



Monthly Meeting

The January meeting will be on Tuesday January 10th in Heneveld Hall at 1:00 PM . Come early to enjoy the AU Guys and to brown bag with new and old friends.

New York Philharmonic Trip

Reminder for those going on ANY Philharmonic trip January, 12, 2012, the bus leaves from the WRC at 8:00 AM, promptly.



Annual Christmas Party

On Monday, December 19, 2011, two hundred and eighty Activities Unlimited members and their guests attended our annual Christmas Party at the Seasons in Upper Saddle River. We started with a champagne toast as you entered. Then onto the cocktail hour with an open bar and plenty of delicious hot and cold cuisine to wet ones appetite. Actually it was a feast fit for a king and could have easily been a full dinner but it was only the start.

Next we moved into the main hall where *The Esquires* provided music for our listening and dancing pleasure. After saying the pledge of allegiance, Reverend Bob gave the invocation, then came the main course with a selection of prime ribs, salmon, and chicken, followed by a delicious dessert and coffee or tea.



Marty McGonigle presented Wes Cheringal with the Distinguished Service Award . He introduced the new officers and proceeded to the annual passing of the gavel rite. On a somber note we held a moment of silence for our departed comrades.

In between all of these activities, the dance floor was well exploited. Everyone had a wonderful time. A very special thanks to Terry and Mary Gilly for their efforts in creating this a fantastic evening.



Bridge Tables

The Monday/Friday bridge group has need of a few replacement "bridge tables ". If you have a table you could part with, please call Wes Cheringal at 201-848-8009

Food Pantry

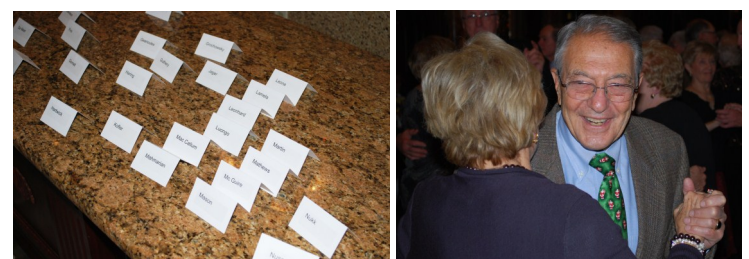
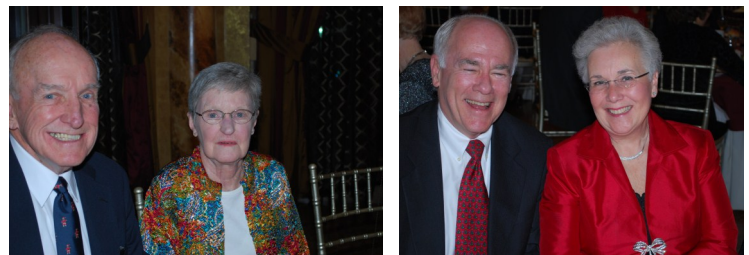
At the December meeting, \$223.50 was given as donations to the Food Pantry.



Duplicate Bridge Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
12/07 NS	Mahmarian/Socolof	Lodge/Milcos	Riccardi /Verdi/Coughlin
EW	Hausman/Lewis	Crawford/Wiest	McQuilkin/Smith
12/14 NS	MacDougall/Page	Gattoni/Murray	Levin/Lewis
EW	Martin/West	Finn/Hulit	Foley/Green
12/21 NS	Foley/Riccardi	Milcos/Smith	Lewis/Socolof
EW	Freimuth/Martin	Coughlin/Gattoni	MacDougall/Sileo
12/28	No Games Played		

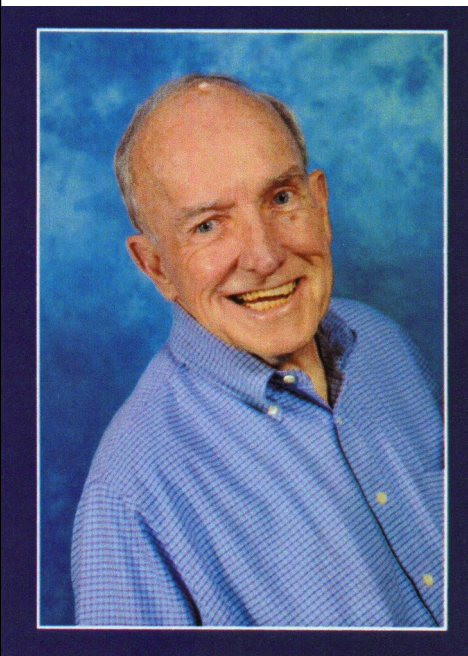
	Officers		Meeting
President	Joe Kelly	891-8026	2nd Tue 11am
1st Vice-Pres.	Frank Nusspickel	891-9099	
2nd VicePres.	DonWasson	891-1873	
Secretary	Joe Meighan	891-4909	
Treasurer	Herb Umland	891-6638	
Asst. Treas.	Jim Jeffers	891-9603	
	Committees		
AU Guys	John DeSantis	447-0256	
Book Club	Joe Clinton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





This is the fifth of a continuing series of Member Profiles designed to familiarize you with contributing members and to recognize them for their efforts.

KEY MEMBER PROFILES – JANUARY 2012 – William E. Smith



How blessed can AU be? We have “two” William Smith’s...an “E” and a “B”. However, this is all about the “E”, namely, the famous **Bill “E” Smith**. This 17 year member of AU spreads his infectious charm in almost every corner of AU. An avid Bridge player for all 17 years; a Golf veteran of the “wars” for 12; the Public Discussion Group for 16 and the last 10 years as a very active member of the Book Club. Always ready with a smile, an ear to listen and a willingness to share some of his experiences as well as lending his advice when asked. Bill is one of our many Fordham University grads and that diploma, following a stint as a Captain in the US Air Force, lead him back to NYC and down to Madison Avenue for the start of a long and successful career in the marketing field. However, the rumor that his business life is being captured in the TV series “Mad Men” is not true despite the close resemblance to its handsome star. Retirement followed a long tenure at Dun & Bradstreet and a period when he ran his own marketing agency. Having been such a busy executive Bill, like most of us, was looking for something to keep him “occupied”. And in 1994 he discovered AU. This has turned out to be a very big advantage for all of us. His favorite activity is the Wednesday Duplicate Bridge meetings where he developed lasting friendships with Messr. **MacDougall, Gattoni, Fremuth, Chapman** and so many others. He is proudest of his service as a club officer and his year as President in 2004. By his participation in the many AU activities and social events Bill sincerely believes that they have been quite a

positive influence on his health and well-being, a real bonus in addition to meeting new friends and helping to fill some free time. This 23-year Wyckoff resident is blissfully married to the sweet Kathleen (whom he has taken home many times in keeping with the Irish ballad) and their son and daughter have given them 6 grandchildren. Do yourself a favor and start a conversation with Bill at your next opportunity. It will be enlightening for sure. I can guarantee that this transplanted Long Islander and ex- top notch college basketball official will not whistle you for a technical foul. On the contrary it just may turn out to be a game winner.

Marty McGonigle

We are truly sorry to announce the death of **Rudi Draudin**. Rudi died on the morning of December 10, 2011 at home. He had been battling pancreatic cancer for approx. 4 years and was undergoing another round of chemo when he developed heart problems. I do not know the actual cause of his death. Rudi was a very outgoing, religious gent; he tried to develop an AU singing group.

West Point Trip

Sunday, December 4th was a bright sunny day with a mild hint of the late fall season temperature. Thirty two AU members boarded the bus from our usual provider, Panorama, without the element of disappointment at attending the West Point Band Concert.

During the pleasant ride to the Point, including several U-turns on Storm King Mountain we passed the well manicured West Point Golf Course. Which, incidentally, was being utilized by quite a few Golfers. We also passed a sign on the Golf Course border that read "U.S. Mint". Never knew that we had a facility of that nature there, but Jim Webb has seen the building while playing Golf at that course. He stated that it is a well constructed building surrounded by barbed wire and guarded. He heard that they minted gold coins and such there.

ID's were not required as the Thayer Hotel is not located on the main campus of the West Point facility. We were escorted to the private dining room past many people who were waiting to have brunch in the main room. The Eisenhower Room was located on the Hudson River side of the hotel. The expansive picture windows exposed a marvelous panorama of the eastern shore. The rolling hills, verdant lawns, massive and modest homes, shore front docks at the Garrison, New York Railroad Station and river boats and ferries navigating the river.

The brunch began with Champagne and/or Bloody Mary's. They were followed by an appetizing array of Salads, Eggs, Quiche, Waffles, Bacon, Ham, Sausage, Chicken and Pasta Entees. The assorted Muffins, Croissants, Danish, Bagels and Mini Rolls were a tasty accompaniment. The abundant Dessert Selections were all extremely flavorful; exhibited by the assortment on each of the travelers dessert plates. Coffee and Tea was used to help digest the repast.

The group then visited the West Point Museum and viewed the many artifacts that depicted the history of the "Point", small gun gallery and large weapon gallery.

The bus returned to Wyckoff in time to watch the Giant lose to Green Bay.

Dick Botta



The Book Club



At our January meeting, we'll be reviewing these books:

- * A World Lit Only by Fire - William Manchester
- * The Long Way Home - An American Journey From Ellis Island to WW1 - David Laskin
- * Matterhorn - Carl Marcantes

In December, our books covered three different time periods. In *The Jersey Sting* (Josh Margolin and Ted Sherman), **Bill Smith** touched on a subject that bedevils New Jersey: crooked politicians. The book describes a recent sting operation that resulted in numerous office holders being indicted, convicted and jailed.....**George Knapp** led the discussion on *Killing Lincoln* (Bill O'Reilly). This story involved a small group of Confederate sympathizers, led by John Wilkes Booth, and their plot to assassinate Lincoln. The description of the events leading up to the assassination, the act itself, and the subsequent manhunt for Booth, read like a suspense novel.....We went a little deep on the play *Murder in the Cathedral* (T.S. Eliot). **Jack Wirts** did a commendable job in describing the historical background leading up to the events in the play, which took place in the Twelfth Century, namely, the falling out between Henry II and Thomas Becket, the king's former Chancellor, who later became the Archbishop of Canterbury. The play raises some interesting philosophical questions, for instance, "Why do people sometimes do the right thing for the wrong reason?"

Books for February:

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

New members are always welcome. Read at your own pace: one, two or three books. You decide. Nobody's keeping count.

Joe Clinton



Investment Study Group

The ISG had a very active year in 2011 and 2012 is looking even better!

The Thursday, January 12th meeting at 9:30AM in WRC-Heneveld Hall will be a Roundtable Discussion where all AU members will talk about how and where they are doing their **International Investing**. (Bonds, stocks, ETF's, MF's). In addition to our own ideas we will have a 25year+ investment professional from Merrill Lynch in Montvale, Rob Collesano join us to perhaps add some ideas based on his experience with international investing. I would expect it to be a lively discussion and beneficial to us all. Come Join us!

Our February 9th meeting at WRC-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 8th 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 professional 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.

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**

Duplicate Bridge Leaders

For 6 months ending 12/31/11:

Average of best 22 scores
if at least 12 events played

	Played	Average
1 Joe Riccardi	15	53.28%
2 Lee Warner	16	52.94%
3 Joe MacDougall	19	52.81%
4 Bob Desrosiers	14	52.34%
5 George Lewis	20	52.06%
6 Jim Reed	14	51.71%
7 Harold Mahmarian	18	51.69%
8 Gerry Hulit	12	51.49%
9 Quent Wiest	17	51.38%
10 Bill Smith	21	51.33%
11 Jim Finn	22	51.01%
12 Neil Boylan	12	50.53%
13 Bill Milcos	22	50.27%
14 Don Martin	16	50.23%
15 Rich Green	22	50.05%

For 12 months ending 12/31/11:

Average of best 50 scores
if at least 20 events played

	Played	Average
1 Quent Wiest	40	54.31%
2 Lee Warner	27	54.18%
3 Jim Reed	33	53.15%
4 Joe Riccardi	39	52.89%
5 Jim Finn	46	52.38%
6 Phil Sileo	34	51.31%
7 John Gilpatrick	21	51.29%
8 Harold Mahmarian	26	51.20%
9 Joe MacDougall	44	51.05%
10 Neil Boylan	20	50.50%
11 George Lewis	36	50.44%
12 Rich Green	45	50.33%
13 Bill Smith	44	50.30%
14 Bill Milcos	40	50.13%
15 Dick Freimuth	38	50.12%
16 Murray Socolof	44	50.06%

The Science Club



Bob Saletta started the AU Science Club in April 2006. As chairman, Bob and the many Meeting Presenters made an outstanding contribution to Activities Unlimited members interested in science, technology, or just plain knowledge and fun. Bob is stepping down as chairman. **Jack Yurasek** is the new chairman of the Science Club. Jack's background is in aerospace engineering and navigation. He has been a nine-year member of AU and longtime member of the Science Club. Jack has made several great presentations to the Science Club and will be a very good chairman. The Science Club needs additional Presenters for future meetings on subjects related to science or technology, which can also relate to your career. We welcome your ideas, and to discuss being a Meeting Presenters please contact Jack Yurasek

The Tuesday January 17th meeting is at 10:00am on the second floor of Heneveld Hall. **Walt Widmer** will make a very interesting presentation on the human reproduction system, including why sexual reproduction is important to the evolution of life. He will also discuss the anatomy of the human body's reproduction system for male and female as well as Sexually Transmitted Diseases, like HIV-AIDS.

At the December meeting **Bud Brooks** made an excellent presentation on computers and the Internet and how they evolved. Included were developments in computer and transmission technology which play a key role. Bud also showed us several modern applications of the computer on the Internet.

Join us for **Walt Widmer's** presentation on January 17th. For questions or suggestions on the Science Club, including becoming a Presenter call **Jack Yurasek** 201 - 337 - 4433.

The Garden Club



Here are some happenings from our December Garden Club meeting. **Terry Gilly** was the lucky winner of the "Paperwhite Plant" door prize.

Two new destinations were added to our future local field trip possibilities. Flat Rock Brook Nature Center in Englewood and Greenwood Gardens in Short Hills.

We will not meet in January or February, but will begin our regular meeting schedule on March 7th.

Springfest in Sussex County was decided upon as our destination visit, scheduled for Thursday, March 15th. Details will be confirmed at our regular March 7th meeting.

Future scheduled trips for the spring season are in the works, including the Lakota Wolf Preserve and the Hermitage in Ho-Ho-Kus...

The group was introduced to some "hard-to-kill, easy to grow" house plants. Anyone interested in providing some living greenery for a healthier indoor environment should consider, Philodendron, Pothos, Cast Iron plant, Mother-in-Law's Tongue, Dracena, Chinese Evergreen, ZZ plant, Cactus and Moth Orchid.

Any questions or information, call me at: 201-327-8137,

JOE Lamela

Public Discussion Group



December.

Topic "1" **Don Chucka** provided us with a better understanding of *The Consumption Tax Plan*. Of the 29 (most to date) present there was a very lively discussion on the topic. We decided it will never work since it required intellect on the part of Congress. Topic "2" fell flat because the *Super Committee* folded bad idea from the start. And, "3" The election and the possibility of a third party replacing both of the present system. Topics for the January meeting are: Consolidating the smaller boroughs in Bergen country into a more central system. Why the Federal Government is suing one of the states? Reducing the number of American Military bases in the world. Next meeting will be in the Larkin House, 9:30 January 27, 2012. Happy New Year.

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 07401 and made payable to "Activities Unlimited." Please write "**2012 Dues**" on your checks and mail now if you have not paid them by 12/31/2011.

Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

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

Thursday, Jan 12, 2012 – The NY Philharmonic Rehearsal will be conducted by Zubin Mehta. It will be an all Mahler program. Following the performance we will be bused to Carmine's for lunch where we will be served Baked Clams, Caesar Salad. Next course is Rigatoni, Broccoli & Sausage in Red Sauce and Penne alla Vodka. Next entrees of Salmon and Chicken Marsala with Mushrooms followed by Dessert Sampler with Coffee & Tea. All served family style. Soft Drinks and Adult Beverages are on your own \$ 70pp. Bus leaves from WRC at **8:00 AM**, and will return sometime around 4:00 PM. **Dick Botta** 201-848-9001

Tuesday, Feb 14, 2012- Valentines Day Party – At the 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, Waldwich, NJ 07463

Mar, 2012 – Stryker Tour in Ramsey – Actual date & details TBD

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.

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. He will give you the specific booking procedure with GCT.



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