

Activities Unlimited

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**Activities Unlimited
General Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
1:00 PM at the WRC, Heneveld Hall**

On September 11, 2001, Brian Clark was on the eighty-fourth floor of the World Trade Center's South Tower when the second hijacked airplane slammed into the building six floors below him. Brian is one of only four individuals who survived from above the point of impact. During his descent he heard cries of help from within the eighty-first floor and successfully rescued a stranger who was trapped by debris. See below picture of Brian with Stanley Praimnath, the man he saved.

Brian's 9/11 story has been told in several documentaries including shows seen on NBC, the Discovery Channel, the History Channel, A&E and PBS/Nova.

Immediately following 9/11, Brian served as President of 'The Euro Brokers Relief Fund,' a public charity that raised millions of dollars to financially support the families of his company's sixty-one victims.

Brian has served as an Elder and a Deacon at The Wyckoff Reformed Church and is currently on the Board of Governors of Opportunity International, a global enterprise that provides micro business loans to the poorest of the poor in twenty-five developing countries. In 2004, Brian was recipient of the 'Norman Vincent Peale Award For Positive Thinking.'

Retired in 2006, after a thirty-two year career on Wall Street, Brian and his wife Dianne live in Mahwah, New Jersey where they raised four children and now enjoy eleven grandchildren.



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin our 34th year, I wish you all a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2020. I look forward to serving as you President but will succeed only with your support and input. If you have suggestions, give me a call at 201-327-9247.

Joe Pullaro did an outstanding job as President in 2019 and I will diligently try to maintain the standard he has set. Two initiatives that he started- greater use of the Larkin House with its easier access for members and developing a closer relationship with the Glen Rock Activities Group I will continue pursuing. As in previous years our on-going goal is to increase our membership which currently stands at 377.

On behalf of all who attended our signature event –The Christmas Party at Seasons much thanks goes to **Bill Mastelion** and **John Murphy** for the incredible amount of work they put into this affair year after year. As is usual, the affair offered us the opportunity to present the **Distinguished Service award for 2019**. This year the award went to **George Lewis**. George has been actively involved in AU since he joined in 2007 including serving as President. He has been a mentor to many including myself. As all of you know George has the unofficial title of “ Mr.AU”.

I would like to recognize the Board for 2020. They are **Mark Cohen** (1st Vice President), **Doug Cooper** (2nd Vice President), **Jeff Mohn** (Treasurer), **Marty Valerio** (Assistant treasurer) and **Dave Voehl** (Secretary). Continuing on the Board will be **Jim Mallen** (Liaison with the Church), and Past Presidents **Joe Pullaro** and **Jim Webb**.

Finally, as a new initiative in 2020 we will be building a relationship with the Wyckoff YMCA. This will start at our February General Meeting on February 10th which will be held at the Y. All are welcome. Doors open at 12:15 pm with the AU Guys Band entertaining until 1 pm.

Let us make 2020 a great year for all of us involved in Activities Unlimited.

Bob Dauer, President
201-327-9247
bobdauer@gmail.com

The deadline for Newsletter articles is no later than 5 PM, on the 25th of each prior month!!

At the December meeting, \$141.00 was collected for the Wyckoff Reformed Church Food Pantry.

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



ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



2019 OFFICERS



Bob Dauer
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201-327-9247



Mark Cohen
1st Vice President
201-337-4198



Doug Cooper
2nd Vice President
908-907-1112



Dave Voehl
Secretary
973-227-6981



Jeff Mohn
Treasurer
201-261-1219



Marty Valerio
Assistant Treasurer
201-262-8966

COMMITTEES & C LUBS			
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
AU Guys Band	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	
Book Club	Vince Tortorelli Marty Valerio	201-447-3718 201-394-2938	4th Wed. 9:30 am WRC-Memorial Rm
Dup. Bridge	ED Foldessy	201-327-5767	Wed 1:00 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	Jeff Mohn Paul Hennion	201-261-1219 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 am WRC-2nd Floor
Gardening	Joe Lamela Rick Sneyers	201-327-8137 973-248-6625	1st Wed. 10:00 am WRC-Memorial Room
Golf	Bill Bryne Jim Webb	201-447-5064 201-337-7982	Tues & Thur. Paramus Golf Club
Hiking	Long Don Kirkpatrick Rick Sneyers	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00 am WRC-Parking Lot
	Short Fred Theile	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30 am WRC-Parking Lot
Historian	Victor Pizzolato	201-612-0038	
History	Pablo Catangay Tony Mastandrea	201-684-1217 201-327-8832	4th Mon 1:00 pm WRC-2nd Floor
Investment	Al Connelly	973-616-0755	2nd Thur. 9:30 to 10:30 am WRC-Memorial Rm Exp. July & August
Luncheon	John Abrahamsen	john.abrahamsen.bnp@gmail.com	
	Mark Cohen	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 Tom Martin	201-560-8911 201-891-3185	Tue & Thur. 9:00 Wyckoff Public Tennis Courts
Project Outreach	Marty McGonigle Joe Pullaro	201-529-1941 201-337-0018	
Photography	Murry Perl Sam Ohan	201-446-7357 201-825-0437	1st Tue 10:00 am WRC-2nd Floor
Public Disc.	Walt Widmer Tom Butler	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd Wed 9:30 am Larkin House
Refreshments	Jim Forbes John Gannaway	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
Science	Jack Yurasek Harry Bennett	201-337-4433 201-891-9527	3rd Tue 10:00 am WRC-2nd Floor
Skiing	Bud Brooks Jack Yurasek	201-327-6649 201-337-4433	Snow
Sponsor Liaison	Jim Mallen	201-485-8589	
Stock Market	Frank Nusspickel John Abrahamsen	201-891-9099 201-848-8037	2nd Tues. 9:00 am 4th Tues. 9:00 am WRC-2nd Floor
Tennis	Dave Burleigh Bob Meyers	201-762-3707 310-254-8699	M, W & F Time & Place Seasonal
Transport.	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
Trips/Tours	John Caikowsky Don Wasson	973-599-1056 201-891-1873	2nd Tue 10:15 am Heneveld Hall
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

The deadline for Newsletter articles is no later than 5 PM, on the 25th of each prior month. 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.**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 --LUNCH AT SAVINI 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 \$30.00 pp. Wives/significant others are invited. Time 12:30 pm. Please send your check for \$30.00 pp made payable to ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED and send to: **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ, 07430, 201-825-5843. Please include your cell phone number on your check.

In the event of a snow storm the snow date is Thursday, Jan 23, 2020 at 12:30 pm.

FRIDAY, February 14, 2020, VALENTINES DAY - "Love Is In The Air"

Lunch at Stony Hill Inn 11:00am-3:00 pm.

It will be a very special holiday show. Wives/significant others are invited. Listen and dance to some beautiful songs by Joe Zisa & Friends. A highlight of the luncheon will be a performance by one of our favorites, the sensational **Dan Yates**. Delicious Stony Hill cuisine. Menu: pasta & salad, rolls & butter, Roast Turkey w/stuffing, Roast Beef, vegetable & potato and dessert, all served family style. Coffee, tea, soda. 1 drink per person included. Please send your check for \$55.00 pp made payable to ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED and send to **Bob LaSalvia**, 80 Glasgow Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Please include your cell phone number with your check.

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2020- HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE

" Sherlock Holmes Returns" - An All New Interactive Musical- Mystery Comedy.

Buckingham Palace has been robbed and its up to Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Watson and the audience to solve the crime. A sit down luncheon with outstanding dessert tables starts at 11am sharp and will precede the show. Wives/significant others are invited. Space is limited and all checks must be received no later than March 1, 2020. This is a carpool event. Make checks payable to ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED for \$65pp and mail to:

John Caikowsky 26 Donna Drive East Hanover, NJ 07936. Please include cell phone number with check.

Any questions contact John @johncaikowsky@optonline.net or call 973-599-1056

MONDAY, April 27, 2020, Tour of the Shore—Sea Grit to Long Branch

Stories of Storms, Springsteen, Sharks, Shipwrecks and Seven Presidents. Magnificent Mansions, Amazing Hotels and a Great Auditorium. Short strolls on the Spring Lake and Asbury Park Boardwalks. Shop in Spring Lake's Quaint Downtown. **Lunch at the Breakers**, the oceanfront hotel's extraordinary buffet is highlighted by: Salmon, Chicken Scampi, and panko Crusted Flounder. The bus will leave from WRC at 9:00 am sharp. Wives/Significant others are invited! Cost is \$ 84.00 per person. Mail checks payable to Activities Unlimited to: **Dick Botta**, 413D. Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Please include your cell phone number with check. Questions call Dick: 201-848-9001.

WARNING: NARRATION SO FUNNY, WE CAUTION YOU NOT TO ROLL IN THE AISLE.

Presented by Stage Right, the same folks that gave us the Food Tasting Trip last October.

May, 2020, Annual Spring Luncheon/Dance

June, 2020, AU Wine Tasting Party

September, 2020, AU Annual Social

Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
Sarosh M. Dalal (Catherine)	7 Lenape Trail Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458	Executive	Golf, Hiking Long & Short, Investments, Science, Stock Club, Tennis and Trips & Tours	Home: 201-825-9794 Cell: 201-675-0964 Email: saroshdalal@yahoo.com
Robert L Feneran (sally Ann)	3 Parkside Terrace Woodland Park, NJ 07424	Executive	Computers, Investments, Luncheon, photography, Science and (Model Railroad)	Home: 917-922-9111 Email: feneran@hotmail.com



Duplicate Bridge Club

The final 2019 standings.

	Weeks	Points	Maximum	Pct.
Lee Warner	47	4213	7732	54.5
Stan Peck	35	3417	6388	53.5
Frank Altamuro	36	3281	6144	53.4
Dick Freimuth	44	3811	7138	53.4
George Lewis	40	3735	7050	53
Harold Mahmarian	30	2817	5320	53
Tom Meloro	38	3444	6506	52.9
Brij Anand	33	2721	5186	52.5
Arie Spence	40	3494	6830	51.2
Bill Milcos	42	3561	7038	50.6
Don Bidwell	43	3745	7458	50.2
Sal Barbera	35	2946	5880	50.1
Ed Foldessy	38	3502	7008	50
Bob Groesbeck	29	2374	4796	49.5
Don Martin	39	3128	6336	49.4
Ed Zelhof	38	3093	6422	48.2
Bob Yampell	43	3473	7328	47.4
Bob Desrosiers	36	2784	5946	46.8
Neil Boylan	26	2153	4642	46.4
Bill Bartlett	30	2380	5136	46.3
Don Randolph	37	2975	6424	46.3
Dennis Cheeseman	27	2023	4502	44.9

		1st	2nd	3rd
12/4	NS	Cheeseman/ Kampschmidt	Bartlett/Peck	Wong/Zelhof
	EW	Gilpatrick/Warner	Barbera/Panagides	Bidwell/Groesbeck
12/11	NS	Gilpatrick/ Mahmarian	Freimuth/Milcos/ Bidwell	Boylan/Groesbeck
	EW	Foldessy/Wong	Lewis/Zelhof	Barbera/Meloro
12/18	NS	Meloro/Warner	Altamuro/Freimuth	Martin/Peck
	EW	Cheeseman/ Randolph/Barbera	Desrosiers/ Kampschmidt	Gilpatrick/Steffen

Quentin Weist Trophy 2019

Congratulations to **Lee Warner** for taking first place in the AU duplicate bridge 2019 competition and taking home the **Quentin Weist Trophy**. Lee scored 3917.5 points, or 54.6%, of the 7180 available to him in the year. **Frank Altamuro** was runner up, scoring at a 54.1% rate. **Stan Peck** took third place with a 53.8% scoring clip.

The trophy was awarded Lee at Ossy's Cafe where the duplicate group held its annual luncheon.

A special thanks goes out to **Dick Freimuth** who arranged the luncheon and is our tireless treasurer.

Thanks also to **Tom Meloro** who sets the club up for each week's play and handles pairings of the bridge partners each week.

Thanks also to **Don Martin** who arranges duplicate boards each week and to the host of members who arrange for refreshments each week.

Thanks,
Ed Foldessy



Public Discussion Group

The group began with a discussion of the “electoral college.” One member provided the historical background at the Constitutional Convention that led to its creation. It is unique as a form of election and was intended to balance concerns about “mob rule” vs. dominance of the more populous states. The solution was an indirect election. Each state selects “electors” equal in number to its Representatives in the House (based on population) and Senators (equal for each state). Until the 17th Amendment in 1913, Senators were appointed by Governors and not directly elected. The argument for keeping the current system is that it prevents the most populous states from dominating an election; the contrary argument is that it nullifies the principle of “one man, one vote” by giving greater weight to electors from small states. (Each state has a minimum of 3 electors.) One suggestion that might satisfy the “equal vote” view with the “balance” view would be move from “winner take all” to proportional weighting to divide the respective state “electors.” This would lessen the weight of smaller states, but at the same time reduce the impact of large states, e.g. Texas, California, Florida, New York, by potentially dividing their electoral votes. States could mandate this change without a Constitutional amendment.

Next topic was Articles of Impeachment. Two views emerged, of course. Some felt it was a case of an impeachment looking for an excuse since the start of the current Administration; others felt the only question was the specific facts of the Articles and whether they evidenced “abuse of power” and/or “obstruction of Congress.” Regardless of the outcome - and impeachment in the House and a “not guilty” verdict in the Senate trial is likely- the process will have constitutional implications for future governance in term of Article I (Congress) and Article II (Executive) powers. For better or worse, it seems a painful process the country needs to go through.

Next meeting is on Wednesday, January 15th (day after the club’s General meeting) at Larkin House at 9:30 am. Topics are: Strengths and Weaknesses of Democratic Presidential Candidates; and Restoring Civility to Political Discourse.



The Golf Club

The AU golfers met for lunch at Segovia’s Tavern.

Trophies and prizes were presented to the best golfers in several categories. The Lunch was organized by **Doug Cooper**. The 2019 Season was reviewed and plans were made for next season.



The History Club



The topic was the history of the idea of race. **Tom Butler** presented a chronological look at how the term “race” came to be used as it was from the 18th century into the 20th century. The word itself was first used in the English language only around 1580. Up to the Middle Ages, culture in a broad sense was the consideration determining whether you were seen as belonging to a group. For the Greco-Roman period, it was language and world view; for the Romans, language and the law; for both the Islamic world for Muslims and for Christians through the Middle Ages, it was religious identity. Race was used as a term only to describe population differences that were understood to arise from geography and climate and not from any biological difference. During the age of exploration and discovery, naturalists continued using this approach up to the mid-1700’s. The increased slave trade in the 18th century and the need to use slave labor on plantations in the New World precipitated the appearance of a new approach that used skull measurements and other physical measurements to define race. The belief in multiple creations, rather than a Darwinian single line of evolution, facilitated academic studies that found multiple races, biologically differentiated and hierarchically organized. The “white” race was at the top of this chart. The biologic view of race, magnified by theories of social Darwinism, gave rise to “scientific racism” and the practice of eugenics. It was a short slope from there to the horrors of Nazi ideology. The conclusion was that “race” is a social construction, given meaning by daily social interactions. It has no biological basis.

The History Club meeting is on January 27, 2020. Our speaker is **Al Connelly**, his topic of presentation is "The Weather Shapes History." Empire rise and fall with the changing weather. The empire that cannot deliver daily bread will soon be dead. Throughout history, fierce wind, raging monsoons and other adverse weather condition have changed the tides of entire civilization that affect our lives.



The Lighter Side

Four retired men are walking down a street in Yuma, Arizona . They turn a corner and see a sign that says, "Old Timers Bar ALL drinks 10 cents."

They look at each other and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, gentlemen?"

There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini.

In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis shaken, not stirred and says, "That'll be 10 cents each, please."

The guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other.

They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round.

Four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, please."

They pay, but their curiosity gets the better of them.

They've each had two martinis and haven't spent a dollar yet.

Finally one of them says, "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?"

"I'm a retired tailor from Phoenix ," the bartender says, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery Jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime. Wine, liquor, beer it's all the same."

"That's some story!" one of the men says.

As the four sip their martinis, they can't help noticing...there's a catch. Seven people at the end of the bar don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there.

Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one asks "What's with them?"

The bartender says, "They're from Florida . They're waiting for Happy Hour when drinks are half-price."



Proposed By-Laws Change

The following is a proposal to change the By Laws and add an item to the Policies, Practices and Procedures document.

The present wording in our By Laws does not allow a member to use our membership list for economic gain. Therefore, a member could not sell an item on the AU Network.

In accordance with the By Laws this proposed change must be printed in the Newsletter in January and February. We will vote on the change at the March meeting

The existing wording under **MEMBERSHIP, Section 4**, is as follows "No member is permitted to use the "Organization" or its membership list to solicit for economic gain in any way."

Proposed Wording

A member is only permitted to use the "Organization" and its membership list to sell an item to another member through the AU Network, provided the sale complies with the Policies, Practices and Procedures, Item 20.

Proposed new section to the Policies, Practices and Procedures

20. The AU Network is a digital message board where a member can contact other members with a request for information or an announcement that the member has something to give away or sell. This "contact of other members" is done through an email to all members on the mailing list.

Posting of an item **for sale** is subject to the following restrictions:

- The item must be personally owned by the member.
- The sale is done on a one-time basis.
- A member may not post his personal business enterprises.
- Commercial ventures cannot be posted.
- No advertising of public companies is allowed.

An AU member shall be appointed by the Board to screen all items offered for sale for compliance with the above rules. If an item is rejected for posting, the member may appeal to the Board for a final decision.

At the Annual Christmas Dinner/ Dance

Past President's Pass the Gavel



