

Activities Unlimited

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December, 2018

Activities Unlimited General Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2018
1:00 PM at the WRC Heneveld Hall

Join us on December 11th for a very special music program. The **Golden Apple Chorus** will be performing for us. They are an award-winning all female, a cappella chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, that sings four-part harmony in the barbershop style.

Some of the songs they will be singing are an assortment of Holiday music such as Jingle Bells, Mary Did You Know, Hark How the Bells, Feast of Lights, The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting) and several others. In Addition, they will have a few quartets entertain with song as well.

As usual be sure to arrive at **12:00 noon** to listen to the great AU Orchestra and talk to your fellow AU members.

We are modifying the program time from the past few months and will have the business meeting first at 1pm then walk to the Sanctuary for the program at approximately 1:30pm

Be sure to invite your wives/significant others to this very special program.



Membership Dues

Membership dues, \$50.00, for 2019 are due no later than **December 31, 2018**. Please send your check for \$50.00 payable to "Activities Unlimited" to: **Douglas Cooper**, 15 David Alan Way, Montville, NJ 07045

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



2018 OFFICERS



Jim Webb
President
201-337-7982



Joe Pullaro
1st Vice President
201-337-0018



Vincent Tortorelli
2nd Vice President
201-447-3718



Howard Vogel
Secretary
201-612-2237



Mark Cohen
Treasurer
201-337-4198



Doug Cooper
Asst. Treas.
908-907-1112

COMMITTEES & CLUBS			
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
AU Guys Band	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	
Book Club	Vince Tortorelli Joe Clinton	201-447-3718 201-447-2261	4th Wed. 9:30
Dup. Bridge	ED Foldessy	201-327-5767	Wed 1 pm Larkin House
Rub. Bridge	Bob Mulligan Dave Kampschmidt	201-447-8837 201-405-2043	M,F 1:00 pm Franklin Lakes Ambulance Building
Care-Concern	Doug Cooper Paul Hennion	908-907-1112 201-891-4716	
Chaplain	Rev Andy Kadzban	201-485-8589	
Computer	Don Kirkpatrick Ed Schlachman Fred Theile	201-337-5666 973-423-1459 201-825-7541	3rd Wed. 10:00
Gardening	Joe Lamela Rick Sneyers	201-327-8137 973-248-6625	1st Wed.10:00
Golf	Bill Bryne Jim Webb	201-447-5064 201337-7982	Thursday
Hiking	Long Don Kirkpatrick Rick Sneyers	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00
	Short Fred Theile	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30 WRC
Historian	Victor Pizzolato	201-612-0038	
History	Pablo Catangay Tony Mastandrea	201-684-1217 201-327-8832	4th Monday 1:00 pm
Investment	Al Connelly	973-616-0755	Thru after the AU General Meeting 9:30
Luncheon	John Abrahamsen Mark Cohen	201-848-8037 201-337-4198	

COMMITTEES & CLUBS			
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
Membership	Walt Widmer Dick Hensch	201-562-8666 201-891-1309	
Newsletter	Lou Guarneri Dick Hensch	201-847-1981 201-891-1309	
Pickleball	Tim Tracy	201-560-8911	Tues,& Thus. 9:00 am.
Project Outreach	Marty McGonigle Joe Pullaro	201-529-1941 201-337-0018	
Photography	Murry Perl Sam Ohan	201-261-7276 201-825-0437	1st Tuesday 10:00 am
Public Disc.	Walt Widmer Tom Butler	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd Wednesday 9:30 am
Refreshments	Jim Forbes John Gannaway	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
Science	Jack Yurasek	201-337-4433	3rd Tuesday 10.00 am
Skiing	Bud Brooks Jack Yurasek	201-327-6649 201-337-4433	Snow
Sponsor Liaison	Jim Mallen	201-485-8589	
Stock Market	Mark Cohen John Abrahamsen	201-337-4198 201-848-8037	2nd Tues. 9:00 am 4th Tues. 9:00 am
Tennis	Dave Burleigh Bob Meyers	201-762-3707 310-254-8699	M,W,F
Transport.	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
Trips/Tours	John Caikowsky Don Wasson	973-599-1056 201-891-1873	Morning of AU General Meeting 10:30 am
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

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

At the Nov meeting \$200 was collected for the Wyckoff Reform Church Food Pantry.

The deadline for January 2019 Newsletter articles is 5 PM Saturday, December 22, 2018. When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold). Email: lguarneri03@gmail.com and 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.

2019

Monday, January 21, 2019 — Lunch at Savini's in Allendale, NJ

Join us for an afternoon of good food & fellowship. A four course lunch served with pasta, soup or salad, choice of Veal, Chicken or Fish. Dessert includes, an Italian Vanilla Gelato Nut Log. Cash Bar Available. Cost \$26.00 pp. Wives/significant others are invited. Time 12:30 pm. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited & mail to: **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd., Mahwah, NJ 07430. Snow date, Wednesday January 23, 2019 . Questions call Larry: 201-825-5843

February — Concert - Canceled

Wednesday March 13, 2019 St. Patrick's Day at the Brownstone

ACE IN THE HOLE PRESENTS MY WILD IRISH ROSE

Well it's that time of year again when the Irish spirit captures your heart!! And what better way than a sweet Irish Colleen to steal yours. Award winning movie actress and singing sensation Ryan Kelly will sing some of your Irish favorites and get you feeling the joy of St. Patrick's Day! Enjoy comedian, Dale Grand Esq. and bag piper, Brendon Rigler. Family Style Menu: 2 complimentary drinks, warm rolls, fresh salad, Irish pea soup, corned beef & cabbage, roasted chicken, Irish soda bread, baked potatoes, buttered carrots, deserts, coffee, tea. Free soda on the table all day. Cost: \$52.00pp including tip. Mail check made payable to ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED to: Bob LaSalvia, 80 Glasgow Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430 (201) 529-4784

April — Cherry Blossom Time in Newark

May — Luncheon

June — Lake Hopatcong



Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
Rich A Novie (Susan)	40 Winding Ridge Oakland, NJ 07436	Executive	AU Guys Band, Book Club, Historian AU, History Club & Trips and Tours	Home: 201-405-0076 Cell: 201-707-2985 Email: thebird @ att.net
Steve H Joern (Joan)	363 Butternut Ave Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Management Seminars	Book Club, Discussion Group, Hiking (Long & Short), History Club, Luncheon, Project Outreach & Trips and Tours	Cell: 201-491-7456 Email: stevejoern@gmail.com
David S Rajpurohit (Hansa)	629 Grove St Ridgewood, NJ 07450	Managing Director	Bridge Social, Chess, Computers, Golf, Hiking (Short), Investments, Membership, Science, Stock Club & Trips and Tours	Home: 201-652-5396 dsrsige@aol.com
Joseph F Tennaro	3 Elf Hill Ct Hillsdale, NJ 07642		Gardening Club, Hiking (Short), Historian, History Club, Investments, Stock club, Tennis & Trips and Tours	Home: 201-497-8114 Cell: 201-410-8423 Email: jtennaro@aol.com
John D Lange (Sherri)	20 Aqueduct Ave Midland Park, NJ 07432	Educator	AU Guys Band, Book Club, Computers, Gardening Club, Hiking (Short), Photography & Trips and Tours	Home: 201-803-9440 Cell: 201-447-3979 Email: johnsherri@optonline.net



The Bridge Club



		1st	2nd	3rd
11/7	NS	Bidwell/Hulit	Smith/Peck/Rock	Martin/Warner
	EW	Levin/Yampell	Anand/Mahmarian	Altamuro/Gilpatrick
11/14	NS	Groesbeck/Warner	Hulit/Mahmarian	Foldessy/Spence
	EW	Altamuro/Meloro	Anand/Page	Barbera/Lewis
11/21	NS	Meloro/Warner/ Spence	Freimuth/Lewis	Barbera/Desrosiers
	EW	Milcos/Zelhof	Boylan/Mahmarian	Altamuro/Foldessy
11/28	NS	Bidwell/Gilpatrick	Foldessy/Levin	Boylan/Warner
	EW	Barbera/Martin	Desrosiers/Lewis	Freimuth/Randolph

AARP TAX-AIDE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018 SEASON

AARP Tax-Aide Volunteer Program is seeking volunteers to help primarily low to moderate income New Jersey taxpayers by providing critically needed service and assistance in filing their 2018 Federal and State tax returns. There is no fee and the service provided is free.

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 (Hawthorne, Wayne, Ringwood, West Milford, Clifton, Paterson and Passaic) in the Passaic County area. The volunteer service is spread out over a ten week period (February 1 to April 15, 2019)

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. Make a difference in your community. Become an AARP tax-aide program volunteer.

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

The History Club



On November 26, Peter Tamburro, our guest speaker, presented "The Clash of Civilizations- Sharia Law, the U.S. Constitution and How Cultural Conflicts Evolve. The Sharia law or Islamic law is a religious law forming part of the Islamic tradition. It is derived from the religious precepts of Islam, based on the Quran and teachings of Prophet Muhammad.

In Islamic belief, Quran is considered to be uncreated word of Allah and that it existed since the beginning of time and was revealed by the Archangel Gabriel in the 7th Century to Prophet Muhammad. Majority of Muslim countries around the world practice their religious faith in the manner consistent with Sharia. As a result of this belief and practice, it become violent and forceful in relation to the non-Muslims. For example: "Fight and slay the unbelievers and wherever ye find, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem of war, but if they repent, and establish regular prayers and practice regular charity, then open the way for them, for Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."

Sharia Law is incompatible with the Western culture and is Anti-Constitutional. Whether pursued through violent jihad or stealthier practices, the Sharia Law rejects the fundamental premises of American society and values. It rejects democratic principles: freedom of conscience, individual liberty, freedom of expression (including the liberty to analyze and criticize Sharia), economic liberty, equal treatment under the law (including that of men and women, and of Muslims and non-Muslims), etcetera. Some of our earliest Presidents; Thomas Jefferson and John Quincy Adams recognized the threat the Sharia Law to the U.S. Constitution and freedom it enshrines

There will be no History Club meeting in December. The next meeting will be on January 28, 2019. I will be presenting "Vladimir Vladimirovich

Putin- the New Russian Tsar."

Pablo A. Catangay, Chairman 201-684-1217

Tony Mastandrea, Co-Chairman 201-327-8832



Public Discussion Group

November

The day's discussion began with a discussion of the recent election results. As might be expected, views reflected political orientation with Democrats seeing a "blue wave" victory and Republicans seeing success because of the Senatorial results. Some saw a rejection of Trump and other a validation of his policies. Some of the discussion focused on what the results might be in terms of policy implementation. Was there, for example, a better chance of an infrastructure bill being passed? Unfortunately, the general consensus seemed to be a pessimistic one with an expectation of continued gridlock in Washington.

The next topic was "Prison Reform." This interesting issue elicited a wide spectrum of views. Some members felt that prison administration was too lax and that harsher punishment would encourage prisoners to stay out of jail in the future. Regular meals, a roof overhead and lots of activities was a formula for recidivism. The other view was that prison focused on punishment and not on rehabilitation. Germany was held up as an example of better prison management. There were also differing views on the reasons for the extreme size of the prison population (currently about 2.3 million, of which some 536,000 are in pre-trial detention). Some pointed to conditions in the inner cities, including high unemployment and broken schools as a fundamental stimulus to criminal behavior. Other reasons included prosecutorial use of plea bargaining (over 90% of criminal cases do not go to trial with the accused accepting a plea to avoid the risk of a much longer sentence); mandatory sentencing; and the incompetence of public defenders due to caseload and poor preparation. Although there was no agreement on the causes or consequences of a very high per capita prison population, most agreed that the issue was worth more study, especially since it represented a significant tax burden on the country.

The final topic, the NJ gas tax, drew a yawn and few comments. The general conclusion was that the funds earmarked for infrastructure would likely go into the general budget and not be applied as promised.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 12th at 9:30 at the Larkin House. Topics for discussion are: tax changes for 2018 and implications for tax filing; and the broad topic of immigration reform. All members are welcome to attend.

What Age Are You?

Age cannot be counted by
 The years a person lives,
 But by the Hope within his heart,
 And all the love he gives.
 How young you are does not depend
 Upon your date of birth,
 How old you are, not measured by
 Your time upon this earth.

But if your heart is full of dreams,
 And if you are among
 Those with an eagerness for life,
 ...Then you are truly young.
 But if you see no beauty,
 In all that you behold,
 And care not for your fellow man,
 ...Then you are truly old.

Grace E. Easley





The Computer Technology Club

There were 25 AU Members in attendance at the Wednesday, November 21, 2018 meeting of the Computer Technology Club. The meeting topics included a variety of items with the focus of the meeting being a look at two items, first was Basic Computer Skills and second was Buying a computer. The meeting kicked off with a look at several technology-oriented videos. The first was video was on **Axion Para Measurer** ... this is a new kind of measuring device. Next was a video on **Gryphon Smart WIFI Mesh System** ... this is a product to expand and control WIFI within your house. Next was an interesting video on useful tips on general household problems. And, lastly a video on a new product that makes water out of air ... the video is on **Watergen**.

Then we looked at several items included on the AU's Web-site, new items added to the Computer Page Reference section and/or to the Helpful Tips section. We also, explored several other sections of the AU Web-Site to let those in attendance know what is out on the AU Web-Site and we explored a problem with accessing the secured page ... a solution for the problem is being worked on. A suggestion was made to provide a search function within the AU Web-Site ... a solution was found and was to be presented at this meeting. However, the solution will now be presented at the December 2018 meeting in the Ask John segment.

Next, we reviewed an update on last month's 5G presentation from Fred ... the article will be posted to the AU Web-Site in the 5G section of the Computer Page.

The main topics for this meeting was then presented. The first is an interactive tutorial on "Basic Computer Skills" all AU Members should review this Tutorial (especially those members that need and have asked for some basic computer training. And secondly we reviewed a document on the specific items that you should consider when you are buying a computer ... the article is somewhat dated but all items covered are relevant today.

The "Ask John" segment was not covered as John A. was not at the meeting. The two items planned for November's Meeting will be covered next month. The two items are a search option for the AU Web-Site and how to and why you would use multiple email addresses.

As with other items we discuss at our CTC Meetings all key items discussed are posted to the AU Web-Site on the Computer Technology Page (reference section) or under Helpful Hints section. I would like all to think about future topics as we need to pin down our topics for our meetings for December 2018 and for January 2019.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 10AM. The main topic for this meeting has not been determined, some small or update topics were received at this month's meeting. I will send out the meeting agenda prior to the next meeting.

Thanks,

Donald A. Kirkpatrick (201-759-3795) or
dakirkpt@verizon.net





Stock Market

AU Stock Market Club

The **Activities Unlimited Stock Market Club** is an exciting organization with about 25 current members. It meets twice a month to exchange ideas, share research and insight leading to prudent investing. The three pillars we have are: **Educate, Make a Profit, Have Fun.**

The club operates as a partnership and calculates the value of a partnership unit based upon its net assets on a monthly basis. Members contribute an initial investment of \$500 and thereafter \$50 per month. Year-end tax information is furnished to each partner on a K-1 Form.

Our investment strategy is positioned between traders and investors. We trade much less than traders and more than long-term investors. Our average holding is approximately 6 months.

We try to operate with a strategy of letting our winnings run using trailing stop losses as protection. Our objective is to make it interesting without making it too serious. We try to keep the dialogue open and welcome everyone's contribution of ideas and recommendations. We particularly enjoy the insights and ideas shared as well as the excitement of investing. We are currently enjoying a 14% return which exceeds our benchmark of the S&P.

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 9:00 AM, on the third floor of WRC. Please check the calendar to confirm.

Please feel free to visit at any meeting and see how we run things. Hopefully, you will be interested in joining us as a partner. But you are under NO obligation. You would be most welcome.

Chairman: **Mark Cohen** 201-337-4198 / mark.cohen6222@gmail.com





AU Stock Club Presents

The 2019 Stock Contest.

Open to all AU members
(no stock investments are required)

2019 AU Stock Contest

You have a fictitious \$100,000 to invest. Must pick 4 stocks and invest an amount from \$10,000 to \$40,000 in each such that the total equals \$100,000. Each month the contestant whose portfolio achieves the highest percentage gain from the prior month to the current month shall receive a \$5 monthly prize. Prizes will be awarded at the end of year from the remaining entry fees as follows: 1st place 50% - 2nd place 25% - 3rd place 15% - remainder to last place.

Stock Picking Contest Entry Form

Name _____ E-Mail Address _____

Symbol (ticker)*	Name**	\$ Amount to invest***
	Total investment is	\$ 100,000

*Use the symbol provided by [Yahoo Finance](#) quote. Only securities quoted by Yahoo are eligible.

**Only stocks having a minimum per share value of \$8 at year-end 2018 qualify.

*** \$ amounts in whole dollars

Email questions to John Abrahamsen at john.abrahamsen.bnp@gmail.com

We will assign a number of shares (including fractional shares) based on Dec 31 2018 closing price from Yahoo.

No trading during the year is permitted. Dividends will not be included in the results. If Yahoo quotes on that stock symbol stop for any reason, the value is frozen using the value as of the last month's reported results.

The Stock Picking Contest for the 2019 calendar year has a \$5 entry fee. Send Submission Form to: **John Abrahamsen**
759 Peach Tree Lane, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

Your entry is not official until receipt of your submission is confirmed by email by John. So please contact John if the entry is not confirmed by Jan 5th. Results will be emailed monthly.