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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.

**New Members:**

- **Edward Dowd**, 241 S. Pleasant Ave., Ridgewood. His wife is Donna. Bocce, Books, Bridge, Fishing, Golf, Habitat, Hiking, Movies, Tennis.
- **Arnie Kronick**, 17 Prospect St., Apt. C, Hackensack. His wife is Iris. Bocce, Bridge, Golf, Habitat, Investments, Music, Public Affairs, Science & Tech.



Sponsor **Roger DuBroff**,  
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**Ido Rossi** and **Ed Dowd**

Apologies for misspelling the name of Lois Stalp in our last newsletter, wife of Hobbyist Walter Sohigian.

**Activities:**

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

**Audio (Bob Mosher, 201-689-9651, [rmosher895@aol.com](mailto:rmosher895@aol.com))** An assistant is needed.

**Bocce (Roger DuBroff, 201-327-7014, [dubroffr@yahoo.com](mailto:dubroffr@yahoo.com))** Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at the Superdome in Waldwick. 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, 201-447-1317, [jpensec@optonline.net](mailto:jpensec@optonline.net), Mike Doherty, 201-447-4625, [mikedoh@aol.com](mailto:mikedoh@aol.com), Gary Don, 201-574-3506, [garydon@verizon.net](mailto:garydon@verizon.net)).** Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. at Bowlero Lanes, Fair Lawn. There is Open Bowling sessions each Monday at 9:00 a.m. at the Montvale Lanes in Montvale, NJ.

**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 4:00 p.m. Some 21 players of the 37-member roster are active participants. Newcomers are welcome.



Congratulations to **Raj Mehta**, high scorer in bridge last season and winner for the second consecutive year of the **Quentin Wiest Trophy**. **Bob Yampell** was second, with **James Hildreth** finishing third.

**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.

**Dances (Bill Healy, ([whealy3741@aol.com](mailto:whealy3741@aol.com) (201) 652-5868), Phil Almeida ([philandiona@gmail.com](mailto:philandiona@gmail.com) (201) 445-9935), or Gary Engelhardt ([garye569@msn.com](mailto:garye569@msn.com) (201) 670-9185).** Mark October 14 on your calendar for the annual October Dinner Dance at Seasons, 644 Pascack Road, Washington Township. This popular event features cocktail hour with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, open bar, a sit-down dinner, and music and dancing. Cost is \$130 couple. Dress is casual or semi-formal. Payments can be mailed to Gary Engelhardt, 569 Cliff Street, Ridgewood, NJ 07450-1829.

**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 Golf committee is **Mike Doherty, Gary Don, Gary Engelhardt, George Giaquinto, Charlie Tuch, Tom Desmond, Paul Richert** and **Bob Norelli**. Golfers were very active this summer with play every Tuesday and

Friday. After three straight wins against Activities Unlimited, the Hobbyists finally lost in a very close and competitive match. The Fall Club Championship is set for September 17, followed by the annual golf luncheon on November 5 at Fiona's in Midland Park. A record 101 registered golfers participated this past season.

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

**Hiking (Ed Collins, 201-445-5158, [edward5158@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:williamaflynn@gmail.com))** All meetings of the Investment Group meet at 2:00 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at the church.

**Italian Club (Don Togneri, 201-445-0679, [dtogneri@yahoo.com](mailto:dtogneri@yahoo.com) ).** Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sunday Lunch Bunch (Bob Sayegh, 201-670-6010, [bobsay14@gmail.com](mailto:bobsay14@gmail.com)).** Join us for another Sunday Lunch Brunch on November 3 at Fino Restaurant in Allendale. Cost is \$38 per person. Spouses and companions are welcome. BYO. Contact Bob if interested.

**Membership (Ed Lundell , 201-857-1992, [edlundell4@gmail.com](mailto:edlundell4@gmail.com), Steve Hochman, 201- 424-9701, [shochman@gmail.com](mailto:shochman@gmail.com) )**

**Military History Club (Tom Heed, 845-534-8695)** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the Church.

### **Monthly Presentations - The Opioid Crisis**

The Valley Hospital staff provided an interesting—and sobering—look at the current opioid crisis in America following the September general meeting.

From 1999 through 2015, opioid use more than tripled, leading to unprecedented deaths and overdoses. At its zenith, the massive use of opioids was enough to provide every American with 24-hour coverage for three weeks. Since 2015, the use of opioids has flattened, and efforts are already underway to lessen the devastating negative impact. Options such as topical analgesics; acupuncture; chiropractic care; exercise; massage, and non-steroidal drugs were cited as alternative approaches to pain.

### **October 3 Meeting - Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra**

A woodwind ensemble from the Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra will perform an eclectic mix of music at the Hobbyists Unlimited membership meeting. The RSO is one of the top community orchestras in New Jersey and one of only three in Bergen County. Its members range from talented high school students to retirees and is comprised of both professional musicians and gifted amateurs. This fall the RSO will celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a series of three concerts beginning in November. Past soloists have ranged from members of the New York Philharmonic and Metropolitan Opera Orchestra to the upcoming stars of tomorrow. Concerts are held at The West Side Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood. The RSO provides a fine listening experience close to home at a reasonable price. No toll, traffic or parking hassle.

[www.ridgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.ridgewoodsymphony.org)

Literature about the concerts will be available at the meeting, and also details about a special discount for Hobbyist members. Performing in the quintet will be: Donna Dixon – Clarinet, Laura Carnibucci – Bassoon, Miriam Lachenauer – Flute, Christopher Wallace – Oboe, and Jane Rondin – French Horn.



There are a number of areas where we could use your help with Programs:

- If anyone has a personal contact with ANY Major League teams that could get us a program speaker, please email me. (ANY professional sport Team - Knicks/Nets/Jets/Giants/Eagles/Red Sox etc)
- Send me any topics for presentations that you want to see or have revisited.
- We have had Hobbyists give presentations about their own Life Experiences or area of academic expertise either as a teacher or amateur study. Please let me know if you would like to make a presentation.
- If you are interested in helping with programs on a continuing basis, under the guidance of the 1st VP, please let me know.  
Don Togneri, 908-347-2820 [dj2dm2@hotmail.com](mailto:dj2dm2@hotmail.com)

**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 Ridgewood Village Hall, ground floor. There is a discussion period at each film showing.

**Music Lovers** (Jim McKeown, 201-327-3411, [jimmckeown@optonline.net](mailto:jimmckeown@optonline.net)) 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 10:00 a.m. at the Church.

**Picnic** We are looking for men to work on the Picnic Committee. Please contact Ed Daly, 201-447-4603, or Cliff Matthews, 201-447-9040, if interested.

**Pinochle** ( Bill Flynn, 917-693-1469, [williamaflynn@gmail.com](mailto:williamaflynn@gmail.com) ) The club currently has 12 men that play twice a week. On Wednesdays, single deck Pinochle is featured at the church in Ridgewood. On Mondays, a group plays double and triple deck Pinochle in Mahwah. On both days, the groups meet at 10 a.m. and play until 2 p.m., with a snack break at noon. Contact Bill Flynn (917) 693-1469 or Gary Banta (201) 529-4846 for further information.

**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 BYOB places on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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))

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

- Israel, Greece, The Great Lakes, and Northern Delaware are destinations in 2020 . A 12-day Israel Cruise on Azamara's Quest and a Pre-Cruise in Athens, Greece takes place April 12-23.
- A two-day tour of Northern Delaware is set for May 21-22.
- Great Lakes Cruise from Chicago to Niagara Falls is scheduled June 10-18.

Visit the website for details. For more information, contact Group Tours & Travel (973) 513-9001 or Ray.

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

### Volunteer Services

- **Eva's Kitchen** (**Dave Smilon** , (201) 707-5572, [davesmilon@yahoo.com](mailto:davesmilon@yahoo.com).) Volunteers have spent time at Eva's Kitchen to assist about 300 homeless in need. The day starts at the Graydon Pool parking lot at 10 a.m. and ends at about 1:30 p.m. after returning from Paterson. The next trip to Eva's Kitchen in Paterson is set for Tuesday, October 29. There are no trips in September. Interested parties should contact Dave.
- **Habitat For Humanity** (Paterson, **Rich Edelman**, 201- 973-427-7647, [edelmanr@optonline.net](mailto:edelmanr@optonline.net) ; **Ed Daly** 201-447-4603, cell 201- 960-7069, [eddaly386@yahoo.com](mailto:eddaly386@yahoo.com)) Hobbyists meet every Wednesday and Thursday, working alongside other volunteers to build homes in Bergen County and Paterson in support of Habitat for Humanity. The Bergen Habitat project in Washington Township is nearing completion and will provide affordable housing for two veteran and two senior citizen families. Paterson Habitat currently has five new homes under construction, and is renovating and modernizing four additional homes. Participants include **Ray Cheesman, Ed Daly, Bob Mosher, Charley Mulkeen, Ed Lundell, Don Hart, and Rich Edelman**. If you are interested in helping and learning new skills, contact Rich or Ed.



Hobbyists Ed Daly and Ray Cheesman are hard at work for Habit for Humanity.

**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) )

**Winemaking** (**Paul Richert**, 201-967-1347 or [phriche7314@gmail.com](mailto:phriche7314@gmail.com))

Have an interesting item you wish to share with your fellow Hobbyists? Drop a line to Mark Singer at [msinger@ramapo.edu](mailto:msinger@ramapo.edu).

**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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