

# Activities Unlimited

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## Activities Unlimited General Meeting April 10, 2018

1:00 PM at the WRC Heneveld Hall

We are pleased to have **Dr. Dubious and the Agnostics**, a Dixieland Jazz band perform for us at our April meeting. They play hot jazz of the 1920's and 1930's in New Orleans and Chicago style. I am sure most of you will remember that they performed for us a few years ago and were very well received.

Be sure to invite your wives/significant others as this is a great program for all of us.

As we did last month the entertainment will be first with the business meeting following. We really want to hear from you if you like the format of the speaker/entertainment first so please share your thoughts with a board member.

Try to make an effort to arrive at noon to join and talk with fellow members and to listen to our own AU band who will be playing as usual from noon to 1pm when Dr. Dubious and his band will take over.

Our speakers for the next four meetings will be:

May: Annual lunch- no speaker,

June: Dan Rose, a writer, educator and author who will talk to us about the "The Wonderful World of Laurel and Hardy",

July: Al Doblin, former Editorial Chief of the Bergen Record and currently Communications Director for the New Jersey State Senate Majority Office,

August: No meeting,

September: Chief Pezzutti and Chief Murphy of the Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff Police Department ,

October: Annual Breakfast- State Senator Jerry Cardinale.

## Note from the President

**Spring is in the air!** (Or, so they tell me as I look across the snow piles in front of my house). That means our Spring Luncheon is not far away. It is a highlight of the year! We have the opportunity to socialize with our friends and enjoy the music of the AU Guys. Be sure to get your money in early so **Vince Tortorelli** can plan and manage an enjoyable afternoon.

Nursery School security. Remember that the Heneveld Hall entrance door (downstairs from the parking lot) is only open for our use between 12:30 pm and 1:15 pm. All other times we have to be "buzzed in" at the front door.

Featured clubs this month. Each month we put the spotlight on two clubs. This month it will be the Garden Club and the Computer Club. Take a moment before the general meeting to stop at their displays, meet their members, and learn about their activities.

Speakers at the General Meetings. We are always looking for speakers/entertainment for our meetings. If you know of someone who would be of interest, contact **Joe Pullaro**, (201)337-0018.

## Spring Luncheon

Be sure to attend our annual spring luncheon on Tuesday May 8 at the Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes. Doors will open at noon and a coffee station will be set up before a buffet lunch that will be served at approximately 12:30. The AU band will play for our dancing and listening pleasure. **Wives and significant others are encouraged to attend.** Cost per person is \$27, including soft drinks. A cash bar will be set up with beer at \$5, wine at \$6 and mixed drinks at \$7. Since we need to give them a head count, please send checks soon, payable to Activities Unlimited, and mailed to **Vincent Tortorelli**, 39 Princeton Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Any questions call Vince at (201)447-3718. It really is a good time to socialize with all the group.

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



### 2018 OFFICERS



**Jim Webb**  
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201-337-7982



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COMMITTEES & CLUBS			
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
AU Guys	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	
Book Club	Vince Tortorelli Joe Clinton	201-447-3718 201-447-2261	4th Wed. 9:30
Dup. Bridge	ED Foldessy	201-327-5767	Wed 1 pm Larkin House
Rub. Bridge	Bob Mulligan Dave Kampschmidt	201-447-8837 201-405-2043	M,F 1:00 pm Franklin Lakes Ambulance Building
Care-Concern	Doug Cooper Paul Hennion	908-907-1112 201-891-4716	
Chaplain	Rev Andy Kadzban	201-485-8589	
Chess	Bill Schultz	973-525-0979	3rd Thru 9:30
Computer	Don Kirkpatrick Ed Schlachman Fred Theile	201-337-5666 973-423-1459 201-825-7541	3rd Wed. 10:00
Gardening	Joe Lamela Rick Sneyers	201-327-8137 973-248-6625	1st Wed.10:00
Golf	Bruno Bissetta Bill Bryne	201-891-7567 201-447-5064	Tuesday Thursday
Hiking	Don Kirkpatrick Rick Sneyers	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00
	Fred Theile	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30 WRC
Historian	Victor Pizzolato	201-612-0038	
History	Pablo Catangay	201-684-1217	4th Monday 1:00 pm
Investment	Al Connelly	973-616-0755	Thru after the AU General Meeting 9:30

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GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
Luncheon	John Abrahamsen	201-848-8037	
Membership	Walt Widmer Dick Hensch	201-562-8666 201-891-1309	
Newsletter	Lou Guarneri Dick Hensch	201-847-1981 201-891-1309	
Project Outreach	Marty McGonigle Joe Pullaro	201-529-1941 201-337-0018	
Photography	Murry Perl Sam Ohan	201-261-7276 201-825-0437	1st Tuesday 10:00 am
Public Disc.	Walt Widmer Tom Butler	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd Wednesday 9:30 am
Refreshments	Jim Forbes John Gannaway	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
Science	Jack Yurasek	201-337-4433	3rd Tuesday 10.00 am
Skiing	Bud Brooks Jack Yurasek	201-327-6649 201-337-4433	Snow
Sponsor Liaison	Jim Mallen	201-485-8589	
Stock Market	Mark Cohen John Abrahamsen	201-337-4198 201-848-8037	2nd Tues. 9:00 am 4th Tues. 9:00 am
Tennis	Dave Burleigh Bob Meyers	201-762-3707 310-254-8699	M,W,F
Transport.	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
Trips/Tours	Lou Guarneri Don Wasson	201-847-1981 201-891-1873	Morning of AU General Meeting 10:30 am
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

**A**t the March meeting \$154 was collected for the Wyckoff Reform Church Food Pantry.

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

**T**he deadline for May 2018 Newsletter articles is 5 PM Saturday, April 21, 2018. When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold). Email: [lguarneri03@gmail.com](mailto:lguarneri03@gmail.com) and [jrhensch62@gmail.com](mailto:jrhensch62@gmail.com) or mail to: **Lou Guarneri**, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430

## Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
Marty P Valerio (Holly)	344 Valley Rd River Edge NJ 07661	Project Management	Book Club, Gardening Club, Hiking Short, History Club and Refreshment	Home: 201-262-8966 Cell: 201-394-2938 Email: marty@hyregulatory.com
Bruce C Lauber (Marina)	150 Linden St Mahwah, NJ 07430	Counselor State of NJ	Care & Concern, Computers, Investments, Photography and Stock Club	Home: 201-962-2551 Cell: 201-207-3115 Email: bruce.lauber@gmail.com
Michael J Nelson (Edie)	52 Langan Ct Fair Lawn, NJ 07410	Engineering	Discussion Group and History Club	Phone: 732-595-6077 Email: edienels@gmail.com
Carver L Washburn (Pat)	28 Swiss Terr Wayne, NJ 07470	Executive	Bridge Social, Computers and Discussion Group	Home: 973-694-3336 Cell: 93-981-4039 clwashburn@verizon.net
Richard C Lutzy (Susan)	162 N Pleasant Ave Ridgewood, NJ 07450	Financial	Book Club, Discussion Group, Hiking Long, Hiking Short, History Club and Investments	Phone: 201-874-5507 lutzyone@gmail.com
Kramer A Stuart	16-07 Berdan Ave Fair Lawn, NJ 07410	Engineering	AU Guys Band, Care & Concern, Discussion Group, Hiking Short, History Club, Luncheon, Membership, Newsletter, Project Outreach, Refreshments, Science and Trip & Tours	Phone: 201-791-2320 stuartkramer@verizon.net
Fred J Celentano	204 Deerfield Ln Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417	Sales	Book Club, Discussion Club, Project Outreach and Trips & Tours	Phone: 201-891-6810 fredcelentano1@yahoo.com



### Duplicate Bridge Results

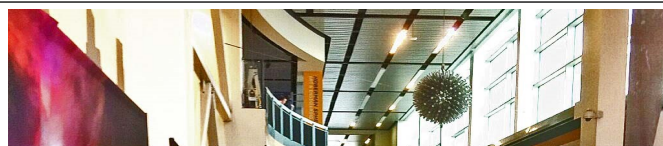
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3/7	Canceled due to snow storm		
3/14	NS EW	Bartlett/Martin MacDougall/Yampell/Warner	Desrosiers/Levin Freimuth/Page Meloro/Spence
3/20	Canceled due to snow storm		
3/28	NS EW	Barbera/Desrosiers Altamuro/Warner	Lewis/Smith Milcos/Spence Rock/Zelhof Levin/Martin

### Obituaries

It is sad to report the deaths of two long term AU members:

Ed McQuilken passed away on February 23rd

Dick Neuman passed away on March 2nd.



## The Liberty Science Center

TREK: THE STARFLEET ACADEMY EXPERIENCE AT LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER



## The Science Club

On March 20th, we joined the Trips and Tours Group carpool trip to the Liberty Science Center to visit their new Planetarium. Nine members of the Science Club, along with thirty members from Trips and Tours, all enjoyed the visit-- Thanks **Lou Guarneri** and **John Caikowsky**! The planetarium features an excellent computer-generated display that presents the constellations outlined by their Zodiac symbology. This program displays the local sky over a 24-hour period. Additionally, an IMAX movie on Hurricanes was enjoyed by many.

At the April 17 (10 am) meeting, **Al Coldon** will return and update us on Prostate issues. He is a member of the Hackensack Cancer Support Group and has advised many men over the years.

At the May 15 Meeting, **Fred Theile** will lead a discussion of the book 'Lights Out' by Ted Kopple). It reviews the problems associated with Cyberwarfare, and the threats to society.

Thanks to those whose gave talks this past year. We are always trying to have additional people making presentations, and suggestions to improve our group are welcome.

**Jack Yurasek** (201-337-4433) Email--[JYURASEK@AOL.COM](mailto:JYURASEK@AOL.COM)

## The History Club



The subject of our March 26, 2018 meeting was “The Medici Family and its influence on the Western civilization”, presented by **Walt Widmer**. He traced the beginning of the Medici family that started in the 14th century with Giovanni di Bicci de' Medici, would begin the great Medici dynasty. Giovanni's elder son, Cosimo (1389-1464), rose to political power in 1464 and ruled Florence as uncrown monarch for the rest of his life. He was a devoted patron of the humanities, supporting artists such as Ghiberti, Brunelleschi, Donatello and many others. Cosimo's sons and specially his grandson, Lorenzo the Magnificent (1449-1492) supported the Renaissance culture and arts that flourished greatly and Florence became the cultural center of Europe.

He supported the work of Renaissance masters such as Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. He was also patron to Galileo Galilei. Lorenzo died prematurely at age 43, his son Peiro succeeded him but soon enraged the public and was forced into exile and the governance of Florence was replaced by a republican government.

The Medici's wealth was derived from textile trade and banking. They became the richest family in Florence and later in all of Europe. The Medici family produced 3 popes. The Medici returned to power in Florence after Lorenzo the Magnificent's son Giovanni- a cardinal became Pope Leo X. He was a generous patron of the arts who commissioned many masterpieces that bankrupted the Vatican coffers which resulted the church selling indulgence to restore the Vatican finances. Pope Leo X and later pope Clement VII a cousin also served as de facto political rulers of Rome and Florence and large swaths of Italy as Papal States.

It was during their reigns that started the trouble in Rome and the beginning of Martin Luther's Protestant Reformation. Gian Gastone Medici, the last member of the family died in 1737 without heir and that was the end of the Medici Dynasty.

**Pablo A. Catangay**- 201-684-1217; [pcatangay@optonline.net](mailto:pcatangay@optonline.net)



## The Golf Club

This year's AU Golf Outing will be on Tuesday, **June 5th** with a new venue. We will be playing at **Farmstead Golf Club** in Lafayette Township, NJ, and will be playing a **Scramble format**.

This year will be AU Members only. Make up your Foursome or we will match you up with a foursome. A **Shot Gun** start will begin at 10 am followed by lunch and prizes for the winning teams. Coffee and donuts will be available before teeing off.

Using everyone's AU handicap, we will total the foursome's handicap and divide by four to get the team handicap. If you don't have an AU Handicap you must have a GHIN handicap to qualify for team prizes.

Make out your check for **\$85 to Activites Unlimited** and mail to:

**Robert Davidson**  
900 Hilltop Terrace  
Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Include a note indicating the names in your foursome. Let us know as soon as possible with your intent to play so we can let Farmstead know how many golfers we will have.



## The Book Club

### March 28, 2018 Meeting

The first book to be reviewed was *The Strange Death of Europe* by Douglas Murray, summarized by **George Lewis**. The book is the author's perspective on the hordes of immigrants who fled tumultuous situations in the Middle East and north Africa and landed on southern European shores, largely Greece and Italy, and moved upward into other European countries. While he recognizes and understands their plight, Murray takes the position that the sheer number has resulted in not only difficult accommodations in many cities and towns, but more significantly a threat to the different cultures that make separate European countries distinctive. A thorny situation has arisen in that while most countries were hospitable to the new arrivals, most notably Germany that accepted the largest number, as time passed and numbers grew citizens felt their way of life threatened and governments were hard pressed to come to grips with the dilemma and European cultures are becoming less a "melting pot" and more a static mosaic. Predictably, a lively (and largely informative) discussion followed that voiced both sides of the issue.

*The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert was reviewed by **Ed O'Keefe**. In this work the author traces a series of transformations (extinctions) that have evolved over the long history of our planet that have changed its being, each taking millions of years, but have resulted in the disappearance of various life forms, and continues to this day. While obviously the slow processes have made the various phases difficult to establish specific time parameters, she does make plausible cases for each and by inference the book suggests we are part of the next extinction. At some point. Again, a book that gave rise to provocative discussion.

*The Voice of the Violin* by Andrea Camilleri was recapped by **Joe Infosino**. This novel is a murder mystery that takes place in Sicily and features Salvo Montalbano, the local commisario (and frequent main character in a number of the author's works). He is called in to solve the murder of a beautiful young wife of an older wealthy physician who lives in Bologna on the mainland. The crime scene is bizarre and confusing, and the story introduces a number of local colorful characters and situations along the way until Montalbano ultimately solves the murder and the reader finally gets to understand the meaning of the title. A good change of pace to add variety to the session.

Five new members attended this month's meeting. We extend an invitation to all AU members to join us.

#### Books for April

*Leaving Berlin* by Joseph Kanon:  
*I Was Told To Come Alone* by Souad Mekhennet  
*What Made Maddy Run* by Kate Fagan

#### Books for May

*The Line Becomes a River* by Francisco Cantu  
*The Existential Café: Freedom, Being and Apricot Cocktails* by Sarah Bakewell  
*The Locals* by Jonathan Dee

## **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 'til it's too late.**

### **THURSDAY, April 26, 2018 -- Museum of the American Revolution**

Bus leaves WRC at 8:30 am. 1:00 pm - we will have a guided tour of the museum, followed by a program about Philadelphia- the Revolutionary City. We will also have the opportunity to see George Washington's actual battle tent. Time will be available before the tour for lunch on our own, either in the museum's cafeteria (prepackaged items) or in local restaurants. Local restaurant information will be available on the bus. Return to WRC about 5:30. Price \$60.00 pp. **MUST HAVE RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>**. Open to members, spouses and significant others. Please send checks, payable to Activities Unlimited, to:

**David Voehl**, 153 Konner Av. Pine Brook, NJ 07058.

For more information call 973-227-6981 (Cell – 973-865-8705). Please include your cell phone number with check.

**TUESDAY MAY 8, 2018- ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON/DANCE AT INDIAN TRAIL CLUB, FRANKLIN LAKES, N.J.** Doors open at 12:00 noon. Buffet lunch served at 12:30pm. Music by the AU Guys band. Please sign up as early as possible so we can set the number of tables required. The price, **\$27.00 per person**. Wives/significant others are invited. Make checks out to Activities Unlimited and mailed to: **Vincent Tortorelli, 39 Princeton Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481**. Any questions contact Vince at 201-447-3718.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### **June Lake Hopatcong boat tour and lunch**

### **Other trips and events in the planning stage for 2018:**

NYC tour  
Multi-day trip  
Wine Tasting  
Oktoberfest  
Christmas Dinner/Dance