

**Activities Unlimited General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2022 1:00PM**  
**Ambulance Corp Building**  
**480 Bender Court Franklin Lakes, NJ**

Guest Speaker: Fred Voss

Topic: **Genealogy**

Fred is a professional genealogist, researcher, and educator. He has been doing personal genealogy for over 25 years and is a Trustee and Education Chair for the Genealogical Society of Bergen County. His areas of interest are Germany, Switzerland, and New Hampshire, with special interest in DNA, Immigration, and Naturalization.

Mr. Voss is a certificate holder of the Boston University Genealogical Research Certification program (OL13). He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the International Society of Genetic Genealogists as well as various regional societies.

He volunteers as a tour guide at Ellis Island, leading both historical and photographic tours of the abandoned hospitals on the south side of the island (SaveEllisIsland.org).

His lectures have been featured at the New York Public Library, the Genealogical Society of Bergen County, the Monmouth Genealogical Society, the Passaic County Genealogical Club, the German Genealogical Society, and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Long Island.

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**NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**I**t is now officially spring and AU Clubs are opening their doors for outside activities. As mentioned last month, the Golf Club will commence under the guidance of Bill Bryne, Jim Webb and Bob Desrosiers the week of April 11 with both Tuesday and Thursdays play for the rest of the season. In addition, Tennis, Pickleball and Bocce will be starting up as well as Fred Thiele's Short Hiking club. Don Kirkpatrick and his jolly hikers have been making long hikes all winter and with warm weather should have some interesting venues. Fred is also planning a field trip to a local Garden Club in early May in time for spring flowers.

We have closed out the Dues collection process for 2022 with a final headcount of 339 members, 40 over the age of 90 and 299 younger guys. We still need to encourage new members in order to sustain our membership as well as to bring new "blood" into the respective clubs. I ask that you all think of inviting friends and family to come to one of our general or club meetings to hear about Activities Unlimited and its many attractions.

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**AU collected \$116 for the WRC Food Pantry in February**

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**For the Home page, click here:** <http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/index.html>

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



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GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING	GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
<a href="#">AU Guys Band</a>	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	1,3&4 Wed 9 am Midland Pk VFW	<b>Luncheon</b>	<b>John Abrahamsen</b>	john.abrahamsen.bnp@gmail.com 201-739-8589 Selected restaurants by invitation only	
<b>Bocce</b>	Walt Widmer	201-562-8666	M,W,F 10:00 am Ramsey Courts, Oak St		<b>Mark Cohen</b>		
<a href="#">Book Club</a>	Vince Tortorelli Marty Valerio	201-447-3718 201-394-2938	4th Wed 9:30 am Larkin House	<a href="#">Membership</a>	<b>Dave Voehl</b> <b>Dick Hensch</b>	973-227-6981 201-891-1309	
<b>Database Committee</b>	<b>John Abrahamsen</b> <b>Jim Webb</b>	201-739-8589 201-337-7982		<a href="#">Newsletter</a>	<b>Lou Guarneri</b> <b>Dick Hensch</b>	201-847-1981 201-891-1309	
<b>Dup. Bridge Rub.</b>	<b>Tom Meloro</b>	201-560-0169	Every Wed 1 pm Larkin House  On Hold	<a href="#">Pickleball</a>	<b>Tim Tracy</b> <b>Tom Martin</b>	201-560-8911 201-891-3185	Tue & Thur. 9:00 Wyckoff Public Tennis Courts
<a href="#">Care-Concern</a>	Marty Valerio	201-262-8966		<a href="#">Project Outreach</a>	<b>Joe Pullaro</b>	201-337-0018	
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Rev Andy Kadzban</b>	201-485-8589		<a href="#">Photography</a>	<b>Murry Perl</b> <b>Sam Ohan</b>	201-446-7357 201-825-0437	1st Tue 10:30 am Midland Pk VFW
<a href="#">Computer Technology</a>	<b>Don Kirkpatrick</b> <b>Fred Theile</b>	201-337-5666 201-825-7541	4th Tue 10:00 am Midland Pk VFW	<a href="#">Public Discussion</a>	<b>Walt Widmer</b> <b>Tom Butler</b>	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd, Wednesday 9:30 at Ambulance Corp Franklin Lake
<a href="#">Garden</a>	<b>Fred Theile</b>	201-981-1801	1st Tue 1:00 pm Midland Pk VFW	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Jim Forbes</b> <b>John Gannaway</b>	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
<a href="#">Golf</a>	<b>Bill Bryne</b> <b>Jim Webb</b>	201-447-5064 201-337-7982	Tues & Thur. 10:50 Paramus Golf Club	<a href="#">Science</a>	<b>Harry Bennett</b> <b>Jack Yurasek</b>	201-891-9527 201-337-4433	3rd Tue 1:00 pm Midland Pk VFW
<b>Long Hiking</b>  <b>Short</b>	<b>Don Kirkpatrick</b> <b>Rick Sneyers</b>	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00 am WRC-Parking Lot	<a href="#">Skiing</a>	<b>Bud Brooks</b>	201-327-6649	Snow
	<b>Fred Theile</b>	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30 am WRC -Parking Lot	<b>Sponsor Liaison</b>	<b>Jim Mallen</b>	201-485-8589	
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Victor Pizzolato</b>	201-612-0038		<a href="#">Stock</a>	<b>Frank Nusspickel</b> <b>John Abrahamsen</b>	201-891-9099 201-848-8037	1st & 3rd Tues. 8:30 am Midland Pk VFW
<a href="#">History</a>	<b>Pablo Catangay</b> <b>Tony Mastandrea</b>	201-684-1217 201-327-8832	4th Tue 1:00 pm Midland Pk VFW	<a href="#">Tennis</a>	<b>Dave Burleigh</b> <b>Bob Meyers</b>	201-762-3707 310-254-8699	M, W & F Time & Place Seasonal
<a href="#">Investment Study</a>	<b>Dennis LaBarbera</b>	201-391-0471	3rd Wed 1:00 pm Midland Pk VFW	<a href="#">Transportation</a>	<b>Frank Nusspickel</b>	201-891-9099	
				<a href="#">Trips/Tours</a>	<b>John Caikowsky</b> <b>Don Wasson</b>	973-599-1056 201-891-1873	2nd Tue 9:00 am Midland Pk VFW
				<a href="#">Web-Master</a>	<b>Don Kirkpatrick</b>	201-337-5666	



## Trips & Tours



### Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

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**Canada Cruise —The cruise aboard Royal Caribbean’s “Oasis of the Seas” will leave from Port Liberty, Bayonne, NJ on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and return on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

The itinerary: **Sunday**, Cape Liberty, New Jersey, Departs at 4:00 PM ; **Monday**, Cruising, Day At Sea **Tuesday**, Halifax, Nova Scotia, From 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM; **Wednesday**, Saint John, New Brunswick (Bay of Fundy), From 9:20 AM - 9:25 PM; **Thursday**, Cruising, Day At Sea; **Friday**, Cape Liberty, New Jersey, Arrives At 6:00 AM

**\*Itineraries are subject to change without notice\***

The actual rate will be based on the group rate and number of persons for the stateroom you choose at the time of your booking. As of 9/27/2021, the rate for 2 people in an ocean view balcony stateroom is about \$750.00 pp, which includes taxes and fees, Wives/significant others are invited. A deposit is required at time of booking. We strongly recommend that you consider purchasing travel insurance either from Royal Caribbean or a private insurance company. **AU assumes no liability for this trip.**

To make your reservation, call Royal Caribbean directly at **1-800-465-3595 Option 4**. Tell the agent that you are a member of the Activities Unlimited group and give them our group number: **5503842**.

Any questions, contact **John Caikowsky** at [johncaikowsky@optonline.net](mailto:johncaikowsky@optonline.net) or 973-599-1056  
Please email John when you make your reservation, include your stateroom number.

Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Interests	Phones/Email/(Occupation)
Kevin G Miller (Lisa)	431 Drury Lane Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Short Hikers, Golf, Hiking Long	C: 201-306-5576 kgmiller@me.com (Finance)
Russell A Campbell (Barbara)	72 Forest Rd Glen Rock, NJ 07452	Short Hikers, Hiking Long, Pick- le Ball	H: 201-670-5640 C: 646-734-0151 susscamp3@gmail.com (Business Owner)

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The **Spring Luncheon** is around the corner on May 10 at the Indian Trail Club. See the details in Jim’s note below. I hope to see you and your guests at this terrific event. Dance music will be supplied by the AU Band.

**Speaker, continued from page 1**

He teaches Introductory Genealogy and DNA and Genealogy at Bergen County Community College in Paramus, New Jersey.

He graduated from Boston College with a BA in Mathematics. He has spent his career working for and with software startup companies such as Netscape Communications, Sun Microsystems, and Oracle. Since 1990, he has specialized in Internet Identity and Security.

## Upcoming Club Activities

### BOCCE

All A/U members are invited to join the group at the Ramsey Courts, Oak St  
**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** at 10:00 am.  
Questions call: **Walt Widmer** 201-562-8666. It's easy and fun.

### Book Club

The next meeting for the Book Club will be held Wednesday, April 27 at 9:30 at the Larkin House in Wyckoff. Books to be discussed are *What the Qur'an Meant* by Garry Wills and *Eight Men Out* by Eliot Asinof. All AU members are welcome to attend.  
Questions call: **Vince Tortorelli** 201-447-3718 or email: [carvince@aol.com](mailto:carvince@aol.com)

### Computer Tech. Club

Our next meeting will be on April 26, 2022, 10:00 am at the Midland Park VFW  
If you have any suggestions or ideas of topics for future meetings, please forward to me  
Donald A. Kirkpatrick (201-759-3795) or [dakirkpt@verizon.net](mailto:dakirkpt@verizon.net)

### The Golf Club

The annual AU Golf Outing will be played at the **Farmstead Golf Club** on **June 29**  
Golfers of all abilities are welcome!  
If interested, please reply to **Jim Webb**. [jimwebb970@gmail.com](mailto:jimwebb970@gmail.com)  
home: 201 337 7982 or cell: 201 788 9085 cell

### Garden Club

Watch your emails for a special meeting invitation at the end of April.  
Our next AU Garden Club Meeting is May 3rd at 1:00pm. We will NOT meet as usual in the VFW; instead we are going out on a "Field Trip" to see for ourselves what the local garden center has to offer! Stay tuned for details at the AU General meeting on Tuesday, April 12th at 1:00pm.  
Questions or feedback to **Fred Theile** [fredtheile@gmail.com](mailto:fredtheile@gmail.com)

### Investment Study Group

The Investment Study Group held its first meeting of the year on March 16 with 19 members in attendance. Chair Dennis LaBarbera, a retired financial advisor, announced that Richard Berger, retired attorney, would serve as Vice Chair.  
It was agreed that the purpose of the group is to provide investment education to attendees. Members introduced themselves, shared which financial topics they would find most valuable, and some of their experiences in investing.  
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 20 1PM at the VFW in Midland Park and is open to all members and their spouses. The topic will be Real Estate Investment Trusts and how they can fit into a portfolio. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to [dennis.labarbera@yahoo.com](mailto:dennis.labarbera@yahoo.com)  
All AU members, as well as spouses or partners, are invited to attend. The first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday March 16. Please contact **Dennis LaBarbera** at [Dennis.labarbera@yahoo.com](mailto:Dennis.labarbera@yahoo.com) to express your interest in joining this group.

## Upcoming Club Activities; Continued

### Public Discussion

The next Discussion Group meeting is Wednesday April 13, 2022 at 9:30 am at The Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corp  
The town requires masks must be worn inside all town buildings  
Questions call: **Walt Widmer** 201-562-8666

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If you would like to join T&T, please contact **John Caikowsky** at: [johncaikowsky@optonline.net](mailto:johncaikowsky@optonline.net) or 973-599-1056

### Pickleball

**AU Pickleball** will start on **Monday April 18th** at the Wyckoff tennis/pickleball courts. Play will start at 8:30AM every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Anyone interested in playing should contact **Ken Frisco**:

Cell # 973-919-6704, Home 201-848-5595, [kenfrisco@aol.com](mailto:kenfrisco@aol.com)