

MEETING WITH CLUB CHAIRMEN

- Most of the club chairs attended. Attendance was not taken but we believe that only Joe Lamela (Gardening), Dave Burleigh (Tennis), Tim Tracy (Pickleball) and Bud Brooks (Skiing) were not there.
- Almost all of the chairs spoke. Following is a summary of the important points.
- Why do some clubs have a greater participation than others? What makes them more popular?
 - Pablo Catangay (History) indicated that the subject matter of the presentations was a big draw along with the involvement of the attendees.
 - Don Kirkpatrick agreed with this in regards to the good attendance at the Computer Club.
 - The hiking clubs feel that physical disability and weather affects the hikes. The clubs have a base of about 30 members and only gets about 5-6 participants on a hike. Don has tried reaching out to the younger members of A.U. without much success.
 - Jim Mallen indicated that some groups require more preparation than others. Eq., the book club requires that certain books be read prior to the meetings. The quality of the books chosen is a plus for attendance.
 - George Lewis suggested that emails be sent monthly to alert general members what a particular club has planned and when they are meeting.
 - Don Wasson reviewed the problems with Trips and Tours. Meeting deadlines for down payments and early interest and payments are problems. We may have to join with established tour groups and let members decide individually if they wish to go on a particular trip.
 - Murry Perl (Photography) - Tributes attendance to member involvement, showing their personal photos and providing technical assistance.
 - Al Connelly (Investment) – Moved the meeting to the first floor Memorial room to enable members to attend who are unable to climb stairs. Also, the knowledgeable presenters are a big draw. Al sends out a general announcement then follows up to people who have attended in the past.
 - Mark Cohen (Stock) – Participants have a vested interest in the activities. Attrition is a problem and Mark is using all ideas to increase attendance.

ISSUES –

- Mobility of members

- Most of our meetings are on the second floor and members may not attend if they have to climb stairs. We discussed using the Larkin House but currently we can only use it on Wednesdays. Doug Cooper will talk to the Wyckoff management to see if other days are available.

- We also discussed the possibility of using the Ramsey Senior Center. Joe Verdone, an A.U. member and Councilman has indicated that it may be possible. Further discussion will be held with Joe.

DECISIONS –

- We discussed allowing the Glen Rock Activities Club to attend our club meetings and our attendance at theirs. The consensus was that we should have trial runs.

- All club chairs should have Ed S. send out monthly email blasts to the general membership, announcing the time, place and agenda of each meeting.

- Club chairs should announce their upcoming meetings while attending other clubs.

- We will revisit the utilization of the lower floor with the WRC in relation to the day care activities.

- We will continue to look into other venues for meetings.

In summary, all clubs appear to be running satisfactorily. We do not know what effect member disability has on club attendance.