



Monthly Meeting SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS MONTH IS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH. At this meeting you will be asked to vote on the officers for 2013. The AU Guys, led by **John DeSantis**, will play and lead the members in a selection of popular Christmas and other seasonal songs. A far better way of getting into the Christmas spirit than shopping. The meeting starts at 1pm as usual. Come early and bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy the AU GUYS band music and conversations with your friends at AU.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The nominations Committee has presented for a membership vote the following slate of officers for 2013:

President....

Frank Nusspickel

1st Vice President....

Herb Umland

2nd Vice President...

Ramon Casaprima

Treasurer....

Dick Hensch

Asst. Treasurer....

Ed McGuirk

Secretary....

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We wish everyone a HAPPY, HEALTHY and SAFE HOLIDAY and NEW YEAR.



On October 29th, **Quentin Wiest** had his 100th birthday.

Quentin joined AU in 2002 and celebrated his 100th birthday with many friends in both the Hobbyists and AU. **Quent** bowls with the Hobbyists on Wednesday mornings and plays Duplicate Bridge with AU on Wednesday afternoons. He excels at both, rolling 164 on the morning of Oct. 24th and scoring first place at bridge in the afternoon. Both bowlers and bridge players

feted **Quent** with rousing "Happy Birthdays" and cake with centenary candle.



AU Dues are due in December. Make your check out to AU for \$50.00 and send it to our Asst. Treasurer: **Jim Jeffers**, 409 D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, N.J. 07481

AU Christmas Party

This years Christmas Party will again be at the **Seasons** on Monday December 17th. See Trips and Tours for more information.

Food Pantry

At the November meeting, \$330.00 was given as donations to the Food Pantry.



Duplicate Bridge Results

	Officers		Meeting
President	Joe Kelly	891-8026	2nd Tue 11am
1st Vice-Pres.	Frank Nusspickel	891-9099	
2nd VicePres.	Don Wasson	891-1873	
Secretary	Joe Meighan	891-4909	
Treasurer	Herb Umland	891-6638	
Asst. Treas.	Jim Jeffers	891-9603	
	Committees		
AU Guys	John DeSantis	447-0256	
Book Club	Joe Clinton Joe Infosino	447-2261 337-5442	Wed after the AU General Meeting 9:30
Dup. Bridge Rub. Bridge	Joe MacDougall Wes Cheringal	891-4048 848-8009	Wed 1 pm M,F 1 pm
Digital Camera	Ed Trerotola	236-1368	
Care-Concern	Joe Clinton Paul Hennion Don Martin	447-2261 891-4716 891-2279	
Chaplain	Rev. D. Bach	891-1782	
Chess	Bill Schultz	891-5327	3rd Thru 9:30
Gardening	Joe Lamela	327-8137	1st Wed.10:00
Golf	Bruno Bissetta Guy Cappello	891-7567 891-0617	Tuesday Thursday
Hiking	Don Kirkpatrick	337-5666	Mon 9:00
Historian	Dom Manobianco	891-7185	
Investment	Herb Umland	891-6638	2nd Thru 9:30
Model RR	Lou Guarneri	847-1981	Wed. 7PM
Membership	Dick Gattoni Walt Widmer	652-0064 562-8666	
Newsletter Distribution By	Lou Guarneri	847-1981	
Project Outreach	Marty McGonigle	529-1941	
Photographer	Chuck Bainbridge	447-2910	
Public Disc.	Walt Widmer	562-8666	4th Fri 9:30
Refreshments	Hank Boucher Frank Turi Andy Grace	445-2633 973-513-9117 337-4360	
Science	Jack Yurasek	337-4433	3rd Tues 10.00
Skiing	Bud Brooks	327-6649	Snow
Sponsor Liaison	Mike Wolff	891-4426	
Stock Market	Ramon Casaprima	891-3394	2nd Tues. 9:00 4th Tues. 9:00
Tennis	Dom Manobianco	891-7185	MWF
Transport.	Ron Miller	891-5734	
Trips/Tours	Lou Guarneri George Lewis	847-1981 891-5883	2nd Tues 10:30

	1st	2nd	3rd
11/07	Cheringal/Finn	Freimuth/Gattoni	Crawford/Levin
11/14	NS EW	Gattoni/Socolof Finn/Martin	Lewis/MacDougall Chapman/ Desrosiers Green/Page
11/12	Foley/McGuire	Levin/Warner Coughlin/Verdi	---
11/28	NS EW	Green/Warner Finn/Wiest	Gilpatrick/Martin Gattoni/Smith MacDougall/Verdi

2013 AU STOCK CONTEST

We will have a 2013 AU stock picking contest. Entry fee will be \$5 and the winners will receive cash awards.

Contestants use a fictitious \$100,000 and are required to pick up to 5 stocks which will be valued at the December 31, 2012 closing prices.

Rules will be handed out at the December meeting or obtained by email from Don Fairbairn:
wyvern51@aol.com

2012 winners will be announced at the January meeting and prizes awarded



Public Discussion Group

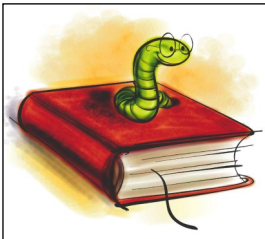
The Public Discussion Group meets on the last Friday of each month at 9:30 am at the Larkin House. Chaired by **Walt Widmer**, the group takes on topics that range from today's newspaper headlines to other current events and past history.

There is plenty of room so if you want to have a stimulating morning, we invite you to join us, bring up a new topic, join in the talk, present opposing views or just listen, it's up to you.

The Deadline for January 2013 Newsletter articles is **December 29, 2012**. Send to:
Email: lguarneri03@gmail.com
Or mail to: Lou Guarneri
128 MacLeish Court
Mahwah, NJ 07430

Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Home/Email
Greg Tenbekjain (Adrienne)	69 Charlas Street Allendale, NJ 07401	Options Broker	Book Club and Tennis	H: (201) 327-8411, Cell: (201) 825-2077 jumbleiah2@aol.com
Curtis P Koster (Susan)	66 Malcolm Road Mahwah, NJ 07430	Engineer	Hiking, Investments and Science	(201) 629-8083 cpkoster@gmail.com
Tom Butler (Rose)	33 Green Way Allendale, NJ 07401	Banking, CEO	Book Club, Hiking, History and Tennis	H (201) 934-8161 Cell: (201) 452-6649 tjbutler04@gmail.com



The Book Club

We welcomed **Fred Theile** as a new member, and **Dick Botta** as an old member renewing his credentials.

Tom Fitzpatrick performed a daunting task in explaining Scientology, as described in *Inside Scientology* by Janet Reisman. Scientology is a controversial "religion" started in the early 50's by L. Ron Hubbard, a science-fiction writer. It's hard to get one's arms around just what the Scientology belief system is. It started out as a self-help philosophy called Dianetics and evolved into, among other things, a belief in reincarnation, and, at some level, inter-galactic life form. One thing Scientology vehemently opposes is psychology and psychiatry, as anyone who watched Tom Cruise's appearance on the Oprah Show can attest to.

Lee Warner led us in a discussion of *Calico Joe* (John Grisham), a fictional baseball story that weaved real major league events and players into an interesting story about a despicable major league pitcher who purposely throws a beanball at a popular rookie player who has shown exceptional skills in all facets of the game, especially hitting. The story is told in the voice of the pitcher's son, which alternates from flashbacks to the time of the beanball, which destroys the rookie's promising career, to the present, when the son tries to undo some of the damage wrought by his father, leading to a surprise ending.

Tony Quevedo discussed some of the short stories in *The Rendevous and Other Stories* (Patrick O'Brian). Best known for his novels about the British Navy during the Napoleonic Wars, such as *Master and Commander*, O'Brian, in the 1950's, wrote this collection of very different stories, ranging from humorous to dramatic. Some members thought the endings to some of the stories were rather murky, although agreeing that the stories were well written.

Books for December:

- * Boomerang - Michael Lewis (This is a substitute for *Darkness at Noon*, which was previously scheduled but is now being shifted to January)
- * Farenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury
- * Civilization, the West and the Rest - Niall Ferguson

Books for January:

- * *Darkness at Noon* - Arthur Koestler
- * *Nothing to be Frightened Of* - Julian Barnes
- * *Istanbul Passage* - Joseph Kanon

The December meeting will be on December 12 at 9:30am at the Larkin House.

Joe Clinton

bhagan185@aol.com

AARP TAX-AIDE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR 2013 TAX SEASON

We are again seeking the aide of AU members who are willing to serve as volunteers in the AARP Tax Aide Program.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteer run tax preparation and assistance service is seeking volunteers to help primarily low income New Jersey taxpayers who are seeking assistance in preparing and filing their 2012 tax returns.

Volunteers do not need to be an AARP member to participate. Computer proficiency is necessary. Willingness to use your own personal laptop in the preparation of tax returns would be helpful and appreciated.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers receive free tax training and are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program related expenses. They help taxpayers at various sites in the Passaic County area. This could not be done without the help of volunteers who make an indelible mark on those communities that they help. You will find the work of assisting people of limited means to be rewarding and fulfilling.

For more information on how you can join the Tax-Aide program and be of assistance to taxpayers, contact:

Ed Schlachman at 973-423-1459 or at edandjune@aol.com



ACTIVITIES



UNLIMITED



Twenty-Sixth Annual

Christmas Dinner Dance

Location: Seasons

644 Pascack Road (comer of Washington Ave., Washington Township

Date: Monday, December 17, 2012 (5:30 to 9:30)

Cocktail Hour: Starting at 5:30PM.

Hors D'oeuvres: A variety of tempting taste treats.

Choice of Entrée: Selection of Beef, Chicken or Fish to be made at the table.

Four hour open bar (5:30 to 9:30 PM)

Dance to Music by *The Esquires*, a four piece orchestra.

Price: \$59.00 per person. **Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited.**

Name card reserve seating will be provided for everyone (round tables seat 10 or 12).

Seating is limited to 300 people.

Detach and return reservation form below to: **Terry Gilly**

709 Highview Dr.

Wyckoff, NJ 07481 Phone: (201) 8914055

Reservations ASAP, cancellable up to December 10th.

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Reservations \$59.00 per person. Make check payable to **Activities Unlimited.**

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

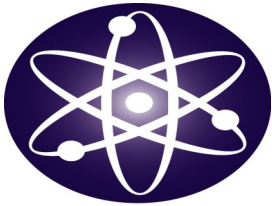
List Table Guests Here:

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

List names above of others you wish to be seated with, whether it be only one other couple or a full table.
If you do so designate, PLEASE CONFIRM with those couples that there is room at their table.

Check this box for random seating.



Science



The Science Club

Bob Saletta gave a very interesting talk at the November S/C meeting: 'Astronomy—History, Developments, and the Future'. In addition, Bob introduced us the use of the Internet to obtain written and video information on many topics associated with Science in general, along with many aspects of astronomy and cosmology. The ability to receive this information, as well as information itself, is truly outstanding.

On Tuesday, 12/18, Dr. Ronald Cauchard (an Optometrist whose Office is in Wyckoff) will update us on current testing approaches associated with Cataract and Glaucoma eye issues. Dr. Cauchard's talk will emphasize 'early detection' of these problems, which are of special importance for seniors. He will also discuss new types of sophisticated computer controlled diagnostic tools. All AU family members and friends are invited.

On January 15, 2013—**Jack Yurasek** will give a talk on Gravity and the Fabric of the Universe. It is based on a book and PBS NOVA DVD by Brian Green, and the book 'Gravity' by Brian Clegg. The DVD will be shown along with a discussion on Gravity/Acceleration Equivalency, Warping of the Universe (based upon Einstein's Special Relativity), and Space /Time Diagrams.

February 19, 2013—**Walt Widmer** will give us a talk on how are our Liver and Kidney function. Walt has given us many presentations on our bodies, and they are always excellent.

March 19, 2013—Roundtable on new PC Products, such as, the IPAD (Apple) and Tablets (Microsoft) Products, Nook etc.

March 14, 2013 (Thursday)—Museum of Natural History Bus Trip. In order to take this Bus trip, it is necessary to have at least 30 People. The trip is open to all AU Members, as well as family and friends. The Trip includes the Planetarium, as well as an IMAX Movie. Lunch is available in one of several restaurants in the Museum. Please Save the Date, and invite others.

Note that we continue to need volunteers to give S/C talks. Please contact me to discuss ideas for future talks and suggestions to improve the Science Club, as well as information on future meetings and trips.

JACK YURASEK (201-337-4433)

INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP MEETING

Our Investment study Group will meet on **Thursday, December 13th** at WRC Heneveld Hall at **9:30AM**. We will have Chuck Lieberman, Founder and Chief Investment Officer of Advisors Capital Management, based in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ as our guest speaker. Many AU members are familiar with Chuck, who lives in Wyckoff, from his previous presentations to our group. He will discuss his views of the stock market into 2013 and the impact the newly elected President, Congress and a variety of worldwide events could have on the US economy and the possible responses of worldwide stock markets. Before founding Advisors Capital Chuck was Chief Investment Officer at Chase Manhattan Bank and a few successors, Manufactures Hanover and Chemical Bank. All AU Members are welcome to come join us on the 13th. Bring your questions and concerns ! Herb Umland 201-891-6638



ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED NEW WEB-SITE

The new AU Web-Site has been designed to provide members and prospective members with a place to find information on our organization.

The 'Home' Page provides a message from our president and links to the various sections of the new AU Web-Site. The sections of the web-site are Activities, Calendar, Newsletters, Trips & Tours, Membership and Contact Us.

The **Activities Section** includes an 'Activities Summary' Page with links to each of the activities ... each activity has one or more pages providing basic information on the activity and the names, etc. for the Chairman. The AU activities have been organized by Sports & Games, Personal Interest and Social Activities.

The **Calendar** shows when each activity meets and when an event has been scheduled.

The **Newsletter Section** contains links to all Newsletters beginning with January 2012.

The **Trips and Tours Section** provides information on all current and up-coming trips and tours that are planned. Also, in the future it will contain photos on each event.

The **Membership Section** contains information regarding the club, our officers, a roster that is password protected, and our constitution.

The **Contact Us Section** is for members and non-members to contact us ... when request is submitted from this section an email is sent to the Web-Master. Once the request is received it is then distributed to the appropriate person for a response.

Web-Site access is www.activitiesunlimited.org

General Comments on using the web-site:

To reach a specific page or to display a picture or write-up click on the appropriate link.

The write-ups used for the web-site are in PDF format and can be printed out.

If you have problems, questions or suggestions on improvements contact the Web-Master (**Donald A. Kirkpatrick**) at 201-759-3795 or dakirkpt@verizon.net

Be sure your browser clears out all the temporary files when it is closed, or it will prevent the most current web-site pages from being displayed.

Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

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

Monday-Dec 17, 2012– Christmas Party at Seasons again this year. It will run from 5:30 – 9:30 PM and cost \$59.00. The reservation forms will be available at the November monthly meeting and in this Newsletter. Checks should be made payable to AU and sent directly to **Terry Gilly**, 709 Highview Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481

2013

Thursday-Jan 17, 2013 MEN ONLY Beefsteak dinner will be held at the Brownstone in Paterson from 6 – 10 PM. Beer and soda is included in the \$36 pp charge. We have reserved 50 seats. The seats will be sold on a “first come-first served” basis. Those attending will meet at the WRC church at 5:15 pm and car pool. We plan to have a trivia competition between the tables. Members are also requested to bring a joke to share with the group. It should be a fun night. Make checks payable to AU and send to **George Lewis**, 45 Walnut Street W., Mahwah, NJ 07430 For information contact George Lewis - 201-891-5883 or Jim Webb - 201-337-7982

Thursday Feb 14,2013—Valentines Day Party - At **Portobello's** in Oakland from 6:00—10:00 PM. It includes a sit down dinner with choice of Fish, Chicken, Veal or Beef and a 3 hour open bar. There will be music for your listening and dancing pleasure. The cost is \$60.00 pp. make checks payable to AU and send to: **Jack Coughlin**, 187 Paterson Ave, Apt 313, Midland Park, NJ 07432, (201)251-0198. (Include your choice of entree with your check.)

Thursday March 14, 2012 —Museum of Natural History Bus Trip. Sponsored by the Science Club. In order to take this Bus trip, it is necessary to have at least 30 People. The trip is open to all AU Members, as well as family and friends. The Trip includes the Planetarium, as well as an IMAX Movie. Lunch is available in one of several restaurants in the Museum. Please Save the Date, and invite others.

Mar St Patrick's Day Party - Brownstone

Apr Mt Airy Lodge

May 21-23, 2013: Three day, 2 night bus tour of the Finger Lakes of New York, includes: 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, Finger Lakes Winery Tour, Scenic Lake Cruise and much more. \$365.00pp, (\$99.00 single supplement). Price drops to \$349.00pp with 40+ participants. Information flyers will be available at the December meeting. Make your check payable to AU and send to: **Dick Botta**, 413-D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481, (201) 848-9001

June Spring Fling - Grand Chalet

Friday, August 9, 2013 - Westchester Broadway Theatre -Fresh from its record breaking run in London's West End, one of the most beloved British Musicals ever, OLIVER, will be presented with a local cast at the Westchester Theatre in Elmsford, New York. Due to high demand and continuous interest from our membership in this Dinner/Theatre format, we have successfully secured a limited number of seats (44), all in a prime location in the center section of the stage. The cost is the same as last year; \$81.00 pp which includes bus, lunch (choice of five different entrees) and a matinee performance. Don't miss out on being part of this exciting afternoon. To ensure availability we encourage prompt payment. Make checks payable to AU and send to **Ramon Casaprima**, 46 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430 For information call Ramon: 201-891 3394.

Sep San Gennaro In NYC - The 87th Annual Feast of San Gennaro , Inc. will take place in Little Italy for 11 days, on the streets of historic Little Italy, the lower Manhattan neighborhood which served as the first home in America for hundreds of thousands of Italian immigrants who came here seeking to improve their lives beginning in the early part of the 20th century.

Thoughts:

Newark spring trip
Dinner Theatre
Villa Roma in the Catskills
AU's Annual Wine Tasting Party
Oktoberfest
Christmas Party



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