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Activities Unlimited

General Meeting

THE MEMBERSHIP

MEETING THIS MONTH

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We celebrate two holidays this month, so in spite of the cold of February's days, we warm our hearts with the love of Valentine and the music of Mardi Gras. The first, gives us the opportunity to exchange cards, gifts and flowers with our very special Valentine. This day of romance, is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th Century; who inspires me in a poetic reflection to sing:

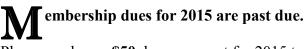
"To the one who owns this heart of mine, Comes this lovely wish dear valentine, That you'll feel special all day through, Because I think the world of you."

The second is for that happy pre-Lenten festival which is about music, parades, picnics, floats and excitement. Although Mardi Gras is one big holiday in New Orleans, this year we will celebrate it in Wyckoff, New Jersey with entertainment provided by Dr Dubois and his Dixieland jazz musical group.

I am pleased to repeat, that at the January meeting, the AU Board, unanimously approved a resolution pertaining to a revision of Section 14 of the Policies, Practices and Procedures Document (covering member death notification and associated issues). As promised, the Revision Document details are listed on page 5 of this newsletter, for the edification of all of the members.

Don't forget to mark your calendar, so that you will be available to join us Tuesday, February 10th at our next General Meeting I close with that famous cowboy byline-Happy Trails, until we are together again.





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"

February, 2015

IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015 Our February meeting will be a celebration of Mardi Gras, which became a holiday in 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII placed it on his Gregorian calendar, covering the four days before Ash Wednesday (Feb 18th this year) as a way of sheading sin and guilt before the spiritual journey of Lent. The holiday arrived in North America in the later 17th century, with it's roots in New Orleans, where it has become one big holiday.

The instrument for our celebration will be a Dixieland Jazz concert performed by Dr. Dubois and his six piece musical "sidekicks", who have been performing jazz in the New Orleans and Chicago style, since 1988, in our Tri State Area. Tom Duncan who is Doctor Dubois, plays clarinet as well as alto and C melody saxophone. All in all an accomplished group of musicians, sure to please a sophisticated group which is what the AU membership is all about.

Come early and enjoy your "brown bag" lunch with fellow AU members and then sit back for what should be a very special Mardi Gras celebration; Wyckoff style.

P lease remember that WRC is a smoke-free environment. This includes E-Cigarettes.

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Welcome New Members							
Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email			
Tom C Martin (June)	407 Ellis Place Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Businessman	Bridge, Golf, Investments, Skiing, Stock Market	201-891-5185 tommartin407@gmail.com			
Edward P Foldessy (Andrea)	402 Paul Avenue Allendale, NJ 07401	Editor	Bridge, Computers, Trips & Tours	201-889-2759			
John Paxos (Candice)	22 Algonquin Trail Oakland, NJ 07436	Executive	Discussion Group, Golf, Science, Stock Market	H: 201-337-4220 C: 201-741-8860 a57fury@aol.com			
Richard A Carbone (Terry)	516 Carlton Road Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Attorney	Book Club, Gardening, Investments, Trips & Tours	H: 201-848-8698 C: 551-427-3007 racarbone@optonline.net			

Cruise to New England & Canada

Trips and Tours presents a 7 day cruise up the Bay of Fundy.

From September 26, 2015 to October 3, 2015. The ship sails out of New York City and will dock at St Johns, Halifax, Canada and Portland, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Price starts at \$1159.00 and goes up depending on the cabin category you choose.

For more information, contact Lou Guarneri at Phone: (201) 847-1981 Email: lguarneri03@gmail.com Or mail to: Lou Guarneri 128 MacLeish Court Mahwah, NJ 07430

Savini's Luncheon







Obituary

David S. Miller, age 56 of Monroe, NY and Wyckoff, NJ died suddenly Thursday, January 1, 2014. David was the son of AU member Ron Miller.

Jim Reed of

Results of the AU 2014 Stock Picking Contest

The 2014 winner was **Don Martin**, with **Joe Moriarty** coming in at a very close second place. **Frank Conte** came in third while **Ray Casaprima** received the consolation prize.

Twenty-eight guys have signed up for the 2015 contest. This contest is being administered by **Don Chucka**, **John Abrahamsen** and **Don Fairbairn**. If you missed this year's contest, wait until November when the 2016 contest will be announced.

Don Fairbairn

AARP Defensive Driving Course

Monday, June 22, 2915 -- AARP Defensive Driver Course to be held at WRC, starting at 9:15 AM. Completion of this 6 hour course can reduce traffic violation points and may offer 5% discount from you insurance premium.

Class is limited to 25 -- 30 (a 6' hero will be provided for lunch, water, coffee and cake or bring your own lunch.) Checks for \$16.00 per person should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to: Dick Botta, 413-D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481 (201) 848-9001

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The Science Club

brief summary of the S/C activities was given at the Jan 13 General Meeting. The S/C meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of the month (the week after the General Meeting), at 10:00 AM, on the 3rd floor or in the Main Hall. As mentioned, we thanked those who helped in our efforts last fall to improve the Science Club. **Bob Tallan** and **Ed Schlachman** agreed to be Co-Chairmen--a third Co-chairman is still desired. The tasks involved are: 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. By sharing the efforts, we can continue to improve our club. Please review the tasks and consider volunteering for a task you might be comfortable with, either now or in the future.

The activities for 2015 include:

Jan 20-- Thanks to **Curt Koster**—for his most interesting talk on 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 Centre April 14—**Bob Talan**—Higgs Boson May 19—--Car Pool Trip to the American Museum of Natural History, the Liberty Science Center or a possible visit to Valley Hospital ER. Please contact me with your NAME, Phone No., and Email Address:

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



The Book Club

P ooks for February:

* NOTHING TO ENVY - Barbara Demick

* LAST CALL - David Okrent

* ONCE UPON A TOWN - Bob Greene

ORDINARY GRACE (Wm Kent Kruber), a wonderful novel recommended by **Joe Infosino**, takes place in a small town in 1961 Minnesota. Part coming-of-age story and part murder mystery, this is a well written story with interesting characters that holds your interest throughout.

THE LOWLANDS (Jhumpa Lahiri), recommended by **Ed O'Keefe**, is a novel that takes place in India and the U.S., spanning four generations. The story focuses on the lives of two very different brothers and the impact their lives have on others, especially, family members. The book sheds light on Indian culture and the political landscape in 1960's India. Overall, well received by the members, with a couple of dissenters.

ASSHOLES (Aaron James), recommended by Joe Pullaro, is a book that provides insight

into a term we all use but maybe not sure why. The book gives many examples of those who are and those who are not.

Books for March:

- * OVER TIME Frank Deford
- * IN THE KINGDOM OF ICE Hampton Sides
- * RIVER OF DOUBT Candice Millard

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 11. New members are always warmly welcome.

Joe Clinton

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO

<u>ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED</u> POLICIES, PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

This notice is to advise that the Executive Board has approved the below amendment to Section 14 of Policies, Practices and Procedures, which document serves as a guide for our Officers and Activity Chairmen in the execution of their duties, and is effective as of this date.

The Current Section 14 reads as follows:

The Care and Concern Committee shall notify expeditiously each member of the Executive Board in the event of the death of a member or his spouse and submit a written notice of the member's death to the Editor of the monthly newsletter for insertion in the next issue.

The Revised Section 14 reads as follows:

Periodically members should be reminded that any member learning of the death of a member, his spouse or child should notify the Care and Concern Committee of AU. The Care and Concern Committee shall:

- 1. Prepare a brief notice of such death with any available details of the funeral arrangements
- 2. Submit such notice to the member maintaining the email distribution list of AU Members for immediate distribution and to the Editor of the AU Newsletter , without the funeral arrangements, for publication in the next edition
- 3. Send a sympathy card to the family of the deceased and likewise send a donation where appropriate to the charity of choice of the deceased.

Any member who desires to have published in the AU Newsletter a Testament relative to the deceased member can do so by submitting such Testament to the Care and Concern Chairman who will in turn confer with the President for approval before submitting to the AU Newsletter Editor.

Finally, a deceased membership listing by year, shall be available on the AU webpage, on the "In Memoriam" section, with details such as "obituary/ other details", as may be available.





February 12, 2015 9:30AM

MACRO Consulting Group's Founder and Senior Partner, Mark Cortazzo, CFP® returns to the Investment Study Group on February 12 to lead an interactive discussion on the current state of the markets.

Mark has been named to the Barron's "Top 1,200 Advisors" list* for six consecutive years (2009-2014). As a nationally recognized retirement income expert, he is frequently utilized as a resource for publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Kiplinger's Personal Finance, Investment News, and The New York Times. He has also made multiple television appearances including FOX Business, CNBC, and Consuelo Mack's financial program "WealthTrack" on PBS.

Mark will be joined by MACRO Consulting Group's Director of Research & Investment Management, Gary Ribe, CFA, CFP®, who will provide his own perspective on the topic. Please join us on Thursday, February 12 at 9:30AM at WRC (top floor). This should be a good give and take discussion. Questions please call Herb Umland 201-891-6638.

*Based on assets under management, revenue produced for the firm, regulatory record, quality of practice and philanthropic work.

Herb Umland



Public Discussion Group

The January Discussion Group meeting covered a number of topics ranging from the French terrorist attacks, the new Congress, Cuba, growth of local, housing developments, high school football and amateur sports generally, and finally the Dallas Cowboys' playoff game "non-catch." For more details, please go the Activities tab on the AU website and read about the meeting under Public Discussion Group.

The next meeting will be Friday, February 20 at 9:30 at Larkin House. The topics to kick off the meeting will be: Potential presidential candidates and qualifications; the role of drones and risks around their use; and race relations and the role of Mayor DeBlasio. All are welcome and it should be a lively discussion.

Tom Butler

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.

Thursday, February 12, 2015 — "Camelot" — 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" — Brownstone, Patterson

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 <u>starts</u> at 11:30 AM. Checks for \$44.00 per person made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to: Larry Restieri, 105 Fisher Rd., Mahwah, NJ 07430. For more information contact Larry at 201-825-5843.

Thursday, April 9, 2015 — "911 Museum" — NYC— AN AU function only not open to general public. See page 7 for details of this AU exclusive tour. Send your check for \$95pp payable to Group Tours & Travel LLC along with the filled out registration form (bottom of page 7) to: Group Tours & Travel LLC, 2 Kiel Ave, # 247, Kinneleon, NJ 07405. For more information about this tour contact Group Tours at 973-513-9001 or Dick Freimuth 201-847-0415.

Thursday, May 14, 2015 — "Men's Beefsteak Dinner" — Brownstone, Patterson

The show starts at 6:00 pm and ends 10:00 pm. The cost is \$45 pp and includes all food, beer, soda and gratuities. Our entertainment this year will be a Marilyn Monroe impersonator performing after dinner. As a warm up session, any AU member who wants to tell any GOOD jokes will have their opportunity. Drive or car pool to the Brownstone. Checks for \$45.00 per person should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to: George Lewis, 45 Walnut Street, Mahwah, NJ 07430 Tel:201-891-5883.

Tuesday, June 9,2015 — Annual luncheon/dance at Indian Trails

July — Rockland Boulders baseball game

Thursday, August 20, 2015 — "Twist and Shout" — Hunterdon Playhouse

Presents the music of the sixties from Burt Bacharach to the Beatles -- the Four Seasons to the Four Tops. Come and listen to the music that reflected the many societal changes taking place in that decade. A sit down luncheon will precede the show followed by their famous dessert buffet, coffee or tea. Bus leaves WRC at **10:00 am**.

Checks for \$70.00 per person should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to: Dick Neuman, 276 Barnstable Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Tel: 201-445-9550.

Thursday, September 10, 2015 — AU Wine Tasting Party

Saturday, September 26, 2015 — Cruise to New England and Canada. Contact Lou Guarneri 201-847-1981

Tuesday, October, 20, 2015 "Memories of the Meadowbrook" Stoney Hill Inn, Hackensack

This is a musical trip down memory lane when Frank Dailey's Meadowbrook in Cedar Grove hosted all the big bands (Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, etc.,) in the 40's and 50's. Joe Zisa will provide the music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Dan Yates will serenade you with songs from Damn Yankees, Man of La Mancha, Hello Dolly and other great shows. A family style luncheon includes all food, 2 drinks, soda and gratuities. Show starts at **11:00 am** and ends 3:00 pm, driving instruction will be given out prior to the event. **Checks for \$45.00 per person should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to: Don Wasson, 14 Appert Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430 (201-891-1873) Send your check in ASAP to guarantee your reservation.**

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 — Murder Mystery at the Brownstone

Monday, December 21, 2015 — AU Christmas Party at Season's

Activities Unlimited

present

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum in NYC & The New York City Fire Museum

One Day Tour ~ Thursday, April 9th, 2015

Join us as we visit The National September 11 Memorial and Museum in NYC. This museum and memorial is located at the site of the former World Trade Center complex in Lower Manhattan. Time is provided to tour this world-class, 110,000 square-foot museum and also visit the outdoor memorial. The museum details the events leading to and including the terrorist attacks that took the lives of nearly 3,000 victims. The Museum's core exhibitions will be located within the archaeological heart of the World Trade Center site. See the remnants of structural columns that now delineate the footprints of the original Twin Towers. Portions of the original foundations of the Towers have also been preserved. As visitors make their final descent to the exhibition level, they will pass alongside the Vesey Street stair remnant, the historic "Survivors' Stairs." After an included lunch in nearby Little Italy we visit the New York City Fire Memorial Museum. Housed in a 1904 Firehouse is one of the nation's most important collections of fire related art and artifacts from the late 18th century onward. Also on display are a collection of antique fire engines, horse-drawn ladder wagons, and a moving 911 memorial to honor the 343 fallen NYC firefighters. It's a terrific addition to our day's itinerary and a step back into a time gone by.



The New York City Fire Museum

Departs Wyckoff Reformed Church at 8:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:15 PM.

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National September 11 Memorial & Museum in NYC & The New York City Fire Museum ~ Thursday April 9, 2015

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