

# Activities Unlimited

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## Activities Unlimited General Meeting

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014**

Entertainment for the April meeting is the RICHARD REITER SWING BAND. They will perform from 1PM till 2PM and our monthly business meeting will follow their performance, so don't be late. The RICHARD REITER SWING BAND, for over twenty years perhaps New Jersey's most popular swing combo, performs familiar standards from the swing and rock era. The group features Reiter on saxophone, clarinet and flute, plus vocalist Tricia Slafta, accompanied by keyboard, bass and drums. Repertoire includes: "Our Love is Here to Stay", "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" "As Time Goes By" and that fabulous number "Sing Sing Sing". Richard Reiter, an Emmy Award winning composer, has performed as guest jazz saxophone soloist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, featured artist on PBS television, on-stage clarinet soloist in Bob Fosse's Broadway musical "Dancin", and backup for such notables as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Nancy Wilson, Johnny Mathis, Cher, and the Supremes. Join us for a remarkable afternoon of musical excellence.

**Please remember that WRC is a smoke-free environment. This includes E-Cigarettes.**

### Food Pantry

At the Feb. meeting, \$112 was given as donations to the Food Pantry.

## Note from the President

Well , its April, we made it through another winter ! But no matter what the season or the weather it is always a good time to check out what is going on within Activities Unlimited. Our club offers a wide variety of activities, really something for everyone ! Check out the monthly newsletter or our website [www.activitiesunlimited.org](http://www.activitiesunlimited.org) , pick out an activity and join in! Attending a special activity meeting is a great way to meet other members- a smaller group than the General Meeting and some common interest , whether it be Hiking or the Stock Market club or Gardening or Bridge, or the Book club. Joining the Trips and Tours group is a great way to meet members and get involved in organizing/planning the wide variety of events this group puts together. I encourage every member to take a look at our lineup of activities and try another one ! You may be pleasantly surprised at what is going on within some of these activities! Even if you have been a long time AU member check out the list of activities the club offers and try a new one! If you have an idea for a new club and some other AU guys that want to participate call me and we can offer it up to the whole membership. Participation is good for every member and participation is what makes Activities Unlimited the great organization that it is ! So please get involved ! Thanks,  
Herb Umland, President 201-891-6638 or [humland@optonline.net](mailto:humland@optonline.net)

## ANNUAL MAY LUNCHEON

**TUESDAY MAY 13th, at 12 NOON  
AT INDIAN TRAIL CLUB IN FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ**

**W**e have put together a wonderful afternoon for all of our members, spouses and significant others to enjoy.

The Indian Trail staff will provide us with great food, in a wonderful environment, where our band "THE AU GUYS" will be playing for our listening and dancing pleasure. There is a cash bar! (Beer \$5, Wine \$6, Mixed Drinks \$7) Open Seating or make your own arrangements with other members! Doors open at 12 Noon with the buffet starting at 12:30!

Please come join your fellow AU members for a terrific afternoon. It's a wonderful opportunity for everyone to meet and mingle in a very relaxing atmosphere.

You need to hurry since we need your check of \$24 per person payable to Activities Unlimited to be mailed to **George Lewis** 45 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, NJ 07430 by May 1st. George can be reached at 201- 891- 5883.

**COME JOIN US !**



## Duplicate Bridge Results

	OFFICES		MEETING
<b>President</b>	Herb Umland	201-891-6638	2nd Tue 11am
<b>1st Vice-Pres.</b>	Ray Casaprima	201-891-3394	
<b>2nd VicePres.</b>	George Lewis	201-891-5883	
<b>Secretary</b>	Ed Chanod	201-891-1995	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dick Hensch	201-891-1309	
<b>Asst. Treas.</b>	Fred Thiele	201-825-7541	
	COMMITTEES		
<b>AU Guys</b>	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	
<b>Book Club</b>	Joe Clinton	201-447-2261	Wed after the AU General Meeting 9:30
<b>Dup. Bridge Rub. Bridge</b>	Joe MacDougall Wes Cheringal	201-891-4048 201-848-8009	Wed 1 pm M,F 1 pm
<b>Care-Concern</b>	Joe Clinton Paul Hennion Don Martin	201-447-2261 201-891-4716 201-891-2279	
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. D. Bach	201-891-1782	
<b>Chess</b>	Bill Schultz	201-891-5327	3rd Thru 9:30
<b>Computer</b>	Don Kirkpatrick Ed Schlachman Fred Theile	201-337-5666 973-423-1459 201-625-7541	3rd Wed. 10:00
<b>Gardening</b>	Joe Lamela	201-327-8137	1st Wed.10:00
<b>Golf</b>	Bruno Bissetta Guy Cappello	201-891-7567 201-891-0617	Tuesday Thursday
<b>Hiking</b>	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	Mon 9:00
<b>Historian</b>	Dom Manobianco	201-891-7185	
<b>Investment</b>	Herb Umland Mike Hurd	201-891-6638	2nd Thru 9:30
<b>Model RR</b>	Don Cardoza	201-337-3417	Wed. 7PM
<b>Membership</b>	Walt Widmer Dick Gattoni	201-562-8666 201-652-0064	
<b>Newsletter Distribution By</b>	Lou Guarneri Ed Schlachman	201-847-1981 973-423-1459	
<b>Project Outreach</b>	Marty McGonigle	201-529-1941	
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>OPEN</b>		
<b>Public Disc.</b>	Walt Widmer	201-562-8666	3rd Fri 9:30
<b>Refreshments</b>	Jim Forbes Howard Vogel	201-825-0523 201-612-2237	
<b>Science</b>	Jack Yurasek	201-337-4433	3rd Tues 10.00
<b>Skiing</b>	Bud Brooks	201-327-6649	Snow
<b>Sponsor Liaison</b>	Mike Wolff	201-891-4426	
<b>Stock Market</b>	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	2nd Tues. 9:00 4th Tues. 9:00
<b>Tennis</b>	Dom Manobianco	201-891-7185	MWF
<b>Transport.</b>	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
<b>Trips/Tours</b>	Lou Guarneri Don Wasson	201-847-1981 201-891-1873	2nd Tues 10:30
<b>Web-Master</b>	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

	1st	2nd	3rd
3/5	Cheringal/Finn	Gattoni/ MacDougall	Gottheim/Hausman
3/12	Milcos/Riccardi	Martin/Wiest	Finn/Gottheim
3/19	Gotteim/Wiest	Finn/Smith	Coughlin/Freimuth
3/26	Cheringal/Hausman	Gottheim/Riccardi	Gilpatrick/Wiest

## AU Web-Site

The AU Web-Site has now been live for two years. To access the AU Web-Site go to [www.activitiesunlimited.org](http://www.activitiesunlimited.org).

The AU Web-Site contains the following sections:

**Home Page** – consists of a message from the president and highlights some key organizational updates and interested items on our members

**Activities Pages** – there is a summary page of all AU activities with links to each individual activity where the details of each activity have been highlighted.

**Calendar** – a full annual calendar is maintained that highlights when each activity meets.

**Newsletter** – a copy of each newsletter is available back to January 2012

**Trips and Tours** – an updated list of all planned trips and functions is maintained.

**Membership** – this section contains About Us, Officers, Membership (including the Roster (user ID and Password required) and Financial information.

**Contact Us** – this page allows members and non-members a way to contact the Web-Master ... the message send is acted upon immediately.

Several new sections have been added or has information posted that all AU Members should take a look at, these includes a new Page; “In Memoriam” that provides information on AU Members that passed away during the year that includes a link to their obituary; the new Computer Technology Club Page that has a section of reference material covered during the monthly meetings ... of particular interest is a list of our “Favorite Web-Sites”.

I would like to pose several questions to the AU Membership on the AU Web-Site;

- How often do you visit our web-site and why?
- What pages do you find most informative or of no interest?
- Is there additional information that you would like included?

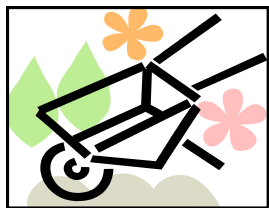
And, lastly what would make you visit the web-site more often? To respond to the above questions you can reach the AU Web-Master through the “Contact Us Page” or via email at [dakirkpt@verizon.com](mailto:dakirkpt@verizon.com) or by cell phone 201-759-3795.

Thanks, Donald A. Kirkpatrick

## Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Home/Email
Stephen Kremen (Irene)	15 Buckingham Rd Cresskill, NJ 07626	Sales	Discussion Group, T&T, Stock Market, Tennis and Skiing	201-569-5697 stevekremen@AOL.com
John Coughlin (Rita)	350 Old Chimney Rd. Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458	CPA	Discussion Group, Science, Investments and Tennis	201-327-5606 rndj@optonline.net
Ed O'Donnell (Pat)	487 Green Mountain Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430	Executive	Book Club, Discussion Group, Investments, Science and Stock Market	201-661-8891 eodonnell28@gmail.com
Ron Lynn (Florette)	55 Benson Ave. Westwood, NJ 07675	Sales		201-666-1179 ronlynnhome@optonline.net

### The Garden Club



The March garden club meeting began with a review of many seed and gardening catalogs. Some were very informative and could be used as textbooks. All of them were helpful in introducing new varieties for the home gardens. Peter Griffin asked if seed packets displayed in some stores were reliable sources. The answer is : yes, but be sure to check the germination date on the back of the packet as well as sufficient growing instructions. Based on a question posed by Fred Theile's about roses, it will be very timely to review growing and pruning them at our April 2 nd meeting. We will also revisit soil test information and the reasons to do this is for greater success in growing. Members will also share observations on what our harsh winter has done to plantings. Dan Yandrasevich will give us a name of a place he has found to offer quality and good value. Also, we will review "what lawn services won't tell you". Any other growing questions? Check Rutgers Fact Sheets on horticultural topics checkout: <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pub/>



### Public Discussion Group

The March meeting differed from our usual discussion format. The Group dedicated the first 30 minutes to open discussion. During this period, there was a lively exchange on Ukraine. Is the Crimean grab a fait accompli that will not be undone? Will Russia try to take parts of eastern Ukraine or expand the effort to the Baltics? Is it any of the US's business? Will sanctions make a difference? Many questions- few answers, and this will certainly continue to be a discussed subject in future meetings.

The remainder of the meeting was given over to two representatives of the local, West Bergen Tea Party (Joel and Susan Witten). The invitation was extended to allow group participants to get a better understanding of how a citizen group gets organized, how it interacts with elected officials and how effective can it be. Susan made a presentation on the local Tea Party and spoke a bit about how it came about and how it operates, after which the floor was opened to questions, of which there were many. Ground rules made it clear that this was not to be a political/ideological forum. Thus questions focused on: whether the Tea Party was a "facilitator" of citizen involvement or a partisan advocacy group; the relationship between the local Tea Party and any national "Tea Party;" how positions within the local Tea Party are determined or in different words, who controls the agenda. Although it was not partisan, it proved to be a lively exchange of views.

Everyone was invited by the Witten's to attend a future Tea Party meeting to see the organization in action.

All AU members are invited to attend the April meeting to participate or to listen. The goal remains to share ideas and observations in a friendly manner so we all come away better informed.

Tom Butler



## The Science Club

April 23, 2014 -- American Museum of Natural History Car Pool Trip Unfortunately, due to snow and health issues, the February and March Meetings were cancelled. The April Meeting will be replaced by a trip to the American Museum of Natural History on Wed April 23, 2014. Since fewer than 30 people have Signed Up, the trip will be by Car Pool from the WRC Lot. (Parking is provided in the Lot within the Museum.) The Cost is \$ 48 (per person) for Car Expenses, Admission to all regular Museum Exhibits, including following special events: Planetarium –Dark Universe, narrated by Tyson, IMAX—Mysteries of the Unseen World, and the Power of Poison. Lunch is available in the Museum (on your own). We will leave at 8:45 AM and return by 4:30 PM. Details on Car Pool Driver/Passenger assignments, and detailed Maps will be distributed at the AU Regular Monthly on April 8, 2014. (Note that the Bus Trip fee for those who have already submitted payment will be adjusted since we will be Car Pooling.)

Again, all AU Family and Friends are invited to join, and based upon the response to last year's trip, a most enjoyable day is anticipated. Please call me for Information on Trip (201-337-4433).

May 20, 2014—Bob Saletta will discuss two topics: 1- Is there life elsewhere in the Universe which can communicate with us? 2-The Higgs Boson particle which is the fundamental particle in the universe. It has been theorized since 1964 and 'partially' discovered this year, and has been called the 'God Particle', since without it, the universe would not exist.

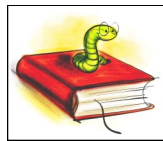
June 17, 2014—George Becker will give highlights of the LAMONT-DOHERTY Earth Institute research on Antarctica.

George has been a Board Member, with his presentation on their Antarctica Gamburtsev Province (AGAP) Program.

Plans for Science Club activities in the fall are continuing, with a return Trip to Lamont Labs (Oct), and Dr. Ron Cauchard (an Optometrist whose Office is in Wyckoff) will return, and update us on cataract and glaucoma eye issues (Nov).

Thank you to all those who prepared and helped on our presentations and trips last and this year, and please contact me with suggestion for and information on, future meetings and trips.

JACK YURASEK (201-337-4433)



## The Book Club

Books for April:

- \* THE BOYS IN THE BOAT - Daniel James Brown
- \* THE TIPPER AND THE GIPPER - Chris Mathews
- \* THE SKEPTIC - a Life of H.L. Mencken - Terry Teachout

Ed O'Keefe led off the meeting with a review of PRESUMED INNOCENT (Scott Turow), a suspenseful murder mystery with the author throwing out a lot of misleading clues leading to a surprise ending. This book was also made into a movie starring Harrison Ford, and some of which was filmed right here in Allendale.....Here we are six years later and most people still don't fully grasp how the Great Recession of 2008 came about. Tom Butler briefed us on Alan S. Blinder's book, AFTER THE MUSIC STOPPED, an excellent

analysis of all the factors that converged to bring about this catastrophe. The villains according to Blinder: 1. Housing bubble, 2. Bond bubble, 3. Regulatory shortfalls, 4. Sub-prime lending disgraceful practices, 5. Complexity run amok, 6. Overrated rating agencies, and 7. Crazy compensation schemes. Collectively, these created a "house of cards" which collapsed. Blinder does a masterful job explaining all this in an understandable way, and Tom did a yeoman job filling us in on all this.....Joe Infosino has an affinity for the books of Jennifer Haigh and presented us with her latest: NEWS FROM HEAVEN, a book of short stories. All the stories take place in the fictional town of Bakerton, a small coal mining town near Pittsburgh, which is made up primarily of Polish, Italian and Irish descent.

Once a booming economy in the 40's, the mines gradually decline over the years until the 2000's when they finally close. Over the years some move away trying to escape the prospect of working in the mines or being trapped in a small town, but most don't. The ten stories interlock, but also stand on their own. Haigh describes their hopes, dreams, disappointments and successes. However there is also a touch of sadness in some of the stories, without being maudlin. Haigh, herself, is the granddaughter of a coal miner from this region so she knows their stories first hand. A wonderful book, beautifully written.

Books for May:

- \* THE MAN WHO MADE VERMEERS - Johnathan Lopez
- \* KILLSHOT - Elmore Leonard
- \* WILSON'S WAR - Jim Powell

Our next meeting is April 9 at 9:30 am at the Larkin House (380 Godwin Ave, Wyckoff). We welcome new members.

Joe Clinton [bhagan185@aol.com](mailto:bhagan185@aol.com)

## Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

Checks for these events, payable to Activities Unlimited accepted at the monthly meeting.

**Sign up sheets are nice, but money talks. Get your check in ASAP don't wait till it's too late.**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2014** The Science Club is planning a Bus Trip to the NY Museum of Natural History has been change to a car pool trip. See the Science Club article on page 4 for details. For information contact **Jack Yurasek**, 136 Manito Ave, Oakland, NJ 07436 (201-337-4433)

**Thursday, May 22, 2014:** Kykuit: The Rockefeller Estate near Tarrytown, NY. This magnificent mansion and estate has been the home of several generations of the Rockefeller family. We will tour the main rooms of beautiful stone mansion, the terraced gardens along with Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's sculpture collection. Following the tour we will have lunch at the Sunset Cove Restaurant which is located overlooking the Hudson River. The menu includes mixed green salad, choice of Pasta, Chicken or Seafood followed by dessert, coffee & Tea. Soda and adult beverages are on your own. \$74. Bus leaves Wyckoff Reformed Church at 8:15.

**Dick Botta**, 413D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. 201-848-9001

**Monday, June 9th, 2014** - Our Annual **AU PROM** to be held at **THE VENETIAN**, located at 546 River Drive, Garfield, NJ from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. This will be a Sit Down Dinner with Assigned Tables. The VENETIAN is co-owned with Seasons, so the menu's are the same. An outstanding Cocktail Hour, lots of Lamb Chops, 3 choices for the Entree's. Includes Prime Ribs, Sword Fish or Chicken, a Generous Samplers Dessert, Plus a 4 Hour Open Bar. Music by Peter Lieberman for your dining & dancing pleasure. The VENETIAN is about 14 miles from the WRC. Take Rte. 80 to Exit 61 South onto River Drive, about 2 miles South to The VENETIAN. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for **\$70.00** pp & mail to **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430. Tel: 201-825-5843. Include the names of your seating guests with your check.

**THURSDAY; AUGUST 14th 2014; YANKEE STADIUM TOUR & LUNCH ON ARTHUR AVE.** AU reserved 35 Tickets for the Tour, which includes; The Museum, Monument Park, Dug Out, Batting Cages & Locker Rm, Then we will BUS to Arthur Ave for Lunch at Emilia's. After Lunch take a walk & have a Cappuccino at a Sidewalk cafe. Make checks payable to AU for \$74. pp & mail to Larry Restieri, 105 Fisher Rd., Mahwah, NJ. 07430. ( 201-825-5843).

The BUS will leave WRC at 8:15 am for the 10 am Tour & return by 5 pm. No Yankee game schedule for this date.

**Sept—Wine Tasting Party**

**Oct—Oktoberfest**

**Nov—Brandywine Valley Tour. November 5, 2014 (Wednesday) to November 7 (Friday).**

Three days - Two nights. Visit Winterthur Gardens, Longwood Gardens, de Nemours Mansion and Gardens, Brandywine Museum and Gardens and Chaddsford Winery. Two Breakfast and Dinners, 2 nights lodging and Motor coach transportation. **\$390.** per person double occupancy.

Contact **Dick Botta**; 413-D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. (201) 848-9001

**Dec—Christmas Party December, 2014**

**T**he deadline for May., 2014 Newsletter articles is **5:PM April 29, 2013.** When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold).

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**Mahwah, NJ 07430**



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