

# Activities Unlimited

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## Activities Unlimited General Meeting December 8, 2015

1:00 PM at the WRC in Heneveld Hall

David Barclay, Owner of New Life Hearing, will be our speaker at our General Meeting on December 8, 2015. He has been in the hearing industry for 20+ years. David has worked for a hearing aid manufacturer where he provided technical support to dispensing professionals.

For the last 15 years he has been following his true passion to help improve the lives of people who suffer from hearing loss. David is one of the top hearing aid specialists in the country. He is a technology "geek" who consistently chases the latest innovations available. He will explain how technology in this field has significantly changed over the past few years.

### AU Website Presentation

At this December 8, 2015 General Meeting, there will also be a presentation on the proper use of the AU website, including a demonstration of how simple and easy it is to use, and how to get to the AU Roster. Please bring a pen, we will provide the paper for any notes you wish to take. A handout will be provided to assist when you get home to your computer.

### **Food Pantry**

At the November meeting \$150 was collected for the food pantry.

## RAMON'S REFLECTIONS

It is that time of year again, so I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas/Happy Holiday and a healthy and prosperous New Year. To help everyone into the spirit of the season, we are most happy to repeat the 29th annual Christmas Dinner/Dance will again be held at the Season's in Washington Township, N.J. on December 21st. A signup form was provided in the November newsletter and full particulars are also available in this month's section of the Trips & Tours report of this newsletter. We look forward to the pleasure of welcoming all to come celebrate with us in this magnificent venue.

As a year end final Reflection, I want to thank the membership for allowing me the pleasure to serve; I have truly enjoyed my year as your President. Thanks also to my Executive Team, George, Edward, Edwin, Mark and Tom, and to my other Board members; Jim, Walter, Frank and Herb, who have all served graciously and with distinction.

It is also appropriate for me to recognize all of the Chairs for the various Clubs/Committees. They are the "heart and sole" of who we are at Activities Unlimited. I am proud of them all, because they have unselfishly provided the leadership needed and given us many hours of service in the performance of their duties. Consequently, thank you for a job well done.

Finally thank you also to all of the unnamed members who daily help us in so many different ways, to be that special organization that is Activities Unlimited. Three cheers for the good guys.

So, my dear friends; Happy Trails; until we meet again.

## Membership Dues

**Membership dues, \$50.00, for 2016 are due by December 31, 2015.**

Please send your check for \$50.00 payable to "Activities Unlimited" to:

**Mike Hurd**  
470 Wyckoff Avenue  
Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481

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

	OFFICES		MEETING
<b>President</b>	Ray Casaprima	201-891-3394	2nd Tue 11am
<b>1st Vice-Pres.</b>	George Lewis	201-891-5883	
<b>2nd VicePres.</b>	Ed Chanod	201-891-1995	
<b>Secretary</b>	Edwin Schlachman	973-423-1459	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike Hurd	201-891-1374	
<b>Asst. Treas.</b>	Tom Butler	201-934-8161	
	COMMITTEES		
<b>AU Guys</b>	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	
<b>Book Club</b>	Joe Clinton	201-447-2261	Wed after the AU General Meeting 9:30
<b>Dup. Bridge Rub. Bridge</b>	Joe MacDougall Wes Cheringal	201-891-4048 201-848-8009	Wed 1 pm M,F 1 pm
<b>Care-Concern</b>	Joe Clinton Paul Hennion Don Martin	201-447-2261 201-891-4716 201-891-2279	
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev Andy Kadzban	201-485-8589	
<b>Chess</b>	Bill Schultz	201-891-5327	3rd Thru 9:30
<b>Computer</b>	Don Kirkpatrick Ed Schlachman Fred Theile	201-337-5666 973-423-1459 201-625-7541	3rd Wed. 10:00
<b>Gardening</b>	Joe Lamela	201-327-8137	1st Wed.10:00
<b>Golf</b>	Bruno Bissetta Guy Cappello	201-891-7567 201-891-0617	Tuesday Thursday
<b>Hiking</b>	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	Mon 9:00
<b>Historian</b>	Dom Manobianco	201-891-7185	
<b>History</b>	Pablo Catangay	201-684-1217	
<b>Investment</b>	Herb Umland	201-891-6638	Thru after the AU General Meeting 9:30
<b>Membership</b>	Walt Widmer	201-562-8666	
<b>Newsletter Distribution By</b>	Lou Guarneri Ed Schlachman	201-847-1981 973-423-1459	
<b>Project Outreach</b>	Marty McGonigle	201-529-1941	
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>OPEN</b>		
<b>Public Disc.</b>	Walt Widmer	201-562-8666	3rd Fri 9:30
<b>Refreshments</b>	Jim Forbes Howard Vogel	201-825-0523 201-612-2237	
<b>Science</b>	Jack Yurasek	201-337-4433	3rd Tues 10.00
<b>Skiing</b>	Bud Brooks	201-327-6649	Snow
<b>Sponsor Liaison</b>	Jim Mallen	201-485-8589	
<b>Stock Market</b>	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	2nd Tues. 9:00 4th Tues. 9:00
<b>Tennis</b>	Dom Manobianco	201-891-7185	MWF
<b>Transport.</b>	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
<b>Trips/Tours</b>	Lou Guarneri Don Wasson	201-847-1981 201-891-1873	2nd Tues 10:30
<b>Web-Master</b>	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	



## Duplicate Bridge Results

		1st	2nd	3rd
11/4	N/S	Riccardi/Warner	Martin/Wiest	Foley/MacDougall
	E/W	Gattoni/Smith	Gilpatrick/Lewis	Hausman/Meloro
11/11		Freimuth/Gilpatrick	Smith/Warner	Lewis/Martin
11/18	N/S	Christie/Smith	Gattoni/Milcos	Ong/Zelhof
	E/W	Gilpatrick/Hulit	Levin/Lewis	Anad/Coughlin

## Obituary

We are deeply saddened to learn that **Bob Landi** passed away on Sunday, Nov. 1 at his home in Wyckoff, NJ.

### The History Club

Due to the holidays, there will be NO meeting of the History Club in December. Have a happy and safe holiday and a Happy New Year. See you in January, 2016  
**Pablo** 201-684-1217

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee was chaired by **Frank Nusspickel** and included **Bruno Bissetta, Bill Byrne, Lou Guarneri** and **Walt Widmer**. With Board approval, the Nominating Committee has proposed the following members to serve as officers of AU for 2016:

President.....**George Lewis**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.....**Tom Butler**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.....**Jim Webb**  
 Secretary.....**Ed Schlachman**  
 Treasurer.....**Mike Hurd**  
 Asst. Treasurer.....**Mark Cohen**

Members can nominate others for Officer Positions at the December Membership Meeting. Be sure that anyone that you nominate is willing to serve in that capacity. After nominations are closed, a vote of the majority of those present will be effective in electing Officers for 2016. It is with our thanks to the Nominating Committee and to those members willing to serve AU in 2016.

**The deadline for January, 2016 Newsletter articles is 5 PM December 22, 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

## 2016 AU Stock Picking Contest

We will again be running the Stock Picking Contest for the 2016 calendar year.

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

Stock picks for the contest must be submitted by December 31, 2015 to: **Don Fairbairn** by e-mail [wyyvern51@aol.com](mailto:wyyvern51@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 for each pick. Invest the entire \$100,000.

Rules and entry forms will be handed out at the December 8th AU general meeting, or may be requested by e-mail from **Don Fairbairn** — [wyyvern51@aol.com](mailto:wyyvern51@aol.com)

Prizes will be awarded at the end of year as follows:

- 1st place \$50
- 2nd place \$25
- 3rd place \$15
- Last place \$10

Additionally, contestants whose portfolio achieve the highest percentage gain in a month shall receive a \$5 monthly prize.

## Your Help is Needed

**H**ISTORIAN – We are asking if one of our members would join **Dom Manobianco** as a Co-chairman for the Historian. This will assure continuity in preserving AU History. Dom could use some help and will explain what is involved. Call him at 201-891-7185 e-mail him at: [dommanobianco@verizon.net](mailto:dommanobianco@verizon.net).



## The Bridge Club

The Bridge Club is having a luncheon on December 16th at the Larkin House on Godwin Avenue.

All bridge players, new and old, are invited.

Please send your check for \$15.00 per person, payable to Activities Unlimited to: **Dick Freimuth**, 413A Bromley Place, Wyckoff, N.J. 07481. Phone is 2012-847-0415



Science

## The Science Club

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 10:00 AM, Dr. Sandeep Joshi from Valley Hospital will speak to us about the Metabolic Syndrome, which involves diabetes and other areas important to us all.

Dr. Ligresti's talk on the State of the Art for management of Barrett's Esophagus Disease had to be cancelled because of the Craft Fare. It is being rescheduled for 10AM, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016. Several people have had family members and friends with various stages of this disease, and it should be of interest to all.

Thanks to all who helped this past year with our activities, making presentations, arranging trips, setting up A/V equipment, making announcements at General Meetings, and keeping records. We typically had an attendance 25 at the meetings.

Since there was not sufficient interest in a return trip to the Museum of in Natural History NY at this time, we will consider a car pool trip in the spring.

A questionnaire was provided at the SEPTEMBER meeting to indicate preferences for future activities and suggestions for improvement etc. Several recommendations were made and are being reviewed. Previously the idea of employing DVDs, with supplemental material by the speaker, was agreed to be probably the best method to reduce effort and obtain additional volunteers from our group. Also, we should consider two short talks at a meeting.

Finally, thank you to our Co-Chairmen, **Ed Schlachman** and **Bob Talan**, as well as **Don Fairbairn** who maintains our Attendance Records and member contacts.

**Jack Yurasek** (201-337-4433) Email--[JYURASEK@AOL.COM](mailto:JYURASEK@AOL.COM)



## Public Discussion Group

The group had a lively discussion around several very timely topics dealing with ISIS, migration, the Middle East, and US foreign policy. Our discussion ranged across all the topics and a variety of views were presented. There was a lot of discussion around whether the US should accept Syrian refugees and what the risks would be if the country did accept them. There was also a broad discussion of the role of Islam in promoting radicalization. Some felt the Koran was the root cause and that Islam was antithetical to western civilization while others pointed out that the radicalized population was a miniscule fraction of the global Muslim population. Nonetheless, most agreed that Muslim leaders needed to push back and emphasize a more contemporary reading of the Koran that would reflect shared global values. There was also discussion about how to respond to ISIS and the role of the US in that response. It was a very fascinating discussion with a lot of interesting facts and viewpoints presented. We all left a bit wiser than when we arrived (I think). You are encouraged to go to the AU website to read details about the meeting and the discussion. The next meeting will be on December 18<sup>th</sup> at Larkin House at 9:30 am. All members are welcome to attend.

## **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.**

**Sunday, December 6, 2015 — West Point Christmas Concert.** The concert starts at 1:30 PM preceded by Thayer Hotel Champagne Brunch at 10:30 AM in Main Dining Room. Bus Transportation leaves from the Wyckoff Town Hall Parking Lot. Cost is \$65.00 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.

**BUS LEAVES FROM THE WYCKOFF TOWN HALL—FRANKLIN AVE. PARKING LOT AT 9:00 AM SHARP. Be early or you 'll miss the bus.**  
**Remember to bring a photo identification with you.**

**NOTE: The Christmas Party is on MONDAY, December 21, 2015**

**Monday, December 21, 2015 Christmas Party at The Seasons** again this year. It will run from 5:30 – 9:30 PM and cost \$63.00 pp. The reservation form is on the next page of this Newsletter. Any questions call: **Bill Mastellon 201-447-1417** or **John Murphy 201-447-0921**. Checks for \$63.00 should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to:

**Bill Mastellon, 101 East Oak Street, Unit G-6, Oakland, NJ 07436**

## **2016**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 ----Lunch at Savini's** Come join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. A four course lunch will be served with pasta, soup or salad, choice of veal, chicken or fish, dessert, coffee, tea and soda. A cash bar is available. Cost is \$27.00 pp Rain/Snow date is January 29, 2016. Wives are invited. Checks for \$27.00 pp should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent to: **Dick Freimuth**, 413A Bromley Place, Wyckoff, N.J. 07481. Phone is 2012-847-0415

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016---Mardi Gras Luncheon at the Brownstone, Paterson, 11AM-3PM.** Let's party with the "GB's Band" well known for their **BIG EASY NEW ORLEAN'S** sound. If you love dancing, this is the place to be. All are invited to join the "Saints Parade". Great food, music, and laughs with comedian, Joey Vincent. Menu includes 2 Comp Drinks, Salad, Chicken Gumbo Soup, Pot Roast, BBQ Chicken, Vegetable, Potato, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Soda. **Your check for \$47.00 pp, which includes gratuities, should be made payable to ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED and sent directly to Bob LaSalvia, 80 Glasgow Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Tel. 201-529-4784.** Reservations will be made upon receipt of your check. This event will fill up quickly so please get your check to reserve your seats.

**March—Mt Airy Lodge**

**Friday, April 22-25, 2016 — 4 Day Trip To Virginia Beach** Group Tours is conducting this trip featuring Military Tattoo Bands in Norfolk. Tour includes VIP seating for the Military Tattoo Performance in the Scopes Arena – reserved seats for the 63rd Annual Parade of Nations – Norfolk Botanical Gardens — tour of the battleship Wisconsin — The General Douglas MacArthur Memorial – National Museum of The Marine Corp — Virginia International Tattoo American Pipe Band Championship. Includes: 3 nights with oceanfront rooms at The Hampton Inn – All breakfasts- two lunches- one dinner. \$865.00 pp double & \$1135 single. Detailed flier available at the monthly meeting or call or e-mail:  
**Dick Freimuth**, 201-847-0415 or freimuth1@verizon.net.

**May—Men's Beefsteak Dinner**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016 — AU Luncheon**

**JULY 13,14, & 15, 2016: AMISH COUNTRY TOUR**, 3 Days, Includes the Show SAMSON @ the Sights & Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pa. and a visit to the Strasburg Museum RR Station & Train Ride, 2 nights Lodging, Dinners, Bus & Gratuities. Cost \$360. pp. Full details to follow: Call Larry **Restieri**, 201-825-5843



**ACTIVITIES**



**UNLIMITED**



**Twenty-Ninth Annual  
Christmas Dinner Dance**

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

**Date: Monday, December 21, 2015 (5:30PM to 9:30PM)**

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 (5:30PM to 9:30PM)
- Valet and self parking are available—your choice
- Dance to music by Peter Lieberman

Price: \$63.00 per Person —Make Checks Payable to Activities Unlimited

Reservation: Detach and return reservation form below to:

Bill Mastellon  
101 East Oak St — G6  
Oakland, NJ 07436

Reservation ASAP — Cutoff date is 12/5/2015



Reservation **\$63.00** per person

**Tables  
of 10  
to 12**

Make Checks Payable to: Activities Unlimited  
Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member (First) - **Please Print** - (Last)

Member (First) - **Please Print** - (Last)  
Guest

If you wish to sit with friends at the same table  
**PLEASE CONFIRM** with them and list their  
names on the right and ask them to list their asso-  
ciated names sitting at the table on their reserva-  
tion. - ONE NAME PER LINE

*Confirmed Members and or Guests that you  
would like to seat with*

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Check Box for random table

**Return Reservation Bill Mastellon, 101 E Oak St — G6, Oakland,**



**First-Class Mail**