboard the All-Suite Paddle Wheeler. Stops are in Lexington, Kentucky Cape Girardeau, Missouri and St. Louis, among others. Tours of the Kentucky Derby Museum and Churchill Downs, Abraham Lincoln's birthplace, and the St. Louis Arch, among others, are planned.

Complete details are posted on the website. For reservations call Group Tours 973-513-9001.

**Trips & Tours (Bob Sayegh, 201-670-6010, [bobsay14@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:robtstevenson@hotmail.com) )

**Wine Making** (**Paul Richert**, 201-967-1347 or [prichert@optonline.net](mailto:prichert@optonline.net) )

**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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