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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

Wayne Brotherton, 565 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah, His wife is Theresa. Investments, Tennis.

George Evans, 81 Hickory Rd., Tappan, NY. His wife is Mary Anne. Investments, Movies, Music, Walking, Wine Appreciation.

Bob Reilly, 106 Dora Ave., Waldwick. His wife is Marge. Books, Golf.

Activities: Due to COVID-19, access to the church is limited. Check with the Activity chairman for details.

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

Audio (Bob Mosher, 201-689-9651, rmosher895@aol.com) An assistant is needed.

Bocce (Roger DuBroff, 201-327-7014, 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 201-447-4235, stampmaven1@verizon.net, Peter Philip 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net) 3rd Friday, 10:00 a.m., at the Church. Next meeting is March 19, 10:00 a.m.

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

Bridge (Ray Chuebon, 201-652-4586; 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.

Camera (Giancarlo Bisone, 201-983-3015, gbisone@optonline.net) 1st Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. at the Church exhibit.

Dances (Bill Healy, (201-652-5868, whealy3741@aol.com, Gary Engelhardt, 201-670-9185, garye569@msn.com; Bob Mosher rmosher895@aol.com, 201-615-5603)

After a long absence, the ever-popular Dinner Dance at Seasons will return May 17. To conform to regulations prompted by the pandemic, the format of the event will change. But all the features provided at previous events will be available, including a buffet (but not self-serve), open bar, Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert and coffee or tea. All attendees must either be vaccinated or previously had the COVID-19 virus, with

an honor system in effect. To date, about 100 people have already signed up. Cost is \$130. Sign up and then send a check to **Gary Engelhardt**, 569 Cliff Street, Ridgewood 07450.

Eva's Village (**Dave Smilon** , 201-707-5572, davesmilon@yahoo.com.)

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

Golf (**Paul Fazio**, 201-445-3426, faz90@optonline.net) The Golf committee is **Mike Doherty**, **Gary Don**, **Gary Engelhardt**, **George Giaquinto**, **Charlie Tuch**, **Tom Desmond**, **Paul Richert** and **Bob Norelli**. The 2021 golf season kicks off on Tuesday, April 6, and Friday, April 9. We have 99 registered golfers which is outstanding considering we are still in a pandemic. Still time to sign up for the September Golf Trip to the Atlantic City area. Full details on all tournaments and outings are detailed on the Hobbyist Golf Activity Page.

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

Habitat For Humanity (Paterson, **Rich Edelman**, 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. If you are interested in joining our teams, on either a Wednesday or Thursday, contact Rich Edelman.

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

Hobbyaires (**Joe Hovan** 201-445-6708)

Hobbyists Concerned (**Peter Philip** 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net) 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.

George Mackay, a long time Hobbyist, is returning home from rehab after breaking his hip. Upon discharge George and his wife Shelly were told that George should not be left in the house alone. Shelly is asking our help in identifying volunteers to stay with George during the infrequent occasions when Shelley needs to leave the house (for groceries, run errands, go to her doctor appointment).

George and Shelley live on the west side of Ridgewood near the borders with Midland Park and Waldwick. We are looking for volunteers that have had both Covid vaccine shots. Although George is on multiple registries for vaccine, he has not received a shot. Shelley (a health-aid worker) has had both shots.

If you are willing to be on a call list to assist the Mackey's, and have had both vaccine shots, please email Shelley at rmackey@aol.com . Provide you email address and phone number. If you have had one vaccine and are scheduled for the second, let Shelley know the date. Thank you in advance for your support for a valued member.

In Memoriam

Ed Tarino, a Hobbyist since 2011, passed away on December 15. He was 97.

Marty Munsch, a Hobbyist since 2014, passed away on December 20. He was 82.

Paul Levine, a Hobbyist since 2000, passed away on January 6. He was 92.

Hobbyist **Gene Boyle**'s daughter Christine passed away on January 9.

Ralph Lombardi, a Hobbyist since 1993, passed away on February 20, He was 92.

Investments – The Investment Club is looking for a leader. There will be no meetings until someone steps forward. Contact President **Matthews** (201-447-9040) if interested.

Italian Club (**Don Togneri**, 201-445-0679, dj2dm2@hotmail.com). Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th 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.

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

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

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

The next meeting will be **Monday, March 22, at 2:00 p.m.** Tom will make a Zoom presentation on the *Israel Iron Dome System*. If that is well received, he would propose we do the remainder of the year's sessions on contemporary military developments.

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 Ridgewood 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. Because of the virus, Music Lovers won't meet until further notice. There will be a special St. Paddy's Day Zoom presentation on March 17, 10:00 a.m.

Pinochle (Jim Atieh, 201-315-5346, atiehlj1@verizon.net) On Mondays, a group plays double and triple deck Pinochle in Mahwah. On Wednesdays, single deck and double deck Pinochle is featured at the church in Ridgewood. On both days, the groups meet at 10 a.m. and play until 2 p.m., with a snack break at noon.

Poker (Dan Wolf 201-825-7769)

Monthly Membership Programs:



Rick Pascal has published *Detour*, a book of short stories. The book is a compilation of mystery, suspense, sci-fi and supernatural stories with a touch of humor.

Rick has Zoomed several readings from the book and at the conclusion of the readings talks about how he came up with the idea for the stories.

Rick's next presentation will be on Tuesday, **March 30, 2:00 p.m.**

January - Background of 2016 Hobbyists Follies

We want to thank Don Togneri and Giancarlo for their technical support to presenting this video presentation. 50th Anniversary event— *Do Something: The Hobbyists Follies*. The script committee was composed of **Bill Carbone**, **Jim McKeown**, **Bob Stevenson** and our Director **Tony LaFemina** . The show was composed of 30

Hobbyists, wives or widows as well as 10 off stage volunteers. We were fortunate to have excellent musical support from Jeannie Papsun and **Jeff Seise** as well as support from Elsa Carbone and **Sean Flanagan**.

February – Video, *A Walk Through Historical Ridgewood*, by Hobbyists **Art Wrubel**, **Joe Suplicki**, and **Bill Carbone**.

March - On March 9, **Charlie Carreras** made a Zoom interesting presentation on “*Travel in Sicily in Search of Family*.”

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

ROMEO (Cliff Matthews, 201-447-9040, cematth48@optonline.net

ROMEO meets at different moderately priced BYOB places on the 3rd 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.

March 17 at 2:00 p.m. The theme is *The Covid Virus and Vaccines*. Special distinguished guest speaker Dr. Adam Bloomfield, Senior Director Global Medical Affairs, Moderna Labs. The meeting will be on Zoom.

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

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

The four-day tour of The Green Mountains of Vermont, originally scheduled for July 7-10, 2020 has been rescheduled to July 6-9, 2021. Originally, 22 people registered for the trip and several of them have already transferred their registration to next year. Interested parties should contact Group Tours at (973) 513-9001 to secure a place. Friends and family are also invited. Tour cost per person is \$1,035 (twin) and \$1,115 (single). Complete details are available on the Hobbyists website. For more information, contact Ray Cheesman at 201 652 9372

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Woodloch Pines - We have signed a contract for September 15 – 17, 2021. Any deposits that were paid for this year will be applied to next year's trip.

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)

Winemaking (Paul Richert, 201-967-1347, phriche7314@gmail.com)

The Winemakers will be arriving at the winery on April 8 to bottle their 2019 Sangiovese-Cabernet Sauvignon blend. They also will follow up on their 2019 success with a new Chilean blend. The Chilean grapes mature in April and May and then crushed and pressed. The blend is the same as the last one (Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere and Malbec) which was well-received.

Hobbyists who wish to participate should contact **Paul Richert**, as soon as possible. The plan is to produce a 24-case barrel (60 gallons). Reservations for wine making will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Kudos - A BIG shout out to **Don Togneri** and **Ed Daly** for their job in making the Zoom presentations!

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.

Do you have an interesting item you wish to share with your fellow Hobbyists? Drop a line to Mark Singer at msinger@ramapo.edu.

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