



AU GENERAL MEETING

No Meeting in August

September's meeting will be the Third Tuesday

September 15, 2015

I am proud to announce that our guest speaker for the September 15, 2015 AU General Meeting will be NJ Congressman Scott Garrett.

Scott was born in Englewood, NJ and currently resides in Wantage Township in Sussex County, NJ. He has a BA degree from Montclair State University, and a Juris Doctor from Rutgers Law School

He is a member of the House Budget Committee, Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, & Chairman of the Congressional Constitution Caucus.

Scott will be discussing the following: 1) Are our elected officials following the Constitution? He will explain what the Constitutional Caucus is all about, since Scott is the Chairman. 2) He will discuss why our Government debt is constantly rising, and what we are doing to try to contain it. 3) An update on the Iranian Nuclear Agreement.

A Q&A session will follow.

Spouses are encouraged to attend

QUESTIONS – please call **George Lewis** 201-891-5883

RAMON'S REFLECTIONS

Traditionally, August is a vacation month. A time to take off from our work or busy schedules to celebrate; possibly with travel to a foreign/local destination, or sunning/swimming at the Jersey shore or for some of us retired folks, just a time for relaxing at home. So it is with Activities Unlimited, as we will not have a Membership or Board Meeting this month. We therefore extend to all our best wishes for a happy and healthy month, so that with our vacation, we will be well rested with renewed energies to tackle the normal challenges all of us will be facing in the month's ahead.

Happy Vacation-Happy Trails.

Meetings for NEW AU members

We intend to continue having a New Member meeting at 12:30 PM immediately preceding our monthly AU General Meeting. Even if they had attended a previous meeting, we would gladly welcome them back to keep them updated.

This is a great way to disseminate information to new members and allow them to ask questions. They can quickly learn more about AU and it's activities.

Please help spread the word to all new members, so we can help them enhance their AU experience. This provides a good opportunity to meet their fellow new members and a great start to making new friends.

George Lewis 201-891-5883

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

Food Pantry

At the July meeting, Men's Beefsteak dinner and the June luncheon we collected \$525.00 for the food pantry. It included 2 checks for \$120 each.



Duplicate Bridge Results

	OFFICES		MEETING
President	Ray Casaprima	201-891-3394	2nd Tue 11am
1st Vice-Pres.	George Lewis	201-891-5883	
2nd VicePres.	Ed Chanod	201-891-1995	
Secretary	Edwin Schlachman	973-423-1459	
Treasurer	Mike Hurd	201-891-1374	
Asst. Treas.	Tom Butler	201-934-8161	
	COMMITTEES		
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	Jim Mallen	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 201-625-7541	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	
History	Pablo Catangay	201-684-1217	
Investment	Herb Umland	201-891-6638	2nd Thru 9:30
Membership	Walt Widmer	201-562-8666	
Newsletter Distribution By	Lou Guarneri Ed Schlachman	201-847-1981 973-423-1459	
Project Outreach	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	Jim Mallen	201-485-8589	
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	

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7/1	NS	Boylan/Smith	Cheringal/Martin	Lubicich/Riccardi
	EW	Hausman/Zelhof	Hulit/Warner	McAdams/Wiest
7/8	NS	Yampell/Wiest	Anand/Meloro	Martin/Rock
	EW	Milcos/Spence	Freimuth/Warner	McAdams/Smith
7/15	NS	Detrick/Warner	Gattoni/Hulit	Page/Riccardi
	EW	Freimuth/Meloro	Mahmarian/Smith	Christie/Lewis
7/22	NS	Hausman/Wiest	Gattoni/Zelhof	Freimuth/Riccardi
	EW	Anand/Smith	Warner/Wong	Martin/Page
7/29	NS	MacDougall/ Riccardi	Coughlin/Smith	Mahmarian/Verdi
	EW	Martin/Spence	Meloro/Wiest	Desrosiers/Hulit

Obituary

Bob Tommaney passed away on July 30, 2015. He is survived by his wife Joan Tommaney.

Just a reminder about dates that the WRC Education Building will be closed:

August 3 – 7 – Building will be closed to *all activities*

As always, thanks for your patience and understanding as we share this space.

Susan P. Fasano—Office Administrator—The Wyckoff Reformed Church
201.891.1782

Any member requesting a change of their; Phone number, address, and or e-mail must send the information to Membership:
whwidmer@optonline.net or mail to:

Walt Widmer
38 Hamilton Street
Allendale, NJ 07401

The deadline for September, 2015 Newsletter articles is 5:00PM August 28, 2015. When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold).

Email: lguarneri03@gmail.com
Or mail to: **Lou Guarneri**
128 MacLeish Court
Mahwah, NJ 07430

Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
Severino Alvarez (Sevi)	122 Sherwood Ave Mahwah, NJ 07430		Chess, Discussion Group, Investments and T&T	704-747-2034
James Atieh (Leona)	27 Grove St Oakland, NJ 07436	Executive	Discussion Group, Gardening, Golf, Investments, T&T, Science and Stock Market	201-315-5346 atiehlj1@verizon.net
Bill Carroll (Maryjane)	15 Dale Ave Wyckoff, NJ 074841	Executive	Golf and T&T	H: 201-670-1316 C: 201-693-2708 bchgors1@aol.com
Douglas E Cooper (Diana)	15 David Alan Way Montville, NJ 07045	Executive	Golf, Newsletter and T&T	908-907-1112 dcoop1025@yahoo.com
Donald L Crowley (Maryanne)	96 Worcester Dr. Wayne, NJ 07470	Attorney	Computers, Golf, T&T and Stock Market	H: 973-694-3088 C: 201-315-1949 Crowley@methwerb.com
Alan L Detrick (Linda)	110 Rutland Rd Glen Rock, NJ 07452	Photographer	Bridge, Gardening and Hiking	201-444-6466 aland@alandetrack.com
James Krone (Linda)	120 Airmont Ave Mahwah, NJ 07430	Civil Service	Bridge, Golf, Membership and T&T	201-252-2278 lindanicholas86@yahoo.com
Frank P O'Loughlin (Lorraine)	26-2 Tamaron Dr. Waldwick, NJ 07463	Executive	Chess, Computers, Golf and Historian	201-389-3880 folo4528@gmail.com
Arthur Rock (Nancy)	662 Midwood Rd Ridgewood, NJ 07450	Civil Service	Book Club, Bridge, Discussion Group, Investments, T&T, Stock Market and Hiking	201-444-7098 arock1315@aol.com
Peter M Swist (Ann)	809 Iron Latch Rd Franklin Lakes, NJ 07410	Executive	Golf and T&T	H: 201-337-5140 C: 201-406-5626 matripps@prodigy.net

The Garden Club



Thirteen AU members and wives joined with the Women Gardeners of Ridgewood and the Ramsey Area Garden Club for a bus trip to tour several NYC gardens. On July 1st 45 total participants visited 5 community gardens located in lower and mid-town Manhattan, as well as the lovely gardens at Fort Tyron Park in upper Manhattan. We had a community garden member as our guide for each community garden tour and the head of the Fort Tyron Park served as our guide at that location. We also visited the NYC west side "Hi-Line" park where we took a break to enjoy our respective "brown bag" lunches and to walk this fabulous, park-like facility during our free time.

Gerrit White



911 Museum Trip



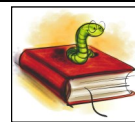
Beefsteak Dinner



Baseball Game



The Book Club



THE CHILDREN ACT (Ian McEwan) is a novel about a British High Court judge immersed in a taxing family court workload, especially challenged by a case with a life and death situation involving a teenage Jehovah Witness, and further pressured by her own marital difficulties. Interesting insights into the workings of the British High Court and some religious beliefs.....in NO PLACE TO HIDE (Glen Greenwald) the author, a go-between for Edward Snowden, tries to show the scope of the NSA surveillance program and how it even exceeds their ability to store and analyze it. Disturbing as it is, can Greenwald be relied on to judge what is over reaching by the government and what is legitimate intelligence gathering?.....A BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF ISLAM (Dr. Zuhdi Jasser) describes the author's opposition to Islamism, or political Islam, and advances his idea of Islam, which separates faith and politics. To this end he founded the American Islamic Forum for Democracy. Jasser describes most mainstream Muslim organizations in the U.S., such as CAIR (Council on American Islamic Relations), as falling in the Islamist category. A controversial book that generated a great deal of discussion.

No books for September. Instead, each member is asked to present two or three recommendations at the September meeting. These recommendations will comprise a list to be drawn on during the next book club year.

Our next meeting will be 9:30am on September 9 at the Larkin House (380 Godwin Ave, Wyckoff). We always welcome AU members to come and check us out.

Joe Clinton

bhagan185@aol.com



Public Discussion Group

Our monthly meetings involve interesting topics, a lively exchange of views and a lot of learning. July was no exception. We began with a discussion around the recently concluded Iran agreement. While there were different views, the group quickly acknowledged that none of us had read the 150 pp document and therefore, unlike our political representatives, were in no position to comment. There was a general feeling that the deal entailed risks about Iran's trustworthiness and also whether any deal that left Iran with a future potential to develop a nuclear weapon was acceptable. By and large, however, the group felt we should wait until all the details in the agreement were reviewed and explained before jumping to a conclusion.

The next topic dealt with immigration. Here the views were more clearly defined. There was general agreement that the Government needed to address the problem, but different views on the best approach. Some thought the plans put forth by Senator McCain and by President Obama made sense in terms of regularizing long term, undocumented residents and creating a larger and younger tax base; others felt that the first priority should be border control to ensure that the problem does not worsen. Some expressed the view that current immigration policy was just importing poverty and criminality. All agreed that there needed to be a better way to filter out the "bad eggs" from the kind of immigrants the country really wanted to attract. Again, no solutions, but a lot of interesting ideas.

The next topic of whether the Government was up to dealing with the problems of the 21st century was a short discussion. Most agreed that the current political system was ineffective and unable to respond because of the corrupting influence of money. The cost of running for office has turned the focus from problem solving to money raising, and there seems to be no solution to correct that problem without constitutional amendments that would, for example, limit terms of office or restrict election financing.

Finally, there was a short discussion on the Greek debt problem. Here, discussion revolved around whether the problem was rooted in Greek culture that tolerated wide spread corruption and lax tax collection among other problems or related to Germany's willingness to ignore Greek structural problems as long as Greece could pay for German imports. Most felt that Greece should not have been allowed to enter the EU in the first place in light of its inability to meet the debt to GDP threshold. With respect to the German hardline on Greek austerity, most agreed that Germany was playing to its domestic audience rather than to what might be in the best interest of the EU. The solution for the moment appears to be to postpone any real solution for another six months. Perhaps we'll take up this topic again then.

The Discussion Group meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at the Larkin House at 9:30 am. All members are welcome to attend. Next meeting is August 21st. Please be sure to look at the AU website for more complete commentary on the meetings.

Tom Butler

Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

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

Get your check in ASAP don't wait till it's too late.

Thursday, August 20, 2015 — “Twist and Shout” — Hunterdon Playhouse

Presents the music of the sixties from Burt Bacharach to the Beatles -- the Four Seasons to the Four Tops. Come and listen to the music that reflected the many societal changes taking place in that decade. A sit down luncheon will precede the show followed by their famous dessert buffet, coffee or tea. Bus leaves WRC at **10:00 am**. **Your check for \$70.00 per person should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to: Dick Neuman, 276 Barnstable Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Tel: 201-445-9550.**

Thursday September 17, 2015—Wine and Appetizer Social

Brookside Manor Club- house (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. 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. **Your check for \$33.00 per person should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent, no later than August 25th, directly to: George Lewis, 45 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, NJ 07430. (201) 891-5883**

Saturday, September 26, 2015 —Cruise to New England and Canada. Contact: Lou Guarneri 201-847-1981

Tuesday, October, 20, 2015 — “Memories of the Meadowbrook” — Stoney Hill Inn, Hackensack

This is a musical trip down memory lane when Frank Dailey's Meadowbrook in Cedar Grove hosted all the big bands (Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, etc.,) in the 40's and 50's. Joe Zisa will provide the music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Dan Yates will serenade you with songs from Damn Yankees, Man of La Mancha, Hello Dolly and other great shows. A family style luncheon includes all food, 2 drinks, soda and gratuities. Show starts at **11:00 am** and ends 3:00 pm, driving instruction will be given out prior to the event. **Your check for \$45.00 per person should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to: Don Wasson, 14 Appert Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430 (201-891-1873) Please using the form on page 7, send your check in ASAP to guarantee your reservation.**

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 — Murder Mystery — Brownstone, Paterson

A day of dining, dancing and "MURDER at the DISCO". Audience participation? Lunch includes: 2 Comp Drinks, Salad, Ziti, Choice of Roast Beef, Roast Chicken, Potatoes, Veggies, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Soda. 11:30 - 3:00. **Your check for \$44.00 per person should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to: Dick Botta 413-D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. 201-848-9001.**

Sunday, December 6, 2015 — West Point Christmas Concert

Concert starts at 1:30 PM preceded by Thayer Hotel Champagne Brunch at 10:30 AM in Main Dining Room. Bus Transportation from vicinity of WRC (details to follow). Cost is \$65. per person. We are limited to 45 participants, prompt payment secures participation. There will be no phone reservations. Send your check for \$65.00 per person payable to Activities Unlimited to: **Dick Botta, 413D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481.**

Monday, December 21, 2015 — AU Christmas Party

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If you are receiving the newsletter via the postal service and need to continue that service, you **MUST** cut out this notice, enter your name and telephone number on the space provided below, and return it to Walt Widmer before August 31. If you no longer need the surface mailing--both email attachments and viewing on the AU website are available to you--simply ignore this notice and the mailing will stop in September.

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MR. WALTER WIDMER
38 HAMILTON STREET
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