



Activities Unlimited General Meeting

There is **NO General Membership Meeting in August**, in consideration of and with the hope that you will all enjoy your summer with family and friends.

The next General Membership Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 16th. This is once again on the third Tuesday of the month.

This occurs due to a conflict with a Wyckoff Reformed Church Nursery School Program.

Our October 14th General Meeting will be the Members Annual Breakfast at the Brick House in Wyckoff.

To all Club Chairmen:

Use of the WRC facilities will be very limited during the first two weeks of September. Please plan your meetings to avoid conflicts during that time.

Yankee Stadium Tour

The bus will leave WRC at 8:15 AM sharp, it will not wait for anyone that is not there by 8:15AM

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

October Breakfast

For our meeting on Tuesday, October 14th, 2014, we will be returning to the Brick House in Wyckoff on Godwin Avenue starting at 9:00am. Cost is \$9 per person, checks payable to AU and sent to **George Lewis**, 45 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Last year's breakfast meeting was very successful - good food, great company and an interesting program. Our guest speaker will be Jerome Deener, from Fox Rothschild LLP, who will be speaking about Estate Planning. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

The Golf Club



PENNSYLVANIA GOLF TRIP

Our fourth annual golf trip will take place August 27-29 and again in the beautiful Pennsylvania countryside. The package includes three rounds of championship golf from the senior tees, two nights lodging, hot breakfasts, a welcome drink and gift. Cost is \$310.00 double occupancy, including tax, etc. We currently have 10 signed up with room for 16 so please send your check made out to "Activities Unlimited" and noted for the golf trip to: **Marty McGonigle**, 129 Frank Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430. We'll be playing Riverside Country Club, Golden Oaks Golf Club and Berkleigh Country Club courses. So come on board and enjoy three days of fun, frivolity and some great golf!!

PROJECT OUTREACH NEEDS YOU!!

This AU club helps to supply nourishing bags of food to the Northside Food Pantry in Paterson through the Wyckoff Reformed Church. Our list of volunteers has been somewhat reduced due to injuries and vacations and we could sure use your help. Your service would entail about an hour of your time approximately every two months as either a Bagger or Un-loader. The former position consists of numbering and placing the filled food bags on shelves while the latter involves unloading and staging the donated food once a month. Come join your fellow AUers and you will receive abundant personal gratification in return by giving back to others less fortunate. If interested contact **Marty McGonigle** at www.mmbmcg@optonline.net or call him at either 201-529-1941 or 201-887-1585 you'll be glad you did.....I guarantee it! - Marty McGonigle



Duplicate Bridge Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
7/2	Desrosiers/Finn	Gottheim/Meloro	Gattoni/Riccardi
7/9	Lewis/Warner Hausman/Martin		Desrosiers/Page
7/16	Smith/Lewis	Hulit/Coughlin	Desrosiers/Wiest
7/23	MacDougall/Page	Reed/Sweetgal	Riccardi/Smith

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

The Science Club



Science

Plans for Science Club activities in the fall are as follows: Sept 23-- **Walt Widmer** will give a presentation on our Circulatory System. He has discussed this important body system previously, but with many blood diseases in the news, it should be interesting. At the end of the Sept. meeting, a "Roundtable Discussion" of the current Science Club activities will take place, with a request for recommendations for future plans and improvements. Please join us with your ideas and suggestions. We desperately need additional volunteers for presentations—discussions of past technical career experience, current technology books, DVDs, vacation trips (visits to Archeological sites etc.) all appear of interest.

Oct 4th-. We will have a return Trip to LaMont Lab on the First Saturday in Oct. Our previous car pool trip was enjoyed by all.

Nov 18-- Dr. Ron Cauchard (an Optometrist whose office is in Wyckoff) will return and update us on cataract, glaucoma, and macular degeneration eye issues.

A Car Pool Trip to the Liberty Science Museum in early December is also being discussed, if there is sufficient interest during the busy holiday time.

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

JACK YURASEK (201-337-4433)

The deadline for Sept, 2014 Newsletter articles is 5:PM Aug 29, 2014. When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold).

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Mahwah, NJ 07430

Welcome New Members

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John Sanchez (Elizabeth)	7 Drake Dr. Hillsdale, NJ 07642	Management	Trips & Tours and Hiking	H: 201-666-4489 jlsanc15@hotmail.com
Richard R Zilli	280 Prospect Ave. Apt 4K Hackensack, NJ 07601		Book Club, Bridge, Cares & Concerns, Computer, Discussion Group, Invest- ments, Trips & Tours and Stock Market	H: 201-880-7760 C: 646-734-5945 rzilli@aol.com



The Garden Club

In place of our July Garden Club meeting, we enjoyed an informative tour of **DON CHUCKA'S** garden. Featured were: 19 vegetable varieties, including eleven types of tomatoes, eight different herbs and six kinds of fruit, all growing in a compact well-organized space.

Don has also developed some inventive ways to discourage "critters" from stealing his bountiful harvest.

Don's growing success was equally matched by his wife's hospitality, who provided us with tea and cookies.

Thank you, Ginger!

We will NOT be meeting in August. Our next regular meeting will be September 3rd, 10 AM, at WRC conference room.

Any garden questions? Call me at 201-327-8137.

Joe

Food Pantry

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



Public Discussion Group

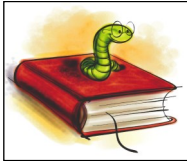
The Discussion Group enjoyed another widely-participated in, lively discussion this month. We began by looking at the recent exchange of five Taliban prisoners in Guantanamo for the American "POW," Bowe Bergdahl. Views were varied as to whether he deserved being returned in light of his alleged desertion; the risks potentially posed by the five Taliban leaders during their year in Qatar and thereafter; the motives for the exchange: part of a plan to close Guantanamo or just following military tradition of leaving no man behind; whether Bergdahl will ever be court-marshaled, among other aspects of the exchange.

The Group then turned to a more local question, the appropriateness of opening a mosque in Midland Park. After broadly agreeing that zoning and religious freedom permitted a mosque, the discussion turned to wider issues about whether Islam is fundamentally different in the values it espouses and whether the mosque poses a threat with respect to preaching violence. The topic opened the door to an even broader discussion of the impact of immigration and cultural differences on what it means to be an "American." Many members referred back to the assimilation of earlier waves of immigrants and thought that not having English as the country's common language was undermining the national sense of identity. Some suggested that demographic shifts with Hispanics and other minorities making up a larger proportion of the total population further put the idea of a common culture at risk.

We then got on to the subject of "crime." Was the probation system and plea bargaining resulting in too many repeat offenders being on the streets? Was the criminal justice system too harsh and dooming minor offenders to prison terms and a path to recidivism? There was general consensus around two root causes of crime: the breakdown of the family unit and poverty, but with no agreement on which was more significant. There was also general agreement that society would be better off if drug use were treated as a medical condition rather than a criminal offense. There was also some suggestion that drugs be legalized and then heavily taxed, as in Colorado, to generate revenue.

The next meeting will take place on Friday, August 15th at Larkin House. Topics will include: Has school integration been effective? Would universal pre-school raise educational standards? and What should we do about Iran? All AU members are welcome.

Tom Butler



The Book Club

June & July

Books for July:

- * OFFICER AND A SPY - Robert Harris
- * INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE - Ronald Kessler
- * GIRLS OF ATOMIC CITY - Denise Keiman

Tom Butler got the meeting under way with a highly amusing summary of ONE SUMMER - America 1927, by Bill Bryson. This book touches on Lindberg's NY to Paris flight, Babe Ruth's 60-home run season, Jack Dempsey's "long count" loss to Gene Tunney, Al Capone's

Chicago, the Sacco and Vanzetti trial, the "Jazz Singer" and the advent of the "talkies," and an irreverent look at Henry Ford, Presidents Coolidge and Hoover, and Prohibition. This is an excellent read - entertaining and hard to put down.....**Joe Pullaro** led the discussion

on BAILOUT by Neil Brodsky. Barofsky had been the Special Inspector General for TARP. As chief watchdog for the \$700 billion federal bailout of the financial system, he had a jaundiced view of the major banks. His chief complaint is that it was difficult to insure that banks were using the TARP funds as they were primarily intended - making loans. He saw as his main obstacle Treasury Secretary Geithner, whose policy was to trust the banks and let them self-regulate. He never clarifies that of the \$300 billion TARP funded actually spent,

the banks repaid all of it with interest.....**George Ekel** related the true story of Leah Vincent, the author of CUT ME LOOSE - Sin and Salvation After My Ultra-Orthodox Girlhood. This is a bizarre tale of a young girl growing up in an ultra-Orthodox Jewish community in Pittsburgh, who at age 16 was ostracized by the community when caught exchanging innocent letters with a boy, and wearing a form-fitting sweater. Her parents joined the ostracism. She eventually goes on a downward spiral but eventually finds her feet, goes to college, marries and starts her own family. Some members thought her former sect showed traits similar to the Muslim and Amish communities.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 9, at 9:30 am at the Larkin House (380 Godwin Ave, Wyckoff).

New members are welcome. (It's not necessary to have read any of the books for July).

Joe Clinton

Ed Morris opened the meeting with an introduction to the novel AN OFFICER AND A SPY (Robert Harris) which retells the story of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus who, in 1894, was falsely accused of passing military secrets to the Germans. Dreyfus, a Jew, was convicted on flimsy evidence at a secret trial conducted by an anti-Semitic General Staff. Lt Col. Georges Picquart recently appointed as head of counterintelligence realized Dreyfus was railroaded and risked his career and life to overturn the verdict. Against all odds, Dreyfus was pardoned after serving five years on Devil's Island. A complex, gripping story, superbly written.....**INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE** (Ronald Kessler), reviewed by **Tom Butler**, gives a peek inside the White House as we see our Presidents (starting with Kennedy) and their families as they really were behind closed doors. As you would expect, it's a gossipy book, and the reader has to judge how credible were the author's sources.....**Joe Clinton** discussed **THE GIRLS OF ATOMIC CITY** (Denise Kiernan) a little known story of the creation of Oak Ridge, Tenn. which became the processing center for the uranium used in the atomic bomb. At its height there were 75,000 people in this "city." A wartime shortage of manpower led to heavy recruitment of young women to fill many of the jobs. These "pioneers" encountered problems in housing, creating a social life, and the difficulties working in such an ultra classified environment. This is an interesting, well told story, which includes many photographs to help the story along.

NOTE: No books are on tap for discussion at our September meeting. Instead, we are asking all members to show up in September with two book recommendations. From these we will compile a list for future readings. These needn't be books read over the summer. They can be any books you've read and enjoyed.

We will not be meeting in August. Our next book club meeting will be September 10 at 9:30am at the Larkin House.

New members are welcome.

Joe Clinton

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**Investment
Study
Group**



Investment Study Group will not meet during the months of **July and August!** Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, Sept. 18th.**

Questions please call:
Herb Umland at 201-891-6638

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.

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 Side-walk 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—Thursday September 11, 2014—Wine and Appetizer Social at the Brookside Manor Clubhouse (Storms Drive, Mahwah), which is about 5 minutes from the WRC (Wyckoff Reformed Church). There will be some wine tasting and plenty of appetizers (Shrimp, Chicken, Swedish Meat Balls, Pigs in a Blanket, just to name a few). No one will leave hungry. It will run from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The cost is \$30.00 pp. This social will be limited to 50 people because of the size of the clubhouse. Please sign up ASAP to reserve your place for this party. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited no later than August 25th, and send them to George Lewis, 45 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, NJ 07430. (201) 891-5883

Thursday, October 23rd- German Festival Put on your Lederhosen and join us for a German Festival at **Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort** in Hawley, Pa. Trip includes Bus transportation, Dinner, Dancing and a German Show. Bus will leave WRC at 8:45am and depart Ehrhardt's at 3:30pm. The cost of the trip is \$55.00 pp, includes:

-Coffee and Apple Streusel upon arrival - Strudel making demonstration by Ehrhardt's Chefs - Music and Dancing
- Open Bar with Draft Beer, Wine and Soda - Family Style German Festival Meal - Apple Strudel a la Mode - Coffee and Tea - Snacks before departure. The Joe Lastovica Band will play a spirited mix of German music and Heidi the Bavarian Beer Garden Girl will be back along with Marty Keller and his Alpine Horn & Bavarian Act. Send your check payable to Activities Unlimited - \$55.00 pp- to **Mike Hurd**, 470 Wyckoff Ave. Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Any questions call Mike at 201-891-1374 or **Don Wasson** at 201-891-1873.

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 15, 2014



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