

# UP TO THE HILT

The Official Newsletter of Highlights in Leisure Time

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 13  
 Tim Adriance presents  
 'Diners and Roadside  
 Eateries Of Bergen'  
 Learn about the first diner,  
 where the oldest one is today  
 and how they evolved.

### TRIP

Thursday, November 20  
 Hanover Manor  
 Happy Days with  
 Jersey Dreamers  
 East Hanover, NJ

### HOLIDAY PARTY

(Current Paid Members Only)  
 Thursday, December 4  
 Season's Catering  
 Washington Twp, NJ



## LUNCH AND LEARN

Our third Lunch and Learn, held Wednesday, September 17. This Luncheon, "Meet Your Village Council" was sponsored by our Village Council: Mayor Paul Vagianos, Deputy Mayor Pamela Perron, Councilmembers Even Weitz, Siobhan Winograd and Frank Mortimer.

Gwenn Hauck opened the afternoon speaking about the proposed changes to the rooms in the Community Center as well as hiring people to staff the proposed programs. We enjoyed lunch from 'The Best of Everything', sandwiches, both garden and pasta salads. Dessert and coffee rounded out the lunch.

Evan Weitz and Pam Perron, spoke briefly after having spent time interacting with those attending the event.

Then Paul Vagianos spoke, focusing on 6 topics he felt were important to us. First, Valley Hospital, using the old building for Outpatient Surgeries and Procedures means they should pay their fair share of taxes. Second, The Warner Theater, the council has applied for a grant that would fund 80% of the expenses incurred turning it into a Performing Arts Center. If they get the grant, then the town will buy the theater. Thirdly, The STOP Overdevelopment of

Maple Ave between Franklin and Marshall. The Council said No to the Assisted Living Facility, but the company is suing and the outcome is in the hands of a judge and his decision. Fourth, Schedler Property was purchased in 2009 to be a park with an athletic field. We will have one full sized field with turf which is more durable than grass and the rest is park. Fifth, PFAS in our water. 12 facilities will have been built by the end of 2026 which will put our PFAS at an undetectable level. Finally, On the November Ballot, an increase in "Open Space Initiative". We are currently paying ½ of a penny into the fund to buy Open Spaces. Taxpayers will be asked to raise the tax to a full penny which would add \$37.00 a year per household to our taxes. The floor was open to questions including, What to do with the space that was Town Garage, Motorized Bicycles, and Affordable Housing. Finally, our mayor is happy about redesigning the Community Center, bringing "A living, breathing place where there are always people" to our Village for the Senior Community.

Our next Lunch and Learn is on October 28 sponsored by the Ridgewood Library.



## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mindy Batista, Jean Boylan, Janet Dennison,  
Marianne Grundy, Gloria Holmes,  
Susan Laauwe, Marie Liebreich



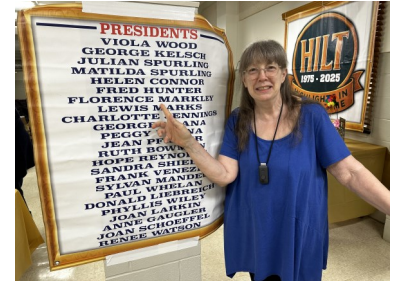
## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

How I plan to get dishonorably discharged from the Home:

1. Plan weekly wheelchair races
  2. Organize walker line dancing
  3. Spearhead a drill team with booty shorts and halter tops as uniforms
  4. Bring in a Margarita machine for movie nights
  5. Request a safe sex seminar
  6. Run the house bookie parlor
  7. Old doesn't have to mean dull!
- So, how many of you are with me?



## HILT'S FALL SOCIAL & 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!



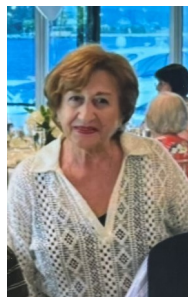
## MYSTERY MEMBER

This new member was born in Elizabeth and was raised in Ridgewood and grew up with one older brother. While in school, took ballet classes with Joyce Reedy. Attended Ridgewood High School and was a fire twirler. Won a dance contest in Benjamin Franklin Junior High School. Graduated high school in 1971 and then went to Bergen Community College, graduating with a degree in business management. Married in 1976 and had two daughters. One daughter lives in Ridgewood and one lives in Jersey City. Has three grandchildren. Worked in Grand Way in Paramus and eventually became assistant manager in the Closter store. Enjoys reading mysteries and books on true history. Is a fan of most kinds of music. Gets joy out of watching her grandchildren play sports. Likes gardening, vacationing, sailing and spending time with friends.



## LAST MONTH'S MYSTERY

Marguerite Merhige



This member was born in Syria. Moved to the United States at 10 years old. Grew up in Park Slope Brooklyn in New York and has a sister and a brother. Graduated from Bayridge High School and went on to attend and graduate from Brooklyn College. Later, received Master's Degrees from Staten Island College and City College. Taught at McKinley and St. Francis College. Got married and had three daughters, one of whom is a teacher. Has four grandchildren. Loves taking trips with family and has traveled to numerous foreign countries. Loves to read, especially history and technology books. Enjoys going to Broadway shows. Socializes and attends brunch with friends. Enjoys dancing, playing table tennis, cooking, working and volunteering.