

Activities Unlimited

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Activities Unlimited General Meeting Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 1:00pm Christian Reformed Church, Fellowship Hall 183 Godwin Ave in Midland Park

General Meeting Guest Speaker: Charles Del Rosso

Charles is regarded as a professional entertainer of the highest caliber. As an award-winning magician, he has been appearing on stage at some of the New York area's top society affairs and exclusive nightspots and performing for some of the country's leading corporations. Charles is also an accomplished pianist and vocalist. He is currently appearing weekly as a musical solo artist.

Beginning in the mid 90's, Charles began presenting his one-man-show entitled "Out of Your Mind". His public performances at the 12 Miles West Theatre in Montclair sold out quickly and proved to be a critical success. By popular demand, he was asked back for repeat engagements 5 consecutive years, ending in 2003.

With his charming personality, Charles' ability to entertain his way into your heart, is an experience that will not soon be forgotten.

At the November Meeting \$27 was collected for the Wyckoff Reformed Church Food Pantry.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we approach year end, we can look back at a successful year of activities and events. We returned to all live meetings in 2022 after almost two years of ZOOM. We started the year at the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corp building for our general meeting and are now in the larger and more comfortable Fellowship Hall of the Christian Reformed Church in Midland Park. Our club meetings are back on schedule at several venues and we can now enjoy the camaraderie of in-person meetings that is such a part of AU. We added a couple of events that stood out this year. The June Cruise to Canada was organized by **John Caikowsky** and the Trips and Tours Committee. In October, the Men's Wellness Day at the Wyckoff YMCA was brought to us by **Joe Pullaro** and **John Murphy**.

Our last great event of the year is the Annual Holiday Dinner Dance at Seasons in Washington Township on December 5th. We have almost 200 attending. As usual, it will be a gala evening of fine food, drink, and dancing. The Board and I want to again thank **Bill Mastellon** and **John Murphy** for taking on this herculean task and pulling it off so spectacularly.

At this time, I thank the Board for all of their support during 2022. These guys stepped up and tackled any issues, reflecting the AU attitude that keeps our club going strong. I would like to recognize **Bob Dauer** who will be dropping off the Board as he finishes his second year as a Past President. Bob has been on the Board for the past 5 years helping to keep AU the great organization that we all enjoy. In January, I will be turning over the reins to **Harry Bennett**, our new President for 2023. Under his leadership and the rest of the Board, we can look forward to another terrific year.

Membership dues for 2023 must be received no later than December 31, 2022. Send your check for \$50.00, payable to "Activities Unlimited", with "2023 dues" in the memo line, to: **Marty Valerio**, Assistant Treasurer - Activities Unlimited, 344 Valley Road, River Edge, NJ 07661



Trips & Tours



Contact **John Caikowsky**: johncaikowsky@optonline.net or call 973-599-1056

2023 events being planned:

March — Wednesday March 8, 2023. 11:00am—3:00pm

"MOMENTS TO REMEMBER" at the Brownstone, Paterson, NJ. \$58pp.. The Jersey Dreamers (Joe Zisa and friends) are hosting a fun afternoon of music, dance, and a delicious lunch.

The menu and where to send your checks to follow. Come join the fun.

May — Spring luncheon.

June— A repeat of the highly successful summer picnic at the Wyckoff YMCA.

September — AU Social.

December — AU Christmas Dinner / Dance.

Welcome New Members			
Name(Spouse)	Address	Interests	Phones/Email/(Occupation)
William P. Dorney (Kathy)	386 Monroe Ave. Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Short Hikers, Discussion, History, Pickle Ball, Science, Tennis	H: 201-891-2423 C: 551-206-7015 wpddc@aol.com (Health Care)
Raymond Steele (Susan)	562 Sparrowbush Rd Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Short Hikers, Golf, History, Bocce	H: 914-403-5068 C: 914-403-5068 rsteale@ncbp.com (Building Products)
David W Hub-schmitt (Maureen)	23 Grandview Place North Caldwell, NJ 07006	Computer, Golf, History, Luncheon, Science	H: 973-650-0052 C: 973-650-0052 ski3100@aol.com (Psychologist)

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



2022 OFFICERS



Doug Cooper
President
908-907-1112



Harry Bennett
1st Vice President
201-891-9527



Jim Atieh
1st Vice President
201-315-5346



Rich Bernarde
Secretary
201-337-5238



Mike Kelley
Treasurer
973-839-6470



Marty Valerio
Assistant Treasurer
201-262-8966

COMMITTEES & CLUBS				COMMITTEES & CLUBS			
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GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING	GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
AU Guys Band	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	1,3&4 Wed 9 am Midland Pk VFW	Luncheon	John Abrahamsen	john.abrahamsen.bnp@gmail.com 201-739-8589 Selected restaurants by invitation only	
Bocce	Walt Widmer	201-562-8666	M,W,F 1:00 pm Ramsey Courts, Oak St		Mark Cohen		
Book Club	Vince Tortorelli Marty Valerio	201-447-3718 201-394-2938	4th Wed 9:30 am Larkin House	Membership	Dave Voehl Dick Hensch	973-227-6981 201-891-1309	
Database Committee	John Abrahamsen Jim Webb	201-739-8589 201-337-7982		Newsletter	Lou Guarneri Tom Van Lenten	201-847-1981 201-248-7207	
Dup. Bridge Rub.	Tom Meloro	201-560-0169	Every Wed 1 pm Larkin House On Hold	Pickleball	Ken Frisco Tim Tracy	201-848-5595 201-560-8911	Mon, Wed & Fri 8:30am Wyckoff Public Tennis Courts
Care-Concern	Marty Valerio	201-262-8966		Project Outreach	Joe Pullaro	201-337-0018	
Chaplain	Rev Andy Kadzban	201-485-8589		Photography	Murry Perl Sam Ohan	201-446-7357 201-825-0437	1st Tue 10:30 am Midland Pk VFW
Computer Technology	Don Kirkpatrick Fred Theile	201-337-5666 201-825-7541	4th Tue 10:00 am Midland Pk VFW	Public Discussion	Walt Widmer Tom Butler	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd, Wednesday 9:30 at Ambulance Corp Franklin Lake
Garden	Fred Theile	201-981-1801	1st Tue 1:00 pm Midland Pk VFW	Refreshments	Jim Forbes John Gannaway	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
Golf	Bill Bryne Jim Webb	201-447-5064 201-337-7982	Tues & Thur. 10:50 Paramus Golf Club	Science	Harry Bennett Jack Yurasek	201-891-9527 201-337-4433	3rd Tue 1:00 pm Midland Pk VFW
Long Hiking Short	Don Kirkpatrick Rick Sneyers	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00 am WRC-Parking Lot	Skiing	Bud Brooks	201-327-6649	Snow
	Fred Theile	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30 am WRC -Parking Lot	Sponsor Liaison	Jim Mallen	201-485-8589	
Historian	Victor Pizzolato	201-612-0038		Stock	Frank Nusspickel John Abrahamsen	201-891-9099 201-848-8037	1st & 3rd Tues. 9000 am Midland Pk VFW
History	Pablo Catangay Tony Mastandrea	201-684-1217 201-327-8832	4th Tue 1:00 pm Midland Pk VFW	Tennis	Dave Burleigh Bob Meyers	201-762-3707 310-254-8699	M, W & F Time & Place Seasonal
Investment Study	Dennis LaBarbera	201-391-0471	3rd Wed 1:00 pm Midland Pk VFW	Transportation	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
				Trips/Tours	John Caikowsky Don Wasson	973-599-1056 201-891-1873	2nd Tue 9:00 am Midland Pk VFW
				Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

Upcoming Club Activities

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All AU members are invited to join the group at the Ramsey Courts, Oak St Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:00 pm. Questions call: **Walt Widmer** 201-562-8666. It's easy and fun.

Computer Tech. Club

Our next meeting is on January 24, via Zoom and in Person The main topic to be determined. Please forward to Don suggested topics for future meetings **Don Kirkpatrick:** (201-759-3795) or dakirkpt@verizon.net

Golf Club

The 2022 Golf Awards Luncheon will be held on **December 8, 2022 at the new Taverna on the Green** at the Paramus Golf Course. Doors are open at 11:30 am and lunch will be served at 12 noon. The cost is \$45 per person and a cash bar is available.

All golfing members as well as other members interested in golf are welcome to join us as Trophies are presented for 2022 League play.

Your checks in the amount of **\$45** payable to **Activities Unlimited** should be mailed to: **Douglas Cooper**, 15 David Alan Way, Montville, NJ 07045

Your check should have been received by Doug no later than **November 23rd**.

History Club

The History Club meeting is on December 27 at 1 PM. at the VFW- Midland Park. This is "in person" meeting. Our speaker is Carver L. Washburn. The topic is "BACKUP COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MILITARY BY AMATEUR RADIO." The U.S. Department of Defense has a vast communications network worldwide. It comprises the largest infrastructure known involving radio, satellite, wire and other landline methods for communication. When power goes down, amateur radio still operates using backup generator, solar power, even battery power.

Pablo A. Catangay pcata123@optonline.net

Public Discussion

The Discussion Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corps Building.at 10:00am.

Topics: 1.Are we better off than our parents?
2. Republican Party: The Red Wave;
DeSantis—Trump

Questions call: **Walt Widmer** -201-562-8666; walterhwidmer@gmail.com

Trips & Tours

The next meeting will be January 10, 2023 at the Midland Park VFW at 9:30.AM (Also, see page 2)

If you would like to join T&T, please contact **John Caikowsky** at:

johncaikowsky@optonline.net or 973-599-1056

Pickleball

Play will start at 8:30AM every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at the Wyckoff tennis/pickleball courts. Anyone interested in playing should contact **Ken Frisco:** Cell : 973-919-6704, Home 201-848-5595, kenfrisco@aol.com

Notice of purposed changes to our By Laws

Insofar as we did not have a quorum at the November meeting, we will have a special meeting as part of the December 5th Dinner Dance to confirm these changes:

- Article VII, Section 2 corrected to change a quorum from 30% to 20% based on By Laws dated 2/27/17.
- Article VIII of the By Laws are amended as follows for those members of 90 years of age and older:
 - Section 5-All members are required to pay dues with the following exception:
 - Members in good standing for five consecutive years do not pay dues beginning the year they turn 90 years of age.
 - Members who have reached the age of 90 do not pay dues following the completion of five years of consecutive membership in good standing.

The AU Golf season is over but a few hearty golfers brave the cold and continue to play into November.

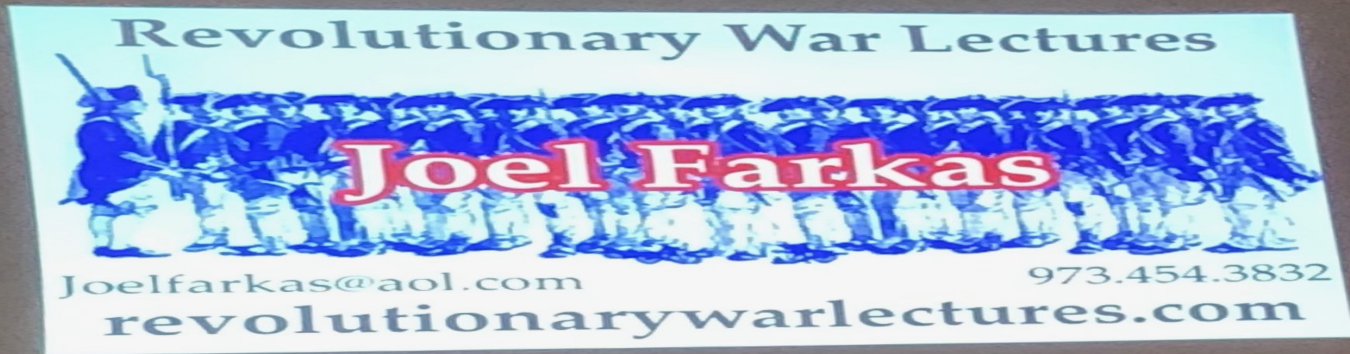
Pictured left to right. Gaspar Lesznik, Tony Delfico, Nelson Ramirez, Jim Webb and Tom Donch



On a windy day in November, the AU Short & Long Hikers joined together to cross the old Railroad "Bridge over the Hudson" from Highlands, to Poughkeepsie, NY. They all enjoyed beautiful views of Hudson River and fall foliage!



They then walked into town for a great lunch at River Station Restaurant.



At AU's November General Meeting we hosted Joel Farkas as our guest speaker. Joel is a lecturer on The American Revolution, The Revolutionary War, and the founding of our country. Joel gave an outstanding and very informative presentation to an audience of approximately 50 AU members.

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You and your guest are invited to the
Activities Unlimited
35th Annual Christmas Dinner Dance

Where: Seasons, Washington Township

When: December 5, 2022

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$89.50 / person

Invite A Non-member

If you have a friend who is curious about AU, or interested in joining AU or you think may become interested in joining AU if he had the opportunity to experience one of our events first hand, the Board has given the green light for you to invite a non-member to our 35th Annual Christmas Dinner Dance. No Obligation.

Christmas Dinner
Dance
Chairmen
Bill Mastellon &
John Murphy

