



## Monthly Meeting

### A 60 MINUTE WORLD TOUR

On Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Dr. James Kane will return and again inform and entertain us with a presentation entitled "Around the World in Sixty Minutes". As in the past, this presentation promises to bring warmth and sunshine to an otherwise winter day in Wyckoff. The meeting starts at 1PM, but come early, bring a brown bag lunch, and enjoy the AU GUYS band music and conversations with your friends at AU .

In celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AU, we will be handing out free AU 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coffee mugs to each member at this meeting. They will also be available at the March and April meetings for those who cannot attend this meeting.

At the January Exec Board meeting, "Project Outreach" was established as a new club within AU. **Marty Mc Gonigle** is the Chairman, phone 201-529-1941

## Food Pantry

At the January meeting, \$193.00 was given as donations to the Food Pantry.

## JOE'S JOTTINGS

Well, **Joe's Jottings** have replaced **Marty's Musings**. I only hope that I can be as informative as Marty was in his monthly column.

At our January 10 General Meeting, **Chuck Bainbridge** was scheduled to present a narrative and slide presentation covering Antarctica. Many members, who have already seen the presentation at another venue, told me that it is a fascinating story, well presented.

A lot of members were looking forward to seeing a part of the world with which, most of us, have little familiarity.

As it turned out the audiovisual system failed and we had to abort Chuck's presentation. I know that Chuck was disappointed as he very much wanted to present this fascinating insight.

Last year, our president, **Marty McGonigle**, placed a Suggestion Box for member feedback. The most frequently reported issue was the audiovisual system. Persistent concerns with the system have defied resolution.

The day after our General Session, I met with **Rev. Billy Norden** to discuss the problems. I am convinced that we are now on an urgent path to resolve the problems we have experienced, and to enable our members to enjoy our sessions. All parties are committed to this goal.

I apologize to Chuck for the loss of his presentation. We have rescheduled Chuck for our June meeting. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy this tour of Antarctica.

**Joe Kelly**

## Christmas Party Update

Last month's newsletter omitted the following:

**Marty McGonigle** presented **John De Santis** with the Distinguished Service Award . Congratulations John.

Thanks to all for making our annual Christmas Party a huge success! A special thanks to **Bud Brooks, Jack Coughlin, Joe MacDougall, and John Plunkett** for their assistance . ...Mark your 2012 calendar for **Monday, December 17th**.....and we will do it all again. THANKS **Terry**



## Duplicate Bridge Results

	Officers		Meeting
<b>President</b>	Joe Kelly	891-8026	2nd Tue 11am
<b>1st Vice-Pres.</b>	Frank Nusspickel	891-9099	
<b>2nd VicePres.</b>	Don Wasson	891-1873	
<b>Secretary</b>	Joe Meighan	891-4909	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Herb Umland	891-6638	
<b>Asst. Treas.</b>	Jim Jeffers	891-9603	
	Committees		
<b>AU Guys</b>	John DeSantis	447-0256	
<b>Book Club</b>	Joe Clinton Joe Infosino	447-2261 337-5442	2nd Wed 9:30
<b>Dup. Bridge Rub. Bridge</b>	Joe MacDougall Wes Cheringal	891-4048 848-8009	Wed 1 pm M,F 1 pm
<b>Digital Camera</b>	Ed Trerotola	236-1368	
<b>Care-Concern</b>	Joe Clinton Paul Hennion Don Martin	447-2261 891-4716 891-2279	
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. D. Bach	891-1782	
<b>Chess</b>	Bill Schultz	891-5327	3rd Tue 9:30
<b>Gardening</b>	Joe Lamela	327-8137	1st Wed.10:00
<b>Golf</b>	Bruno Bissetta	891-7567	
<b>Hiking</b>	Jack Alber	891-2870	Mon 9:00
<b>Historian</b>	Dom Manobianco	891-7185	
<b>Investment</b>	Herb Umland	891-6638	2nd Th 9:30
<b>Model RR</b>	Lou Guarneri	847-1981	Wed. 7PM
<b>Membership</b>	Dick Gattoni	652-0064	
<b>Newsletter</b>	Lou Guarneri	847-1981	
<b>Project Out- reach</b>	Marty Mc Gonigle	529-1941	
<b>Photographer</b>	Chuck Bainbridge	447-2910	
<b>Public Disc.</b>	Walt Widmer	562-8666	4th Fri 9:30
<b>Refreshments</b>	Hank Boucher Frank Turi Andy Grace	445-2633 <b>973-513-9117</b> 337-4360	
<b>Science</b>	Jack Yurasek	337-4433	3rd Tues 10.00
<b>Skiing</b>	Bud Brooks	327-6649	Snow
<b>Sponsor Liaison</b>	Mike Wolff	891-4426	
<b>Stock Market</b>	Ramon Casaprima	891-3394	2nd Tues. 9:00 4th Tues. 9:00
<b>Tennis</b>	Dom Manobianco	891-7185	MWF 9:00
<b>Transport.</b>	Ron Miller	891-5734	
<b>Trips/Tours</b>	Lou Guarneri George Lewis	847-1981 891-5883	2nd Tues 10:30

	1st	2nd	3rd
1/4 NS	Foley/ Milcos	Christie/Socolof	Finn/Riccardi
EW	Coughlin/Milcos	Hulit/Reed	Lewis/Smith
1/11	No Play		
1/18 NS	MacDoudall/Socolof	Crawford/Green	Gilpatrick/Martin
EW	Lewis/Page	Hausman/Milcos	Gattoni/Reed
1/25	1st MacDougall/Wiest		
	2nd Gilpatrick/Green		
	3rd Chapman/Milcos		

On January 12, 2012, thirty five AU members and their guests enjoyed seeing and listening to the NY Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Zubin Mehta, rehearse at Lincoln Center. Afterward we enjoyed a family style luncheon at Carmine's Restaurant. A good time was had by all.



### Tony Armenante

Antonio, a resident of Franklin Lakes, passed away Tuesday, January 24th 2012 at The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ. Tony was born in New York City in 1924 to Adelaide and Dr. Romolo Armenante. After serving his country in the Pacific during WWII, Tony graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1949. He and his brother, George, ran Paterson Bleachery & Chemicals and Arol Chemical Company. Tony is survived by Fay, his wife, his sister Arey, his children Mark, Michele and Mitchell and his grandchildren, Andrew, Andre and Christina. Tony loved his family, his friends and travel.

## AU Digital Camera Club

Well! Fellow AU digital camera users, the AU Digital Camera Club is back First, If you are interested, send me your e.mail address (mine: [etkt@mac.com](mailto:etkt@mac.com)). With that I can keep you informed about meeting times and dates and their content. I also, from time to time, come across some very helpful photography user tips that I can forward.

We will also cover in our coming meetings the convergence of digital camera, cell phones and computer and how you can optimize all three in capturing those important moments and people in your life.

I've always been a advocate of getting all those old photos you have in some shoe boxes in the attic and getting them on your computer for family viewing. (pure joy). We will address those options

Digital camera technology and semantics can be daunting. With that, we will do our best to open those doors. When you come to the meetings, bring your cameras; maybe we can help you and, then of course, maybe you can help us. Neither myself nor Hank Fisher ([uscga53@verizon.net](mailto:uscga53@verizon.net)) are professional photographers. Our intent is to help all of us get the most enjoyment out of our cameras and our photos.

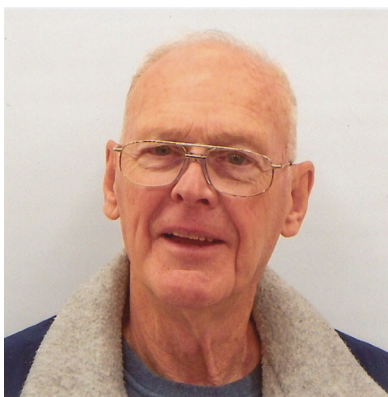
If you would like to host a meeting or present a topic which you feel would be helpful to the group, by all means join in.

The times and dates of our meeting will be published in the monthly AU newsletter and sent to you by e-mail.

Ed Trerotola [etkt@mac.com](mailto:etkt@mac.com) 201-236-1368

## AU KEY MEMBER PROFILE – FEB 2012 – ED McQUILKEN

This is the sixth of a continuing series of member profiles designed to familiarize you with contributing members and to recognize them for their efforts.



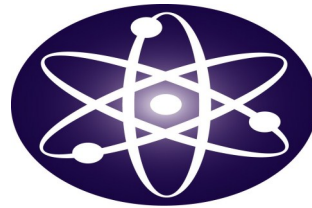
It was through a verbal exchange between Erna McQuilken and Claire Orsini during a Wyckoff Woman's Club affair that prompted Ed to join AU all the way back in 1992. This has led to 20 years of mutual admiration and will, hopefully, continue for another 20. Ed has participated in Hiking, the Stock Market and the Monday & Friday Bridge Groups. Upon joining AU, Ed threw himself into action on the club's Executive Board, moving up the ladder in all the offices culminating in being elected President in 1997. Of all the numerous club and social events that Ed has attended over the years the annual Christmas Dinner/Dance remains his favorite, as it does with so many of us. With a continuum of memorable AU moments over the years Ed finds it hard to single out any specific ones and considers the entire AU experience as one great entry in his memory bank. This veteran of the US Army pursued a business career following graduation from

Pace University and his skills enabled Ed to climb another ladder which culminated in a 1991 retirement as Regional Vice-President. Recently I had occasion to speak with one of Ed's former business protégé's and she paid him the utmost compliment. Ed had sponsored her transition from a Customer Service Rep to outside salesperson and she stated "the principles that Ed taught me early on still stay with me and I rehearse them before every sales call to this day". High praise indeed! After enjoying 56 years of marriage Erna and Ed have two children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They reside in Wyckoff's Spring Meadows with many other AUers. You may even spot this ex-basketball and baseball jock on the town's courts and fields playing with his 11-year-old grandson.

### Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	home/Email
<b>Edward R. Baumbach (Marcelle)</b>	326 Magnolia Ave Hillsdale, NJ 07642	Teacher	Computers, Gardening, Golf, Hiking, Investments, Skiing, Tennis	201-664-9928 Cell: 201-870-3811 marcedybaumbach@yahoo.com
<b>Richard E. Neuman</b>	276 Barnstable Drive Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Finance T.W.A.	Bridge, Computers, Golf, Investments, Stock Market, Trips and Tours	201-445-9550 Cell: 201-519-8753 ricneuman9@AOL.com
<b>Tony J Quevedo (Kathy)</b>	164 Cottage Road Wyckoff, NJ 07481-2507	Airline Sales Scandinavian Airline	Book Club, Science	201-652-2086 Cell: 201-925-1985 TTQ1718@hotmail.com
<b>Edwin R. Wilson (Doris)</b>	1410 Summer Hill Road Wayne, NJ 07400	Doctor	Book Club, Computers, Digital Cameras, Science	973-706-5899 ewilson1929@optonline.net

# The Science Club



## Science

The Science Club will meet on Tuesday February 21st at 10:00 am on the second floor of Heneveld Hall. **Bob Zehm** will make an interesting presentation on jobs today; the relationship between jobs and machines / automation in the future; and a robot machine of the future. He will discuss how we create jobs in the present economic system and how we may do so in the future. He will show the functional design of a future general-purpose humanoid robot that can learn by reading, viewing, and can converse with humans and each other and compete for human jobs. Increased productivity brought about by advances in machines and the resulting reduction in jobs -- is this a threat or an opportunity ?. How will this change our economic system?

At the January meeting, **Walt Widmer** made an outstanding presentation on the human reproduction system, including why sexual reproduction is important to the evolution of life. He also discussed the anatomy of the human body's reproduction system for male and female, as well as sexually transmitted diseases, like HIV-AIDS. Walt also provided the 31 attendees a detailed handout with great graphics on the subject.

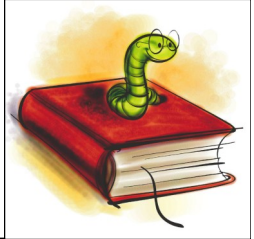
At the March meeting **Dr. George Becker** a retired neurosurgeon will cover the interesting subject of Memory. Neuroscience includes memory and George will bring us up-to-date on developments including Alzheimer's and our personal little "memory lapses." and what we can do about them. We should all be interested in this one.

### *Tony Orsini*

We're sad to report the death of **Tony Orsini**. Tony was a dedicated member for 21 years, serving as past president and member of the Executive Board. He provided strong leadership to the Investment Study Group and personally helped many members to better understand the complexities of trading markets and how to manage investments. Even in recent years when he was beset by macular degeneration and extreme hearing loss, his mental acuity stayed top notch. As testament to the level of his analytical efforts, in the stock picking contest run by the Investment Study Group in 2011, of the 23 entrants, Tony led the pack by a wide margin, one of only 2 who made money for the year.. He has been a great asset to AU who will be missed by all.

A memorial service will be held for Tony at 11AM on May 17th at The Wyckoff Reformed Church. Donations in Tony's

## The Book Club



These books are up for review in February:

- \* The Trial - Franz Kafka
- \* Steinbrenner - Bill Madden
- \* Clever Girl - Lauren Kessler

In January, **Joe Infosino** started things off with the Long Way Home (David Laskin). This interesting book traced the lives of twelve immigrants. Beginning with the harsh conditions in their native villages, we read of their grueling trans-Atlantic crossing, their difficult adjustment to life in the U.S., and, finally, their valorous service in WW1. Surprisingly, about twenty percent of the American Expeditionary Force was comprised of somewhat recent immigrants.....Matterhorn (Carl Marlantes), a novel dealing with the Vietnam War, was recommended by **Jerry Hulit**. The author had been a platoon leader in Nam. His novel realistically described the intense, sometimes inane, battles fought by this Marine unit. Jungle fighting was nasty and perilous.....A World Lit Only by Fire (Wm. Manchester), introduced by **Walt Widmer**, was a good overview of the 15th and 16th centuries. The author didn't break any new ground. He touched lightly on the early Renaissance and Humanist movement. The book did provide an easy to read description of Martin Luther and King Henry VIII, and the events leading up to their break with the Catholic Church. There was also an exceptional chapter on the world shaking exploits of Ferdinand Magellan.

Books for March:

- \* Life Itself: a Memoir - Roger Ebert
- \* Turn Right at Machu Pichu - Mark Adam
- \* Left to Tell - Immaculee Ilibagiza (with Steve Erwin)

### Joe Clinton

The Deadline for March Newsletter articles is **February 28, 2012**. Please remember to use my new email addresses:

**lguarneri03@gmail.com**

**Or mail to: 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430**

## Investment Study Group

Our first meeting of 2012 started strong as 29 members joined us to talk about their International Investments. We had a lively discussion amongst the group and were aided by information provided by Rob Collesano, a 25 year Merrill Lynch professional from the Montvale, NJ office. I hope it was beneficial to all who attended !

Our Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at WRC- in Heneveld Hall at 9:30AM will feature two investment professionals from BEACON TRUST, headquartered in Morristown. The firm manages over a billion dollars in client assets. Erik Vadeika, SVP a Glen Rock resident, will discuss equities for retirees, performance of different asset classes and portfolio structuring. Bill Cashen, SVP & Fixed Income Portfolio Manager will talk with us about income ideas and risks from different investment classes. Bring your questions!

The March 8<sup>th</sup> ISG meeting will feature, Darrell Cronk, the Regional Chief Investment Officer- Northeast, from Wells Fargo Private Bank. While Darrell personally works out of NYC he assists Wells Private Bankers located in Bergen County and has spoken to many local investment professionals in our area. His topic of discussion will be "The Global Economy at a Crossroads" and he will provide us ideas on structuring portfolios for retirees. His presentations should generate a lively discussion.

The specific speaker for April has not been finalized at this time but the proposed topic is "Alternative Investments "and the various investment vehicles that individuals can use to access these apparently less volatile assets. This is an asset class that has not been readily available to the general investing public. So it should prove informative for everyone ! Bring your questions !

Our May meeting should once again be a Roundtable Discussion for members with an Investment professional on hand to assist us. Looking for ideas on a general topic for this meeting. Please contact with your ideas !

I invite **all AU** members to join the Investment Study Group on the **second Thursday** of each month at 9:30AM at WRC- Heneveld Hall. **Herb Umland**

## PROJECT OUTREACH

There's a new activity in town! **PROJECT OUTREACH** (PO) began operation on January 4, 2012 assisting the Northside Food Pantry through the Wyckoff Reformed Church (WRC) with their truck unloading and bagging operations. The club was formed within AU to provide some sweat equity to a deserving non-profit in Bergen County. After investigating and eliminating five other non-profits, the Northside Food Pantry was chosen by the AU Executive Board to begin the program. Volunteers from AU were solicited through a sign-up sheet and 17 of us formed the initial membership. These men are: **Ted Wolff, Bob Peneno, George Pitts, Jerry Lynch, DomManobianco, Wally Lubicich, John Guthery, John Verdi, Wes Cheringal, Pat McGuire, Don Wasson, Jack Elwood. Bud Brooks, Jay Bouton, Bill Ball, Ed O'Keefe and Marty McGonigle**, ably assisted by Mike Wolff our Member Liaison to the WRC. A single AU bagger is assigned for the weekly Thursday bagging session and three AU unloaders one Thursday a month when the truck containing foodstuffs is received. Both events take place at the church's house at 587 Wyckoff Avenue. We are always looking for more AU volunteers so if you would like to work for a worthy cause please contact Marty at [mmbmcg@optonline.net](mailto:mmbmcg@optonline.net) or call him at 201-529-1941. We are open to expansion of projects as well once we obtain more volunteers. A major project consisting of going to New Orleans for a week to help build homes for Hurricane Katrina victims is one consideration.

## Public Discussion Group



The January 27 meeting was attended by 28 members. **Joe Mac Dougall** provided us with great information about "Consolidating the 70 towns in Bergen County." Most agreed it should happen but will not occur in the real world due to the power struggles between existing governments. **Jerry Hult** indicated some municipalities are sharing services and who knows what the future holds.

Topic two "The Federal Government suing a state" An example of another power struggle. "Closing Military Bases around the World" was topic three. A number of individuals said that the bases provided a controlling factor with rough nations.

Next month 1. "Disagreement between the parties relating to the Tax Structure". 2. "Possible war with Iran"? 3. "Federal Deficit".

Next meeting will be held at the Larkin House February 24th at 9:30.

**Walt Widmer**

## Annual Dues

For 2012, the dues have increased to **\$50.00**. As in the past your annual dues should be sent to our Treasurer, **Harold De Niar**, 10 Elm Street, Allendale, NJ 7401 and made payable to "Activities Unlimited." Please write "**2012 Dues**" on your checks and mail now if you have not paid them. If you have not paid your dues by March 1, 2012 you will be dropped from the membership.

## Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

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

**Tuesday, Feb 14, 2012- Valentines Day Party** –Ramsey Country Club from 6:00 to 10:00 PM with open seating. The cost of \$50pp will include a Buffet with two carving stations, an open bar for one hour, and music by Doug Scrivani. Anyone wishing to attend must have the check sent in by February 3, 2012. These checks should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent to **Jack Coughlin**, 187 Paterson Avenue - Apt 313, Midland Park, NJ 07432

**Wednesday, Mar 7, 2012 – St Patrick's Day Party**– Held at Doolan's in Spring Lake, NJ - The cost for dinner, dancing, laughter, one-hour open bar, & the bus will be \$63pp - Irishman Mike Byrne makes this a great day. The menu includes a choice of Corn Beef & Cabbage, Roast Chicken, or Salmon. Beer, Wine, & Soda will be served during dinner, followed by dessert, coffee & tea. The bus will leave from the WRC at 9:30 AM. Checks payable to Activities Unlimited, along with your dinner choice, should be mailed to **Jack Elwood**, 6 Cathy Lane, Waldwick, NJ 07463

**Mar 22, 2012 – Stryker Tour in Ramsey** – Orthopedics Division - Tour of manufacturing facility (Overview, explanation of total knee replacement, & how implants are made). We will meet at WRC at 9:00 AM to Car Pool, and then drive to Mahwah. This visit will be followed by lunch at a BYOB nearby restaurant. The cost for everything (including lunch) will be \$20pp Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited and send to **Jack Coughlin**, 187 Paterson Avenue - Apt 313, Midland Park, NJ 07432 (201) 251-0198

**Apr 20 - 24, 2012 - Washington, DC, Williamsburg, VA & Valley Forge, PA.** (Friday - Tuesday). 2 nights we will lodge in Washington and 2 nights in Williamsburg. 4 breakfasts, 4 full course dinners including a Colonial Tavern dinner and dinner show. Guided tour of Valley Forge, Washington, and nighttime tour of Monuments; International Spy Museum, Air & Space Museum, Capitol Hill, White House Visitor Center, Union Station and other scheduled attractions. One day pass to Colonial Williamsburg, Tour Jamestown Settlement, Berkeley Plantation, and Yorktown plus other attractions. Bus trip, taxes and meal gratuities included. The cost will be \$665pp (double occupancy) a deposit of \$50pp is required by December 15, 2011. **Dick Botta**, (201) 848-9001. **AS OF NOW WE ONLY HAVE 28 PEOPLE SIGNED UP. WE NEED A FEW MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN US, OR THIS TRIP MAY BE CANCELLED.**

**May 10, 2012- Dubrovnik and Beyond:** From the Adriatic to the Alps. This is an escorted land tour by Grand Circle Travel, which takes you from the walled city of Dubrovnik up the sun-drenched Croatian Riviera to the Julian Alps in Slovenia. Optional tours to Bosnia, Montenegro, Istrian Peninsula and the Island of Kirk are available. It's a 15-day leisurely bus trip that includes round trip airfare, accommodations (4 nights in Dubrovnik, 1 in Split, 4 in Opatija and 4 nights in Bled), 6 sightseeing tours and 21 meals. The food has an Italian influence, the people are very friendly, the countries are safe and you will enjoy the opportunity to visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage sites. The price is \$2,995pp. Croatia and Slovenia are fast becoming very popular tourist destinations. If interested, contact **Don Wasson** (201)-891-1873.

**Tuesday Jun 19, 2012 – Senior Prom** – Will be held at the Ramsey Country Club from 5:30 to 9:30 PM with open seating and an open bar for one hour. This year we will have an Extended Cocktail & Buffet Affair. No formal sit down dinner. Food will be served all evening, with 10 selections of Butler Passed Hors d'Oeuvres, such as: Shrimp, Baby Lamb Chops, Smoked Salmon & other varieties. Then 2 Carving Stations of Filet Mignon, Boneless Pork Loin, plus Pasta, Fajita Chicken Stations, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit, Cheese & an Italian Antipasto table. We will choose a King & Queen for the Prom, & end the evening with Coffee & Assorted Desserts. Entertainment will be all night for your dining & dancing pleasure. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for \$63pp & mail to; **Larry Restieri** 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ, 07430, Tel: 201-825-5843

**July 2012 – Cruise around Manhattan** - Final date TBD - Lunch will be served on the Ship. Cost and other details to follow.

**Thursday, Aug 30, 2012 - Westchester Broadway Theatre** - This Dinner Theatre located in Elmsford, NY is presenting the wonderful Cole Porter's popular musical and dance production of CAN-CAN. Winner of two Tony Awards, this musical extravaganza will take us back to another era, when the Moulin Rouge was the rage of Montmartre - Paris. Cost is \$81.00 pp, which includes bus, lunch (five different entrees) and a matinee performance. Send checks to **Ramon Casaprima**, 46 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430 (telephone 201-891-3394). A sign up form will be

## Andy Rooney....Rest in Peace

I've learned..... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned..... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned..... That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned..... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned..... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned..... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned.... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned..... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned..... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned..... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned..... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned..... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned..... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.

I've learned..... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned..... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

## Forgeter Be Forgotten?

My forgetter's getting better,  
But my rememberer is broke  
To you that may seem funny  
But, to me, that is no joke

For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering  
If I really should be 'there'  
And, when I try to think it through,  
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,  
Say 'what am I here for?'  
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!  
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away  
Where it is safe, but, Gee!  
The person it is safest from  
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,  
Say 'Hi' and have a chat,  
Then, when the person walks away  
I ask myself, 'who the hell was that?'

Yes, my forgetter's getting better  
While my rememberer is broke,  
And it's driving me plumb crazy  
And that isn't any joke.



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