



Activities Unlimited General Meeting

December 9, 2014

Our entertainment for the monthly meeting will be the New Jersey Choral Group who will sing Christmas/Holiday music. They are an ensemble of auditioned singers that are joined by their commitment to performing choral music of the highest artistic quality. All singers volunteer their services.

To make their performance even better, we have arranged for them to perform in the Church, where the acoustics should provide a fantastic musical presentation for our enjoyment. This is another event where WIVES are invited to come join us for a great start to the Christmas holiday season. Church doors will open at 12:45PM, for a one hour program which should start at approximately 1:00PM.

Please remember that a short General Membership meeting will follow the musical Performance, so it is important that the membership remain seated, as one of the Agenda items is the election of the new slate of 2015 Officers.

We hope that we will get a huge turnout for this wonderful afternoon of music and our year end General Meeting. Come then and join other AU members and enjoy this special afternoon.

Please remember that WRC is a smoke-free environment.

This includes E-Cigarettes.

Note from the President...

This is my last month as President of AU. I wanted to thank the membership for allowing me to serve this terrific organization for four years as an officer and as Chair of the **Investment Study Group** since **2010**. I have been involved with a wide variety of service organizations and have volunteered with some wonderful charitable organizations over the years, but this has been by far my best experience and the most fun! It has provided me with the opportunity to meet and get to know many more of our members.

I also wanted to take the time to THANK ALL of the AU members who have volunteered their time and are making the effort to CHAIR one of the wide variety of Committees AU offers its members. Of course the longest serving member has been our **Chaplain, Rev David Bach**, one of the three founders of our Club. Next would be **Paul Hennion** starting with **Care and Concern** in **1993** and being joined in **2006** by **Don Martin** and **Joe Clinton**. Joe has also run our **Book club** since **2009**. **Bill Schultz** has been serving as Chair of the **Chess club** since **1995**.

Then in order of years served we have **Dom Manobianco** who became our Club **Historian** in **2000** and is still serving us in that role as he prepares a separate binder for every year, which is where I went to find all this information. **Bruno Bissetta** has run the **Golf club** since **2000** and has been assisted since **2014** by **Guy Cappello** with **Marty McGonigle** running some special golf trips. **Ed Schlachman** has run our **Computer club** since **2002** and since **2013** has been assisted by **Fred Thiele** and **Don Kirkpatrick**. **Dom Manobianco** has also run our **Tennis Group** since **2003** and **Joe Lamela** has organized our **Garden Club** meetings and trips since **2006**. Bud Brooks has run our **Skiing Club** since **2005** and **John DeSantis** has led the **AU Guys** since **2004**. **Wes Cheringal** and **Joe MacDougall** have run our **Bridge Groups** since **2005**. **Walt Widmer** has run **Public Discussion** since **2010** and became our **Membership Chair** in **2013**. I also wanted to thank **Mike Wolff**, who will be stepping down this year after serving as our **Liaison** with the WRC since **2010**. **Lou Guarneri** began as the leader of **Trips and Tours** in **2010** and was joined in **2014** by **Don Wasson**.

2012 saw several changes as **Don Kirkpatrick** took over the **Hiking club**, **Marty McGonigle** led us into **Project Outreach** and **Jack Yurasek** became chair of the **Science Club**. **2013** saw even more change as the new position of **Webmaster** was created and filled by **Don Kirkpatrick**. **Jim Forbes** and **Howard Vogel** began to provide us with **Refreshments** at our monthly meetings. **Don Cardoza** became Chair of the **Model RR** group, and **Lou Guarneri** and **Ed Schlachman** became responsible for editing and distributing our monthly newsletter. **2014** saw **Don Kirkpatrick** begin his term as Chair of the **Stock Market club** and **Frank Nusspickel** took over the **Transportation** committee chair.

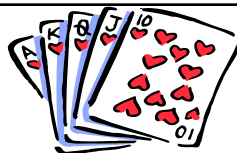
Once again a BIG thank you to all the AU members who help us in any way to make Activities Unlimited the terrific club that it is.

Happy Holidays!
Herb Umland

**The Activities Unlimited Dues should be paid by
December 31, 2014.**

See Page 3 for details.

| | 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 | |
| Secretary | Ed Chanod | 201-891-1995 | |
| Treasurer | Dick Hensch | 201-891-1309 | |
| Asst. Treas. | Mike Hurd | 201-891-1374 | |
| | 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 | 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 | |



Duplicate Bridge Results

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| 11/5 | | Freimuth/Lewis | Hausman/Page | Foley/MacDougall |
| 11/12 | N/S | Foley/Riccardi | Page/Smith Cheringal/ Gilpatrick | — |
| | E/W | Lewis/Sweetdall | Freimuth/ MacDougall | Hausman/Wiest |
| 11/19 | N/S | Coughlin/Gilpatrick | Hausman/Milcos | Smith/Zelhof |
| | E/W | MacDougall/ Sweetgall | Martin/Meloro | Page/Warner |

The Bridge Club will hold its annual luncheon at noon on Wednesday, December 10th at the Larkin House.

Make check for \$15.00 pp payable to Activities Unlimited and mailed to:

Dick Freimuth
413A Bromley Place
Wyckoff, N.J. 07481

You all know about that gent named Quent
A year ago I told you that he was heaven sent
Two years ago he made us glad
Since then he has aged a tad
But here he is still doing his thing
At bridge where he is king
He drives here under his own power
Never minding what the hour
Quent says he's giving up bowling
That's a lot of years his balls been rolling
He still gets around visiting friends
If he's late he doesn't have to make amends
You see, he just reached **102**
QUENT Happy Birthday to you.

By: Dick Freimuth



The deadline for Jan, 2015 Newsletter articles is 5:PM Mon Dec 28, 2014. 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

Memories of a Friend

We are all saddened by the passing of our friend **John Weingartner**. For 6 months, from March 2014 thru August 2014, I had the good fortune to spend five days every week with John.

Every M-W-F John and I would play men's doubles tennis with our AU Tennis group. Every Tues. & Thurs. John and I would play a round of golf with our AU Golf group. I was thoroughly impressed with his ability to do these activities every day at the age of 88.

Additionally, John loved music. Although he did not play an instrument, it did not stop him from joining our AU GUYS big band. He'd attend every band performance and do whatever was needed to make it a success. Setting up chairs, stands, microphones, wires, etc. He would also be waiting for me to arrive and he'd help me make several trips to carry my drums to and from the gig. His constant willingness to help was most impressive and commendable.

I always enjoyed my conversations with him. He was a good man. Warm, considerate and intelligent. We will miss him. May he rest in peace!

Jim Mallen

I would like to relate a story about the guy I called "Big John". When I joined AU a couple of years ago I met John at a book club meeting. When I introduced myself he said "Pullaro, I know a John Pullaro . Are you related"? I said indeed, he is my father. He then told me he lived in the apartments on Colonial Road in Franklin Lakes where my father used to live. They played poker together once a week. They had 3 people in the group named John so he was called "BIG John", my father "Little John" and the third "Travelling John" as this guy was always going somewhere. When I related this to my father he told me what John did not indicate was how nice John was to him after his wife, my mother died. John invited him to join the group " He taught me, a 95 year old guy to play poker." Whenever I saw John he always asked how my father was doing and asked me to say hello to him. My father often talked about how nice John was to him.

I enjoyed John at the book club meetings. I was once reading a book about Harry Truman who was John's favorite president. I learned as much about Truman from John as I did from the book. I also played golf with John on occasion and though he was not the best one out there, he was out there doing it. He was an inspiration to me on how to live your life.

"Big John" was an intelligent, thoughtful and kind man. He passed too soon. I will miss him.

Joseph J. Pullaro

Membership Dues

Membership dues for **2015** will remain at **\$50**. While the Board recognizes its responsibility to exercise fiscal discretion, it also recognizes that keeping our members aware of the many activities and events sponsored by our organization is also vital. Accordingly, the Board has decided to place this increased fee of \$10 for the printed edition of the Newsletter on hold until further notice to ensure that everyone is able to remain informed and involved. Therefore, please send your **\$50** dues payment for 2015 to:

Mike Hurd
470 Wyckoff Avenue
Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481

The check should be made payable to "Activities Unlimited

All members that go away for the winter please be sure to mail your check BEFORE you leave.

For those of you who may have already remitted a \$60 payment based on the discussion at the November meeting, a \$10 refund check will be sent to you in the very near future.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee presented to the membership, during our November 11th General meeting, the following slate of Officers for 2015:

- President **Ramon Casaprima**
- 1st Vice President **George Lewis**
- 2nd Vice President **Edward Chanod**
- Treasurer **Michael Hurd**
- Asst. Treasurer **Tom Butler**
- Secretary **Edwin Schlachman**

Voting by the membership will take place at the December 9th General Meeting in the church, which meeting follows the Performance of the N.J. Choral Society. Voting results will be announced during the December 15th Christmas/Diner Dance.

Food Pantry

At the November meeting \$211 was collected for the food pantry.



The Science Club

Dec 2 (2 PM Tuesday)-- Dr. Ron Cauchard (an Optometrist whose office is in Wyckoff) will return and update us on cataract, glaucoma, and macular degeneration eye issues. (Note: This meeting was rescheduled, based on preparation for WRC Christmas Fair)

Jan 13--**Curt Koster**—Canals and Locks

Feb 17-- **Don Fairbairn**—Computer & Software Career Experience in the Communications Field

March 17- **Al Condon** Prostate Update, Counselor with Hackensack Med Cntr

April 14—**Bob Talan**—Higgs Boson

May 19—Car Pool Trip to Museum of Natural History or Liberty Science Center or a possible visit to Valley Hospital ER.

At a meeting on Sept 30, 2014, ways to improve the Science Club were discussed. If a single Chairman can not be obtained, a Shared Chairmanship arrangement (3 Co-chairs for the entire year or a single Chair each for a 4 month time period) will be employed. The tasks involved were reviewed including: Conducting the Meetings, A/V support, WRC Contacts, planning and coordinating possible Car Pool/Bus day trips and THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK--- People who would contact or volunteer as possible Presenter's. Again, the Primary concern is the need for new speakers. These Tasks probably can be arranged on a Rotating Basis, but would need coordination and backup.

A Follow-up meeting --will be held in Dec where commitments to various Assignments/Tasks will be finalized. (Date to be established.) Please review the above, and consider volunteering for a task you might be comfortable with. Please contact me with your Name, Phone No., and Email Address.

Thanks again--**Jack Yurasek**, 201-337-4433

2015 AU STOCK PICKING CONTEST

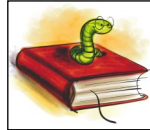
Stock picks for the 2015 AU Stock Picking Contest must be submitted by December 31, 2014 to **Don Fairbairn** by e-mail wjern51@aol.com.

You have a fictitious \$100,000 to invest. Pick 3 to 5 stocks or ETFs and invest an amount from \$10,000 to \$33,333 in each pick. Invest the entire \$100,000.

Rules and entry forms will be handed out at the December 9th AU general meeting or may be requested by e-mail from Don Fairbairn.

The \$5 entry fee (Cash—No Checks) should be mailed to: Don Chucka, 789 McCoy Rd., Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Prizes will be awarded at the end of year as follows:
1st place \$50 2nd place \$25 3rd place \$15 Last place \$10
Monthly winners will receive \$5



The Book Club

Books for December:

* ORPHAN TRAIN - Christine Baker

Kline

* AND THE MOUNTAINS ECHOED -

Khalid Hosseini

* LOST IN SHANGRI-LA - Michael Zuckoff

Vince Tortorelli's review of BOARDWALK EMPIRE (Nelson Johnson) reveals a city, for most of its existence, steeped in vice and corrupt government. The book describes in detail the "bosses" who controlled the government and the effect they had on the city and the state. Not great writing, but very informative.....**POMPEII** (Robert Harris) introduced by **Joe Infosino**, is a well researched, well written, historical novel taking place shortly before and during the eruption of Mt Vesuvius at the time of the Roman Empire. An engineer in charge of the local aqueduct system discovers corruption and intrigue among the leading citizens, with "justice" being dispensed by Mother Nature as Vesuvius erupts and obliterates Pompeii and surrounding towns.....**Walt Widmer** led the discussion on AMERICA (Dinesh D'Souza). The author believes Modern progressives have subverted the early progressive movement of T. Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson by encompassing a radical view that America is based on inequality and injustice and has to be "remade." D'Souza attempts to counter this view with his reasoned "defense" of America. This is a controversial book and author and the book generated a spirited discussion.

Books for January:

* ORDINARY GRACE - William Kent Kruber

* THE LOWLAND - Jhumpa Lahiri

* ASSHOLES - Aaron James

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 10 (day after the AU General Meeting). New members are always welcome.

Joe Clinton



Public Discussion Group

George Lewis began the meeting with questions about whether Bob Hagaman’s presentation on Medicare supplemental insurance was worthwhile. Most of the participants it was helpful and some members had already used the service and found it resulted in premium savings. As a result, George will arrange for Mr. Hagaman to make a similar presentation in October, 2015 to the general membership.

The discussion then turned to the President’s recent executive action on immigration, especially in light of the election results. Many different viewpoints were expressed. Everyone recognized there was a problem with some 11 million “undocumented” people in the country, but disagreed on how to resolve it. Many felt that the executive action usurped Congress’ proper authority to regulate immigration and was therefore unconstitutional. Others noted that the action was unfair to those who had followed the rules and were awaiting naturalization. Some focused on sealing the borders first before dealing with the “undocumented.” On the other side, some emphasized that Congress’ inability to act because of the “super-majority rule” forced the President’s hand and that there were ample precedents for executive action. Still others noted the role of employees in using illegals for cheap labor and the inevitable attraction of US from the differences in living standards between Mexico and the US. It was a lively discussion with no clear consensus.

The Group next turned to Ebola and the US response. Again, views were mixed and ranged from “let nature take its course and winnow out the West African population” (a minority view) to lessons learned about how to respond more scientifically in the future to the risk of a pandemic. In this regard, there was a brief discussion of the risks from resistant bacteria and the rapid evolution of viruses. We may be opening up the population to huge risks from the overuse of antibiotics, especially in the food chain. Finally, participants made comments about Obamacare, the nuclear negotiations with Iran and the Keystone pipeline. All engaging subjects!

For December, the agreed topics are : “the right to die,” and “legalized marijuana.” As always, the floor will be open to discussion of other headline issues outside of the planned topics. All AU members are welcome to attend the next meeting on Friday, December 21 to express a view or just to listen. **Tom Butler**

AU takes a trip to Brandywine and the Longwood Gardens



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.

Monday, December 15, 2014 Christmas Party at The Seasons again this year. It will run from 5:30 – 9:30 PM and cost \$60.00 pp. The reservation forms will be available in this Newsletters through November. Any questions call: **Bill Mastellon 201-447-1417** or **John Murphy 201-447-0921**. **Checks for \$60.00pp should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to:**
Bill Mastellon, 101 East Oak Street, Unit G-6, Oakland, NJ 07436

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Thursday, January 15, 2015 — 1:00 PM Lunch at Savini's.

Come join in an afternoon of good food and friendship. A four course lunch will be served with pasta, soup or salad, choice of veal, chicken or fish, desert, coffee, tea and soda. A cash bar is available. Cost is \$27.00 pp. Rain/Snow date is Jan. 22, 2014. Wives are invited. **Checks for \$27.00 pp should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to: Dick Freimuth, 413A Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. (201)847-0415**

Thursday, February 12, 2015 — Westchester Broadway Theater.

Camelot is the Play Great seats.....Lunch includes choice of Meat, Fish or Vegetarian entree, Salad and coffee or hot tea. Soda and Liquor on your own. Bus leaves WRC at 9:30 am.

Checks for \$80.00 per person should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to:
Dick Botta, 413D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. (201)848-9001

Friday, March 13, 2015 — Tim Finnegan's Wake.

When it comes to saying "goodbye", nobody does it better than the Irish! Be there as we bid a "Fun Farewell" to Tim Finnegan. Only 40 seats available, don't wait to send your checks. Drive or car pool to the Brownstone, show **starts** at 11:30 AM. **Checks for \$44.00 per person should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to: Larry Restieri, 105 Fisher Rd., Mahwah, NJ 07430. (201)825-5849**

April — 911 Museum

May — Men's Beefsteak dinner

June — Annual luncheon/dance at Indian Trails

July — Rockland Boulders baseball game

August — Hunterdon Playhouse "Twist and Shout"

September — Wine Tasting Party

October — Mike Byrne's Oktoberfest—Staten Island

November — Murder Mystery at the Brownstone

December — Christmas Party at Season's Monday 12/21/2015



ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED



Twenty-Eighth Annual Christmas Dinner Dance

Location: Seasons
644 Pascack Road (corner of Washington Ave.), Washington Township

Date: Monday, December 15, 2014 (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)

Valet and self parking are available (your choice)

Dance to Music by Ron Dellapina

Price: \$60.00 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: Bill Mastellon
101 East Oak Street
Unit G-6
Oakland, NJ 07436

Reservations ASAP, cancellable up to December 1, 2014

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Reservations \$60.00 per person. Make check payable to Activities Unlimited. Amount enclosed: \$

PLEASE PRINT

List Table Guests Here:

Member: (First) (Last)

Guest: (First) (Last)

If you wish to be seated with others, whether it be only one other couple or a full table; PLEASE CONFIRM with those couple(s) that there is room at their table.

Then list their names above (under "List Table Guests Here:") before sending in the form.

Check this box for random seating.



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