

# Activities Unlimited

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## Activities Unlimited General Meeting

### NO MEETING IN AUGUST

The speakers scheduled for the remainder of the year are:

**September:** Chief Pezzutti and Chief Murphy of the Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff Police Departments.

**October-** Annual Breakfast. State Senator Jerry Cardinale

**November-** Jeff Tittle. Senior Chapter Director, N. J. Sierra Club

**December-** Golden Apple chorus- 12 ladies who will perform holiday music

This morning, around 7:00 AM, I went for my stroll around the marina. I noticed a man with a long blade knife running down the dock towards me, dressed in Islamic clothing who shouted "Allah be praised!" and "Death to all Infidels!," when suddenly he tripped and fell into the water.

He was struggling to stay afloat because of the weight of all the explosives he was carrying, and I knew that if he didn't get help he would surely drown!

Being a responsible citizen, and abiding by the moral code that requires a person to get help to those in distress, I contacted the Police, the Coast Guard, Homeland Security and even the Fire Department.

It is now 11:00 AM, the terrorist has drowned, and none of the authorities have responded. I'm starting to think I just wasted four stamps.

## NOTES TO MEMBERS

It's time again to order the AU Golf Shirts for anyone who is interested. Especially, some of our new members.

If you want one, please send me an email requesting the size you want: M, L, XL, or XXL. The cost is the same as last year: \$25.00 each.

These shirts are very nice, comfortable, and a great advertisement for our AU Club.

Thank you,

**George Lewis**  
201-891-5883

[geolewis2@gmail.com](mailto:geolewis2@gmail.com)

**The Oktoberfest on Wednesday, October 24th at the Brownstone is selling out quickly.** We still have 20 reserved tickets unsold as of this date. We must return all unsold tickets. If you are interested in going to this show, please send a check for \$52 pp payable to Activities Unlimited to:

**Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd.  
Mahwah, NJ 07430

**All checks must be received no later than August 25, 2018.**

**A**t the **July** meeting \$347.00 was collected for the Wyckoff Reform Church Food Pantry.

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

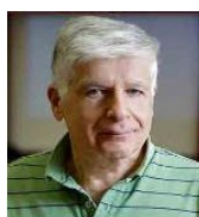
## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



### 2018 OFFICERS



**Jim Webb**  
President  
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**Joe Pullaro**  
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**Doug Cooper**  
Asst. Treas.  
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| COMMITTEES & CLUBS  |   |  |   |
|---------------------|---|--|---|
| GROUP               | CONTACT   | PHONE  | MEETING   |
| <b>AU Guys Band</b> | John DeSantis                                   | 201-447-0256                                 |   |
| <b>Book Club</b>    | Vince Tortorelli<br>Joe Clinton                 | 201-447-3718<br>201-447-2261                 | 4th Wed. 9:30                                       |
| <b>Dup. Bridge</b>  | ED Foldessy                                     | 201-327-5767                                 | Wed 1 pm<br>Larkin House                            |
| <b>Rub. Bridge</b>  | Bob Mulligan<br>Dave Kampschmidt                | 201-447-8837<br>201-405-2043                 | M,F 1:00 pm Franklin<br>Lakes Ambulance<br>Building |
| <b>Care-Concern</b> | Doug Cooper<br>Paul Hennion                     | 908-907-1112<br>201-891-4716                 |   |
| <b>Chaplain</b>     | Rev Andy Kadzban                                | 201-485-8589                                 |   |
|                     |   |  |   |
| <b>Computer</b>     | Don Kirkpatrick<br>Ed Schlachman<br>Fred Theile | 201-337-5666<br>973-423-1459<br>201-825-7541 | 3rd Wed. 10:00                                      |
| <b>Gardening</b>    | Joe Lamela<br>Rick Sneyers                      | 201-327-8137<br>973-248-6625                 | 1st Wed.10:00                                       |
| <b>Golf</b>         | Bill Bryne<br>Jim Webb                          | 201-447-5064<br>201337-7982                  | Thursday  |
| <b>Hiking</b>       | <b>Long</b><br>Don Kirkpatrick<br>Rick Sneyers  | 201-337-5666<br>973-248-6625                 | Mon 9:00  |
|                     | <b>Short</b><br>Fred Theile                     | 201-981-1801                                 | Mon 9:30 WRC  |
| <b>Historian</b>    | Victor Pizzolato                                | 201-612-0038                                 |   |
| <b>History</b>      | Pablo Catangay<br>Tony Mastandrea               | 201-684-1217<br>201-327-8832                 | 4th Monday<br>1:00 pm                               |
| <b>Investment</b>   | Al Connelly                                     | 973-616-0755                                 | Thru after the AU<br>General Meeting 9:30           |

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| GROUP                   | CONTACT                        | PHONE                        | MEETING                                      |
| <b>Luncheon</b>         | John Abrahamsen<br>Mark Cohen  | 201-848-8037<br>201-337-4198 |  |
| <b>Membership</b>       | Walt Widmer<br>Dick Hensch     | 201-562-8666<br>201-891-1309 |  |
| <b>Newsletter</b>       | Lou Guarneri<br>Dick Hensch    | 201-847-1981<br>201-891-1309 |  |
| <b>Project Outreach</b> | Marty McGonigle<br>Joe Pullaro | 201-529-1941<br>201-337-0018 |  |
| <b>Photography</b>      | Murry Perl<br>Sam Ohan         | 201-261-7276<br>201-825-0437 | 1st Tuesday<br>10:00 am                      |
| <b>Public Disc.</b>     | Walt Widmer<br>Tom Butler      | 201-562-8666<br>201-934-8161 | 2nd Wednesday<br>9:30 am                     |
| <b>Refreshments</b>     | Jim Forbes<br>John Gannaway    | 201-825-0523<br>201-485-7881 |  |
| <b>Science</b>          | Jack Yurasek                   | 201-337-4433                 | 3rd Tuesday<br>10.00 am                      |
| <b>Skiing</b>           | Bud Brooks<br>Jack Yurasek     | 201-327-6649<br>201-337-4433 | Snow   |
| <b>Sponsor Liaison</b>  | Jim Mallen                     | 201-485-8589                 |  |
| <b>Stock Market</b>     | Mark Cohen<br>John Abrahamsen  | 201-337-4198<br>201-848-8037 | 2nd Tues. 9:00 am<br>4th Tues. 9:00 am       |
| <b>Tennis</b>           | Dave Burleigh<br>Bob Meyers    | 201-762-3707<br>310-254-8699 | M,W,F  |
| <b>Transport.</b>       | Frank Nusspickel               | 201-891-9099                 |  |
| <b>Trips/Tours</b>      | John Caikowsky<br>Don Wasson   | 973-599-1056<br>201-891-1873 | Morning of AU<br>General Meeting<br>10:30 am |
| <b>Web-Master</b>       | Don Kirkpatrick                | 201-337-5666                 |  |

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

**T**he deadline for September 2018 Newsletter articles is 5 PM Monday August 27, 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

## **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 — September 13, 2017—Wine and Appetizer Social —**

Brookside Manor Clubhouse (Storms Drive, Mahwah, about 5 minutes from the Wyckoff Reformed Church). There will be some wine tasting and plenty of appetizers (Shrimp, Top Sirloin on Mini Bread, Pigs in a Blanket, just to name a few). No one will leave hungry. Wives/significant others are invited. It will run from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Space is limited.

Send your check for \$34.00 pp payable to Activities Unlimited to:

**Lou Guarneri**, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

Any questions call Lou at 201-847-1981

### **Wednesday — October 24th, 2018 Oktoberfest —**

At the Brownstone, 11 am. Includes Lunch: 2 Drinks, Potato Soup, Rosemary Chicken & Sauerbraten, Dessert, Beer, Coffee, Tea, & Soda. Music by the GB Band, playing lots of German Music. Wives/significant others are invited. Cost \$52. pp Make checks payable to:

Activities Unlimited & mail to **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430

Tel 201-825-5843 **All checks must be received no later than August 25, 2018.**

### **Monday —December 10, 2018 — Christmas Dinner/Dance**

## **2019**

**January — Savini's Lunch**

**March — St Patrick's Day**

**April — Mount Airy Casino**

**May — Luncheon**

**June — Lake Hopatcong**

**The above trips and events are currently being planned and may change based on the results of the recent T&T survey.**



**Duplicate Bridge Results**

|      |    | 1st                           | 2nd                                 | 3rd             |
|------|----|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7/11 | NS | Anand/Barbera                 | Warner/Desrosiers                   | Bidwell/Wong    |
|      | EW | Boylan/ Kellert/<br>Spence    | Milcos/Lewis&<br>Mahmarian/Freimuth | Martin/Zelhof   |
| 7/18 | NS | Meloro/Warner                 | Mahmarian/Bartlett&                 | Martin/Yampell  |
|      | EW | Peck/Levin&<br>Groesbeck/Wong | Altamuro/Zelhof                     | Freimuth/Milcos |
| 7/25 | NS | Lewis/Bidwell                 | Zelhof/Page                         | Rock/Desrosiers |
|      | EW | Milcos/Spence                 | Martin/Freimuth                     | Boylan/Barbera  |



**Public Discussion Group**

Public Discussion July 11, 2018

The group enjoyed another stimulating exchange of views at its monthly meeting. The topic of the day dealt with the new nominee to the Supreme Court, Appellate Justice Kavanaugh . Most members agreed that on paper he was eminently qualified by virtue of education and experience. Questions arose, however, around the politicization of the process. Rather than focusing on the nominee’s legal philosophy and ability to look at issues before the Court without regard for ideology, the Senate was fixated on how he might push the Court to the right and overturn what many regard as established constitutional law, particularly with respect to the abortion issue and voting rights. After a lively discussion, there was general condemnation of both political parties for dragging the Supreme Court into the ideological tug of war dividing the country. Our club then turned to the assigned topics for the meeting, digitization of the home and privacy; and the question of “reverse discrimination.”

Home digitization came up as a topic because one member had been notified by Rockland Electric that a “smart” device would soon be installed to monitor energy usage. Are we losing any sense of personal privacy when even a local utility has the ability to monitor electric usage? The topic expanded to cover the whole range of digital observation, from closed circuit tv (cctv) observing everyone everyday somewhere to “Alexa” overhearing private conversations and occasionally acting independently. One member noted, “1984 has arrived.” Although that may be an overstatement, the group broadly agreed that the idea of privacy was shrinking before our eyes. In many cases, especially among millennials, privacy is being surrendered voluntarily for the sake of social inter-connectivity. Like most rights, privacy will continue to erode as convenience and a sense of social belonging trumps the idea that “good fences make good neighbors.” The speed of innovation and the potential profits associated with it as well as the potential for social and political control that digitization offers to authoritarian regimes will be powerful forces to overcome. Nonetheless, with some luck and public push back, the process may be slowed and a reasonable balance achieved.

The issue of “reverse discrimination” arose from a couple of Supreme Court rulings that colleges and graduate schools might use “race” as one of many criteria in making acceptance decisions. Diversity, not a racial quota, however, had to be the deciding criteria. (Bakke decision) Many members felt that “race” rather than diversity of the student body had become the over-riding determinant and that the result was discrimination against many qualified applicants. Discussion included trying to get at the heart of what makes for an education and what role does exposure to students from diverse backgrounds and ethnicity play. One member suggested the idea of “differentiation” rather than discrimination. Undoubtedly, the Supreme Court will re-examine this question as litigation against Harvard, brought by a group of Asian applicants denied admission, works its way up the court system.

**The public discussion club will next meet on Wednesday, August 15th (the third Wednesday this month) at Larkin House (380 Godwin Ave) at 9:30 am.** Our topics will be: Discussion of Artificial Intelligence and the work force; Tariffs; and MS13 and gang violence. All members are welcome to attend, even if just to listen.

**Tom Butler**

## Welcome New Members

| Name (Spouse)              | Address   | Employment                | Interests   | Phone/Email  |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|--|
| Les Berkman<br>(Karen)     | 52 Akerman Drive<br>Mahwah, NJ 07430                  | Business Owner            | Photography, Skiing, Golf<br>and Tennis   | H:201-526-9422<br>Email: lesberkman@gmail.com                |
| Jeffery Gatsik<br>(Jeanne) | Apt 20L<br>250 Gorge Road<br>Cliffside Park, NJ 07010 | Information<br>Technology | Luncheon, Book Club,<br>Computers, Membership,<br>Science, Trips &<br>Tours, Discussion Club<br>and Photography | H:201-945-8529<br>C:201-679-7554<br>Email: jgatsik@nj.rr.com |

**The History Club**



On July 23, I presented the "ASIAN AMERICANS: IMMIGRANTS A SAGA." In the last 15 years, the Asian American Immigrants has the fastest growth of any major racial or ethnic group. It is estimated that there are 21.4 million Asian American Immigrants in 2016. Once upon a time, the Asians were considered an inferior race and unassimilable aliens and threat to the American society. The perception dissipated over the years and the American news media hailed them as poster children of American success and "model minority." The Asian Americans came from continental Asia and so immensely diverse, each group with unique culture, religion, language and other characteristics. Different stages of immigration covering more than 150 years, starting with the Chinese in the 1850's, followed by the Japanese along with the Asian Indians and Koreans in the late 1890's were discussed. Following the Spanish American war in 1898 and the acquisition of the Philippines after the bloody Philippine- American ( 1899-1902), the Philippines became a US colony, the Filipinos immigrated to Hawaii and the West Coast. In the very beginning of the Asian immigration, US immigration legislations and policies were severely discriminatory and prejudicial towards Asian. In 1882, the US enacted the Chinese Exclusion Act, the only US law that prohibit immigration on the bases of race. Total exclusion of the Chinese immigration lasted until 1943. In 1924 another US immigration legislation totally excluded all Asians except the Filipinos, they were classified as "Nationals" but cannot be citizen and has no rights. The Filipinos replaced the excluded Chinese, Japanese and other Asians as source of cheap labor.

In 1965, the US passed the Immigration and Nationality Act, also known as the Hart-Celler Act a very comprehensive Act that removed the quota system based on national origins. In removing the racial and national barriers the Act would significantly alter the demographic mix in the U.S. The Act impacted the immigration of the Asians tremendously. In general, the best and the brightest immigrated to the US, a phenomenon called brain drain. The Asians continued to contribute to the country, living the American dream in the greatest country in the face of the earth and very proud to be called Americans.

Q and A followed the presentation

**There is no meeting for August, the next meeting will September 24 at 1PM- 3rd floor WRC.**

**Pablo A. Catangay**, Chairman; 201-684-1217. **Tony Mastandrea**, Co-Chairman; 201-327-8832 .



## The Book Club

BOOK CLUB MEETING JULY 25, 2018

*Darwin Comes To Town*, by Menno Schilthuizen, was the first book up, introduced by **Vince Tortorelli**. A Dutch professor of evolutionary biology, the author writes about changes that have occurred with animal and vegetable species altered by urban development often over mere decades or a few hundred years rather than thousands or millions, much more quickly than Darwin even imagined. Citing numerous studies concerning individual species that over time have adapted from the wild to various city environments he describes how their habits and sometimes appearances become adapted to their new setting. He also professes that nature, as we tend to define it, and humans are the same, citing ant colonies, as city builders, and beavers, as changers of their environment, are just like us. It was pointed out that these adaptations in general are not groundbreaking news since we have lived with them as they have occurred, but they are varied and widespread.

*Road to Valor*, by Aili and Andres McConnon, summarized by **Joe Infosino**, is the true story of Gino Bartali, an Italian professional bicycle racer whose secret assistance saved Jews in Italy from the Holocaust during World War II. At the time, as the pre-eminent racer in Italy if not the world, having won the Tour de France in 1938, he cycled back and forth carrying forged documents for Jews to protect them from arrest and deportation by the Nazis. He later resumed his passion, again winning the Tour de France in 1948. The book was thoroughly enjoyed by the group, proving to be entertaining and informative.

*Origin*, by Dan Brown, was our third selection, recommended by **Bud Brooks**. In the popular style of this prolific author it is a lengthy pursuit, like the *Da Vinci Code*, of the answer to a riddle. Edmond Kirsch, a billionaire computer scientist, claims to have made a discovery that will shatter all religious belief and answer the question "Where do we come from? Where are we going?" His former professor Robert Langdon, aided by Ambra Vidal, the director of the museum where the discovery was to be announced, follow a tortuous trail and danger to track down the answers. Some in the group thought the book was a long run for a short slide, but to Dan Brown's numerous fans it should be entertaining.

**This session was the last of our "season" since the Book Club does not meet in August, but all AU members are invited to join us when we regroup in September**

**Vince Tortorelli**



## The Science Club

**No Science Club meeting will take place in August.**

At the September 17 meeting, **Murray Perl** will give a presentation titled "The Science of Food and Nutrition-Facts fallacies and Frauds".

He will present scientific info to support or refute reported information.

October--Lamont Labs car pool trip.

November-Dr Cauchard (eye care update).

December--continuation of Great Courses (particle physics for non-physicists) starting where we left off in College, and heading to the Higgs field.

Thanks to those who 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

## Obituary

On July 19th long time AU member **Tom Bugel** passed away.