



NewsLine

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President's Message



[John McCabe](#)

To my dear friends at the Activities Club, it has been my honor to be on the Executive Committee these last six years. My journey started with Lee and Pete asking me about serving while on a hike. I said 'yes' and the rest is history. I was busy as 2nd VP finding the speakers for the Monthly Meeting, while hiking and learning from all the smart folks at the Personal Finance Group. I also became unretired when I went to work for my wife at her dental office. Then I was the 1st VP working closely with John Van Keuren as President. For the last two years I have been President. We worked on some updates to the by-laws and instituted Vote By Mail on Club business so that we can have more representation in the voting and a more democratic process.

My wish is that more members take advantage of more of what the Club has to offer. It will be a great honor to have as many of you express your thanks to me by turning out to our upcoming Club Picnic wearing your Club garb and making this the best attended picnic in recent years. I will remain the "sender of emails" until I get someone to take over that role. I appreciate all the help and support that has been provided by the members of the Steering Committee these last two years. I will continue to enjoy the Club as a Past President, until at some future date I might once again become the 2nd VP.

Annual Picnic

The Annual Picnic takes place on Thursday June 19th, so there's still time to sign up. The reservation sheet is [here](#).

Monthly General Meeting

The Monthly Meeting is replaced by the Annual Club Picnic in June and by summer break in July and August. Monthly Meetings will restart in September with a presentation by reps of Bergen County Senior Services. More on that in the September *NewsLine*.

Cares and Concerns

[Chairman: Steve Beiter](#)

A memorial service for Pete Richter's wife will be held at St. Catherine's Church in Glen Rock on June 14th at 10:00 AM. After the mass at 12pm to whenever PM all are invited to a Celebration of Life party at Pete's house at 40 Bergen Street in Glen Rock. Plenty of food & drink. BYOB.

Paul Sharar's daughter, Carol, has notified us that he is in hospice care. Steve has sent a card on behalf of the Club. If anyone would like to send a card/greeting, they can send it to Paul's home address: 457 Rock Road, Glen Rock.

Club Garb

Chris Megalos, who has succeeded Jim Garofalo as Club garb vendor, will have some merch available for purchase at the Annual Club Picnic. Rumor has it that Chris may be offering discounts

Activities Reports

Bocce/Petanque Wednesdays 9:00 AM

[Chairman: Maurice Pailleret](#)

Book Discussion 2nd Fridays 1:30 PM

[Chairman: Ken Bratspies](#)

The group selected ***Darkness at Noon***, by Arthur Koestler for the June 13th meeting. This book is a haunting portrait of a revolutionary leader, imprisoned and tortured under totalitarian rule. I'm asking Leo Karpinski to come to the June meeting with suggestions for the July book.

Card Playing 2nd and 4th Mondays

[Chairman: Rich Petersson](#)

Classical Music last Fridays 1:30 PM

[Chairman: Ron Coll](#)

In May we experimented with meeting in the GRCC Salon instead of a member's home, with mixed success. A new member participated and the attendees felt comfortable because the room is large, bright and well-furnished, but the host failed to get both stereo speakers set up. Chairman Ron Coll invited the group to meet at his home in June; it will be the last opportunity to meet at that address where many enjoyable gatherings have occurred (Ron and Linda are moving to an apartment in July).

Computers 3rd Wednesdays 1:30 PM

[Chairman: Henry Baker](#)

The next meeting of the Computers Group will be on Wednesday June 18th at 1:30 PM at the GR Community Church. Due to high interest at the last meeting, I'll be revisiting a past topic on the "Dark Web". Bring your flashlights. Just because you may use a Mac, you're not necessarily safe from malware. We'll take a look at recommendations for Mac security suites. Also, AI is everywhere. We'll review some practical uses.

Digital Photography 1st Mondays 10:30 AM

[Chairman: Mike Capizzi](#)

The Digital Photography Group will not meet in July and August. We will meet again on Monday September 8th. Don't forget the Annual Photo Contest is open to all Club members.

This year's categories are: Motion Blur, The Color Blue, Macro Photos and Architecture. Up to three photos per category. Photos must be submitted by October 30th to:

capm1211@gmail.com.

Have a great summer and keep on shooting.

Genealogy 1st Mondays 1:30 PM [VIA ZOOM](#)

[Chairman: Walter Murphy](#)

Next meeting via Zoom will be in September.

Golf Wednesday mornings starting March 25th

[Chairman: Jim Piombino](#)

Hiking Last Tuesday monthly, weather permitting

[Chairman: Lee Cunningham](#)

We scored a great day for our May hike. It was a pleasant spring day – no rain, comfortable temperature, mostly sunny, and no bears. We took advantage of the good weather for our excursion to “The Highest Point in Morris County” in the Mahlon-Dickerson Reservation. Our picture shows us at that pinnacle that we refer to as Vista de Nada. No panoramic vista here – too many trees blocking the views. We didn't really climb 1395 feet (from sea level), but we did gain a little over 500 feet of elevation over the various hills and valleys of the trail. That thin mountain air must have whetted our appetites, as we completed the hike with lunch at a local pizza joint. A fitting reward for our intrepid explorers.

Hikes are scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month, and are usually 3 to 5 miles in length, rated easy-to-moderate by the NY-NJ Trail Conference. We meet at the Community Church parking lot at 9:00 AM. For more information on the Activities Club and the Hiking group, click on the “Activities” tab and scroll down to “Hiking” at: <https://www.theactivitiesclub.org> Visit our Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/GRACNJ> for more pictures.

History Last Fridays 1:30 PM

[Chairman: Steve Beiter](#)

Personal Finance 1st Wednesdays 1:30 PM

[Chairman: Art Walkling](#)

Pickleball Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM

[Chairman: Henry Baker](#)

Par 3 Golf Thursday mornings

[Chairman: Ken Bratspies](#)

Science 2nd Wednesdays 1:30 PM

[Chairman: Ron Greenberg](#)

The Science Group continues its exploration of plate tectonics and its relationship to climate. Last month we learned the basic principles of plate tectonics. On the second Wednesday in June, we'll dig into the dirt a little deeper.

We'll learn about the Rock Cycle – Matter in Motion. Though rocks may seem eternal, they are part of a continuous cycle of changing forms called the rock cycle. And we'll follow that up by focusing on one phase of the rock cycle: Volcanoes – Lava and Ash. Volcanoes form where magma reaches the surface and erupts—at which point the magma becomes lava. The different kinds of volcanoes are related to the tectonic settings in which they occur. That's Wednesday June 11th starting at 1:30 PM in the GR Community Church Stop-in Center. All Club members are welcome.

Veterans Home Various activities and events are available for participation by volunteers.

[Chairman: Rich Petersson](#)

Walking Every non-holiday weekday 8:00 AM

[Chairman: Steve Beiter](#)

"Bear Cave Cafe" is where high school students with learning issues develop the skills to help them get ready for life's challenges. Consider supporting the group home by enjoying its Café on the first Friday in September. Contact Rich Hallahan for more info.



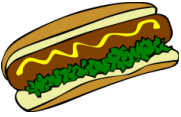


HighPoint.jpg – At the Highest Point in Morris County: John McCabe, John Moran, Jerry Graziano, Chris Megalos, Henry Baker, Don Hansen, Lee Cunningham.




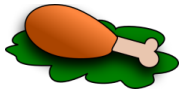

Birthdays

Jeff Gaines	Jun. 9	Ron Greenberg	Jul. 13
Bob Shoemaker	Jun. 9	Stan Feldman	Jul. 20
Robert Sabatino	Jun. 9	Paul Weitzman	Jul. 23
John Schlomann	Jun. 12	Mitch Slodowitz	Jul. 30
Steve Fowls	Jun. 16	Larry Morgenstein	Aug. 2
Marty Ward	Jun. 18	Irv Cohen	Aug. 11
Marty Lipeles	Jun. 22	Bill Van Steveniuk	Aug. 21
Bruce Beal	Jun. 22	Bill Cassidy	Aug. 22
Patrick Benasillo	Jun. 24	Pete Richter	Aug. 26
Steve Beiter	Jun. 27	Kevin Finn	Aug. 29
Frank Barletta	Jul. 4	Rudy Plessing	Aug. 29

June 2025 Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Walking Digital Photography Genology(ZOOM)	3 Walking Pickleball Steering Committee	4 Walking Golf Bocce-Petanque Personal Finance	5 Walking Pickleball Par 3 Golf	6 Walking History	7
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July 2025 Activities

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Activity	Meeting Place	Time	Activity	Meeting Place	Time	Trip Departures
Bob's Outings	As Planned	TBA	History	Ed Bldg	1:30 PM	
Bocce-Petanque	Wilde Park	9:00 AM	Lunch Bunch	Church parking lot	11:15 AM	
Book Discussion	Ed Bldg	1:30 PM	Monthly Meeting	Fellowship Hall	1:00 PM	
Card Playing	Ed Bldg	1:00 PM	Personal Finance	Ed Bldg	1:30 PM	
Classical Music	Residents	1:30 PM	Pickleball	Wilde Park	8:00 AM	
Coin Collecting	Ed Bldg	1:30 PM	Par3 Golf	Twin Willows Par 3	TBA	
Computers	Ed Bldg	1:30 PM	Science	Ed Bldg & TBA	1:30 PM	
Digital Photography	Ed Bldg	10:30 AM	Steering Committee	Ed Bldg	10:30 AM	
Genealogy	Zoom	1:30 PM	Volunteers - General	TBA	Various	
Golf	Meadows G. C.	7:00 AM	Volunteers - Veterans	Vet's Home, Paramus	Various	
Hiking	Church parking lot.	9:00 AM	Walking	County Park, G.R.	8:00 AM	