

Activities Unlimited

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Activities Unlimited General Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2019 — 1:00 PM at the WRC, Heneveld Hall

Our speaker will be **Donald A. Kirkpatrick**. Don as most of you know is responsible for creating and maintaining the AU Web-Site www.activitiesunlimited.org Also, Don is currently responsible for the Long Hiking Group and The Computer Technology Club.

In his presentation on April 9th Don will provide the membership with a demonstration of the AU Web-Site. His presentation will not only cover what is currently on the web-site but also how to access all aspects of the AU Web-Site. Also, Don will provide some tips for the Club Chairmen as to making their respective Web-Page more usable to the members of the club and to the general membership.

One of the main reasons for Don's presentation on the AU Web-Site is to solicit ideas and suggestions on how the web-site can be improved and to become more useable to the AU Membership. So prior to April 9th please look at the AU Web-Site and jot down any ideas or suggestions ... and if possible forward them to Don at da-kirkpt@verizon.net so that he can incorporate some of them into his presentation.

Come Join us all at 12 noon. Bring your own lunch, AU provides coffee and cookies. Mingle with fellow members and enjoy the music of the AU Guys Band before the presentation.



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I am writing this message the temperature is 60 degrees, the birds are chirping and the daffodils are sprouting, so it must be spring. Let us hope so.

We are having some minor logistic problems with the test run for the meeting in the Sanctuary and now have it scheduled for July. We will talk more about it at the general meeting. We want to keep all members aware of what we are doing for publicity.

For those of you who are familiar with PATCH, the on-line blog that reports local news we have posted our advertisement in many of the local towns including Ramsey, Oakland, Allendale, Wyckoff and Ridgewood-Glen Rock. There is no charge if you are a resident of the particular town. This great idea was thought of by **Bob Dauer**, so contact him and he will instruct you how to insert the advertisement in your local town PATCH.

We have our flyer posted in various locations at the Wyckoff YMCA. Many of us belong to the "Y", so if you see someone looking at it (posted in front of the Directors office and at the senior room on the lower level) strike up a conversation and tell them about AU. Thanks to **Larry Peterson** for obtaining permission for us.

We are also posting our flyer in various places of business in towns where we live. We will have some flyers available at the monthly meeting for you to take and post at places in your town. Finally we will again be represented at Wyckoff Day on Saturday June 1st. We need volunteers so please contact me if you would like to help.

We have reached out to the Glen Rock Activities Club and have had an initial meeting with them to explore possibilities to have joint trips. They are interested so we have scheduled a second meeting the end of March. We will report to you the outcome at the general meeting.

The clubs presenting at our general meeting in April are the duplicate bridge club and the public discussion club. Stop by and talk to **Ed Foldessy** and **Walt Widmer**. They head up two great clubs.

We hope to see all of you at our April meeting in Heneveld Hall.

Joe Pullaro, President
201-337-0018 josephullaro@hotmail.com

At the Mar meeting \$140.00 was collected for the Wyckoff Reformed Church Food Pantry.

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

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



2019 OFFICERS



Joe Pullaro
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201-261-1219

COMMITTEES & C LUBS			
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
AU Guys Band	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	
Book Club	Vince Tortorelli Joe Clinton	201-447-3718 201-447-2261	4th Wed. 9:30am WRC-Memorial Rm
Dup. Bridge	ED Foldessy	201-327-5767	Wed 1:00pm Larkin House
Rub. Bridge	Bob Mulligan Dave Kampschmidt	201-447-8837 201-405-2043	M & F 1:00pm Franklin Lakes Ambulance Building
Care-Concern	Jeff Mohn Paul Hennion	201-261-1219 201-891-4716	
Chaplain	Rev Andy Kadzban	201-485-8589	
Computer	Don Kirkpatrick Ed Schlachman Fred Theile	201-337-5666 973-423-1459 201-825-7541	3rd Wed 10:00am WRC-2nd Floor
Gardening	Joe Lamela Rick Sneyers	201-327-8137 973-248-6625	1st Wed.10:00am WRC-Memorial Room
Golf	Bill Bryne Jim Webb	201-447-5064 201-337-7982	Tues & Thur. Paramus Golf Club
Hiking	Long Don Kirkpatrick Rick Sneyers	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00am WRC-Parking Lot
	Short Fred Theile	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30am WRC-Parking Lot
Historian	Victor Pizzolato	201-612-0038	
History	Pablo Catangay Tony Mastandrea	201-684-1217 201-327-8832	4th Mon 1:00pm WRC-2nd Floor
Investment	Al Connelly	973-616-0755	2nd Thur. 9:30 to 10:30am WRC-Memorial Rm Exp. July & August
Luncheon	John Abrahamsen	john.abrahamsen.bnp@gmail.com	
	Mark Cohen	201-337-4198	

COMMITTEES & CLUBS			
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
Membership	Walt Widmer Dick Hensch	201-562-8666 201-891-1309	
Newsletter	Lou Guarneri Dick Hensch	201-847-1981 201-891-1309	
Pickleball	Tim Tracy Tom Martin	201-560-8911 201-891-3185	Tue & Thur. 9:00 Wyckoff Public Tennis Courts
Project Outreach	Marty McGonigle Joe Pullaro	201-529-1941 201-337-0018	
Photography	Murry Perl Sam Ohan	201-261-7276 201-825-0437	1st Tue 9:00am WRC-2nd Floor
Public Disc.	Walt Widmer Tom Butler	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd Wed 9:30am Larkin House
Refreshments	Jim Forbes John Gannaway	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
Science	Jack Yurasek Harry Bennet	201-337-4433 201-891-9527	3rd Tue 10.00am WRC-2nd Floor
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. 9:00am 4th Tues. 9:00am WRC-2nd Floor
Tennis	Dave Burleigh Bob Meyers	201-762-3707 310-254-8699	M, W & F Time & Place Seasonal
Transport.	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
Trips/Tours	John Caikowsky Don Wasson	973-599-1056 201-891-1873	2nd Tue 10:15am Heneveld Hall
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

The deadline for the May, 2019 Newsletter articles is 5 PM, Tuesday, April 30, 2019. When submitting articles, please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold). Email: lguarneri03@gmail.com and jrhensch62@gmail.com or mail to: **Lou Guarneri**, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430

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 11, 2019 Cherry Blossom Time in Newark

Join us for a trip through Branch Brook Park where our guide will delve into the history of the park and its extensive collection of Cherry Trees. After the park tour we will visit The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Then on to Don Pepe's for lunch. Should be easy trip with little walking. Enjoy soup or salad, your choice of Paella, Chicken or NY Shell Steak and dessert; Wine, Sangria, Beer and Soda is included during Lunch. **The bus will leave WRC at 9:30 am.** Wives/significant others are invited. Mail your check for \$70 pp payable to Activities Unlimited to: **Louis Guarneri**, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Questions, call Lou (201-847-1981) **Waiting list only.**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 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 mail to: **Bob Dauer**, 15 Birchwood Lane, Ramsey, NJ 07446. Any questions contact Bob at 201-327-9247 or bobdauer@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday, June 4th, 2019 at 12:30 pm; FINO ITALIAN RESTAURANT, Located

at 114 W. Allendale Ave, Allendale, NJ. Lunch will include; Appetizers Hot Family Style, Pasta, Salad, Choice of Chicken, Veal, or Fish, Coffee or Tea, and Strawberry Sheet Cake for Dessert. Wives/significant others are invited. BYOB --Mail your check of \$33.pp payable to Activities Unlimited to:

Larry Restieri, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430. Questions call Larry at 201-825-5843.

Thursday, July 11, 2019: Bus trip to Banquet & Event Center at the

High Point Golf Club in Montague, NJ. within site of the High Point Tower and Monument. **The bus will leave the Wyckoff Reformed Church parking lot at 8:15 am.** The event will include a full breakfast, followed by an Activity Hour and ending with a full course dinner prior to boarding the bus for home. A 4-hour "Open Bar" is included.

There will be double featured entertainment which includes a comedian and a 12 piece Jazz Band. In addition, the facility has a Putting Green, Driving Range and Golf course. Some of their listed activities are Bingo, Giant Jenga and Horse Racing for Dollars. There are scenic views and nature walking paths.

THIS IS A NEW VENUE.....SOUNDS INTERESTING.....LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!

Wives/Significant others are invited!.

Cost is \$ 70. 00 per person and all checks need to be received no later than May 15, 2019. Mail checks payable to Activities Unlimited to:

Dick Botta, 413D. Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Questions call Dick: 201-848-9001

Notice of Proposed Changes to Article VI (Nominating Committee) of the AU By-Laws

Explanation:

The Executive Committee is recommending some timing changes to Article VI of the club's by-laws in order to move up the election of officers from December to November. The reason for the change is to ensure that the election takes place before the annual December Holiday Dinner Dance. The club has often presented the new officers and "passed the gavel" before formal voting for new officers took place. The recommended changes will avoid this situation. New officers will still enter into their office on January 1st.

Approval of the changes noted below will be by majority vote of members at the General meeting on June 11th.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1. *No changes to the existing text.*

Section 2.

The Committee shall select a slate of officers to be presented at the October meeting. Members may make additional nominations from the floor at this meeting.

Section 3.

The nominated slate of officers shall be presented again at the November meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at this time, after which nominations will be closed. The election of new officers by voice vote shall proceed. However, if there is more than one nominee for a particular office, voting shall be done by ballot.

Section 4.

The slate of duly elected officers shall be presented at the December meeting (the Annual Meeting) and will take up office effective January 1.

Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
Michael H Kelley (Anne Marie)	19 Serpentine Road Ringwood, NJ 07456	Accounting	Hiking-Short, Computers, Stock Club	Home: 973-839-6470 Cell: 973-879-4590 Email: kelleym1@optonline.net
Thomas J Srednicki (Joyce)	348 Indian Trail Drive Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417		Gardening Club, Golf, Hiking-Long & Short, Investments, Skiing &	Home: 201-891-6247 Cell: 201-506-1043 Email: tjsrednicki@aol.com
Louis J Parascandola (Carol Ann)	709 Walnut Drive Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417	Executive	Golf, Hiking-Long & Short & Investments	Home: 201-891-5543 Cell: 201-615-7309 Email: jparascandola@att.net
John C Fesen (Pat)	20 Falcon Court Mahwah, NJ 07430		Golf & Trips and Tours	Home: 201-327-4683 Cell: 201-410-7596 Email: jphnfesen@hotmail.com



The Bridge Club

		1st	2nd	3rd
3/6	NS	Freimuth/Warner	Desrosiers/ MacDougall	Anand/Meloro
	EW	Barbera/Spence	Altamuro/Yampell	Groesbeck/Milcos
3/13	NS	Freimuth/Milcos	Bidwell/Anand/ Randolph	Bartlett/Spence
	EW	Martin/Warner	Altamuro/Foldessy	Barbera/Yampell Kampschmidt/Meloro
3/20	NS	Meloro/Warner	Foldessy/Desrosiers	Altamuro/Bidwell Anand/Pasquariello
	EW	Milcos/Zelhof	Page/Spence	Barbera/Freimuth



The Science Club

The Car Pool trip to the American Museum of Natural History in NY on Tuesday, March 19 was excellent. Six members in 2 Cars took the trip, and enjoyed the excellent new exhibit on T-rex, and the Planetarium presentation on Dark Matter. Thank you to our 2 drivers-fortunately the weather was good-many school children attended, and it would be an excellent day trip with Grandchildren.

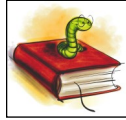
At the April meeting (10 AM, Tuesday April 16), **Gene Ingrassia** will give a PPT presentation on Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors, along with fire prevention and control. His talk will be of interest to all –everyone is invited. Thank you Gene for following up on the suggestion that we review personal material from previous meetings and other available information (talks, DVDs, videos, etc.) and use them at future meetings. If time permits, we could view a portion of a NOVA DVD on Cyberwarfare.

The May meeting will include recent Updated information on Cyberwarfare based on Sanger's book: 'The Perfect Weapon' and other sources. Cyberwarfare is transforming from a Defensive to an Offensive Stage where 'Malware' programs that are embedded into computer controlled equipment, and can be use to damage or disable them.

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

Jack Yurasek (201-337-4433) Email--Jyurasek@aol.com

See T-Rex photos on page 8



The Book Club

FEBRUARY 27, 2019 BOOK CLUB MEETING

The first book to be discussed was *Brave New World*, presented by **John O'Brien**. This is the classic 1931 science fiction work by Aldous Huxley in which the future comes to life. It begins with a tour of a lab, led by an Alpha-Plus (high caste) psychologist, where natural birth is unacceptable and human beings are created and conditioned according to a strict caste system. Once created, individuals are conditioned to an antiseptic and dehumanized life. Peace and tranquility is supported by recreational sex and the drug *soma*. As the novel unfurls, this world becomes disrupted by John, the long secreted natural son of the Director of this world, who upon being brought to it from where he lived on a faraway reservation for 20 years, finds it strange and repellent. It does not end with peace and tranquility. This is a book that some had read years ago but surely left a mark based on subsequent discussion. There were comparisons to George Orwell's *1984* and what, if any, influence *Brave New World* had on it. References to the popularity of eugenics in our country during the earlier 1900 years was also mentioned.

The next selection was *The Point of It All*, a collection of columns written by the political commentator Charles Krauthammer, which was summarized by **Walt Widmer**. Edited and completed by his son Daniel Krauthammer after Charles' death in 2018, the 92 pieces are organized in 18 thematic chapters. The book covers a wide variety of topics, including the arts, baseball, sciences, medical ethics and spaceflight as well as his overall political commentary as a classical conservative who champions liberal democracy and limited government. One section also describes what mattered most to him – family, friendship and the principles he lived by. Discussion indicated that whatever one's political bent, Krauthammer was a thoughtful, eloquent voice.

John Galvin then summarized *Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman* by Richard P. Feynman, a collection of adventures and oddball memories narrated by the author. While most people might remember him as a Nobel Prize physicist, he is also widely thought of for his oddball adventures. The book starts with his early years and his fascination and success in tinkering and fixing broken things and progresses into his noted science career, all the while sprinkling in a shower of anecdotes that mark him as a free-thinking iconoclast whose personal adventures always kept him grounded. A highly entertaining read about an unusual human being.

Jack Yurasek, Chairman of the AU Science Club was at the meeting and offered to supply us with a list of reading material for those of us who would like to follow up on selected science readings.

Books for March:

The Price of Love and Other Short Stories by Peter Robinson (12 short stories, some that feature Chief Inspector Alan Banks, a character of many of Robinson's books, as well as others that vary widely in terms of characters and plot.)

Educated by Tara Westover (A memoir that tells the author's own story of a child who grew up in the mountains of Idaho under the parenting of a survivalist and fundamentalist Mormon father.)

5 Days in London by John Lukacs (5 momentous days in May 1940 that tracked Winston Churchill's efforts in dealing with the war with Germany.)

Books for April:

Hiroshima by John Hersey (Discusses the aftermath of the atomic bomb drop through the eyes of 6 survivors).

His Final Battle – The Last Months of Franklin Roosevelt by Joseph Lelyveld (Chronicles the last year of Roosevelt's life and his reluctance to run for reelection in 1944.)

The Perfect Weapon by David Sanger (Deals with cyber technology, the advancement of cyber technology and its use in warfare and our strategy, ability/inability to control such matters).

The History Club



Jeff Mohn was the presenter for the March meeting. His topic: “Silent Sentinels- the other Airborne Intelligence Operations of the Cold War.” He discussed the highly secretive early years of USAF Cold War intelligence gathering missions. At the end of World War II almost all of the sophisticated radio equipment used in the Pacific war was scrapped. When the Soviet threat reared up, and the Iron Curtain came down, some American servicemen were sent to the scrap dealers with lots of cash to buy back whatever they could find. Thus began the huge military effort to create the means to gather accurate and timely information on enemy forces during the Cold War.

Jeff also look at some of the fatal mistakes that were made, including aircraft that were shot down and aircrews that lost their lives. He went on to discuss the details of the types of aircraft used in these operations and how the lessons learned by the sacrifice of those airmen affected training and the conduct of future missions. And finally, the metamorphosis to the highly developed Air Intelligence systems employed today.

Pablo A. Catangay, Chairman

Tony Mastandrea, Co-Chairman

Trips and Tours enjoyed a fun filled afternoon celebrating St. Patrick’s Day at the Brownstone. The food was delicious and plentiful, memorable Irish songs by the beautiful and talented Ryan Kelly and comedian Dale Grand gave his spin on Senior Life.



T-Rex

