



Activities



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Activities Unlimited General Meeting July 23, 2013

Our General Meeting in July is the FOURTH Thursday of July. This is happening because we do not have use of the Wyckoff Reformed Church Auditorium due to the church's regularly scheduled Summer Bible School.

We will have three guests joining our AU General Meeting.

Each of our three guests plays a special part in their respective communities:

Frank Bivona, is the Mayor Of Franklin Lakes

Linda Swagger, is the Mayor of Oakland

Rudy Boonstra, is the Mayor of Wyckoff

They will share with us the job responsibilities each has in their community and why they ran for public office. I think it will be interesting to hear about the challenges each town faces in this very difficult financial environment. How do these communities interact with the County Government and what help do our towns receive from the County?

This is not meant to be a forum to debate any particular town issue with any one Mayor but an opportunity to hear about local town concerns and remind ourselves how these three towns are "typical" suburban communities but are each different in the way they elect their Mayor, their mix of residential and business, their annual town budget, their population, the very physical size of each town and whether the old two party system is still alive and well in local America communities? Your town may not be amongst the three coming to our meeting but I think every AU member can learn a lot about the difficult job of being Mayor in a small Northwest Bergen community in today's economic environment.

Questions/Ideas/Topics call
Herb Umland 201-891-6638

Note from the President

A few words on our summer schedule. The July General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, July 23rd, the fourth Tuesday. As was the case last year, the Wyckoff Reformed Church has activities scheduled for the second and third weeks of July requiring us to move our meeting to the fourth week. Also, there is no General Membership meeting in August. The September General Membership meeting is moved to the third Tuesday, September 17th, again due to scheduled church activity. In October we return to our usual meetings on the second Tuesday of the Month.

It is not too early to plan for our late summer / early fall activities. On Thursday September 5th we have our Annual Wine Tasting Party. Please see the notice in this newsletter under Trips and Tours. On Tuesday October 8th we have our Breakfast meeting at the Brick House in Wyckoff starting at 8:30 am with coffee followed by a buffet breakfast at 9:00am. The cost is the same as last year - \$9.00. Please send your checks to Ramon Casaprima at 46 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, NJ, 07430 . Other fall activities include the San Genaro festival in NYC on September 26th and the Octoberfest on October 10th. Again, see the Trips & Tours section of this newsletter for additional details.

Those members who receive the newsletter by e-mail may have noticed that you also received a hard copy in the mail in June. This was in response to several members suggesting that by providing a hard copy by mail enabled them to more easily share the newsletter with their wives. We will continue this practice for the next three months and would appreciate your feedback on whether or not to continue mailing the newsletter to all members.

Have a great and safe summer!

Food Pantry

At the June meeting, \$197.00 was given as donations to the Food Pantry.

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST.
THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

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Duplicate Bridge Results

| | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
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| 5/29 | | Freimuth/Wiest | Page/Warner | Finn/Hausman |
| 6/5 | NS | Freimuth/Meloro | Desrosiers/Reed | Lubicich/Warner |
| | EW | Mahmarian/Warner | Martin/Page | Boylan/Verdi |
| 6/12 | NS | Mahmarian/Warner | Martin/Meloro | MacDougall/Smith |
| | EW | Christie/Finn | Foley/Hausman | Lubicich/Milcos |
| 6/19 | NS | Christie/Wiest | Hausman/Page | Coughlin/Desrosiers |
| | EW | Freimuth/Verdi | Gattoni/Mahmarian | Foley/Meloro |
| 6/26 | NS | Boylan/MacDougall | Freimuth/Smith | Desrosiers/Mahmarian |
| | EW | Finn/Warner | Lubicich/Wiest | Levin/Page |

October Breakfast

AU will hold its annual breakfast meeting this fall at The Brick House in Wyckoff. The particulars are as follows:

Date: October 8th

Place: The Brick House, 179 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff

--Coffee service will be available at 8:30AM

--Breakfast Buffet will open at 9:00AM
(tables will be randomly called)

--\$9.00 cost per member

The breakfast will be held at the beautiful Brick House restaurant in Wyckoff. This has always been a well attended event so make sure you get your check in early. We were able to hold the price at \$9.00 per member, which makes it the best value in town. Don't miss this opportunity to join your AU friends and share this memorable breakfast meeting.

Checks should be made payable to Activities Unlimited. Either bring your check to the next meeting or send it to: **Ramon Casaprima**, 46 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430
See you all at the Brick House, October 8th.

The Deadline for **Aug. 2013 Newsletter** articles is **August 1, 2013.**

Send to:

Email: lguarneri03@gmail.com

Or mail to: Lou Guarneri
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Mahwah, NJ 07430

| | OFFICES | | MEETING |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| President | Frank Nusspickel | 201-891-9099 | 2nd Tue 11am |
| 1st Vice-Pres. | Herb Umland | 201-891-6638 | |
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| | COMMITTES | | |
| AU Guys | John DeSantis | 201-447-0256 | |
| Book Club | Joe Clinton Joe Infosino | 201-447-2261 201-337-5442 | Wed after the AU General Meeting 9:30 |
| Dup. Bridge Rub. Bridge | Joe MacDougall Wes Cheringal | 201-891-4048 201-848-8009 | Wed 1 pm M,F 1 pm |
| Care-Concern | Joe Clinton Paul Hennion Don Martin | 201-447-2261 201-891-4716 201-891-2279 | |
| Chaplain | Rev. D. Bach | 201-891-1782 | |
| Chess | Bill Schultz | 201-891-5327 | 3rd Thru 9:30 |
| Computer | Don Kirkpatrick Ed Schlachman Fred Theile | 201-337-5666 973-423-1459 201-625-7541 | 3rd Wed. 10:00 |
| Gardening | Joe Lamela | 201-327-8137 | 1st Wed.10:00 |
| Golf | Bruno Bissetta Guy Cappello | 201-891-7567 201-891-0617 | Tuesday Thursday |
| Hiking | Don Kirkpatrick | 201-337-5666 | Mon 9:00 |
| Historian | Dom Manobianco | 201-891-7185 | |
| Investment | Herb Umland | 201-891-6638 | 2nd Thru 9:30 |
| Model RR | Don Cardoza | 201-337-3417 | Wed. 7PM |
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| Photographer | Chuck Bainbridge | 201-447-2910 | |
| Public Disc. | Walt Widmer | 201-562-8666 | 4th Fri 9:30 |
| Refreshments | Hank Boucher Jim Forbes Howard Vogel | 201-445-2633 201-825-0523 201-612-2237 | |
| Science | Jack Yurasek | 201-337-4433 | 3rd Tues 10.00 |
| Skiing | Bud Brooks | 201-327-6649 | Snow |
| Sponsor Liaison | Mike Wolff | 201-891-4426 | |
| Stock Market | Ramon Casaprima | 201-891-3394 | 2nd Tues. 9:00 4th Tues. 9:00 |
| Tennis | Dom Manobianco | 201-891-7185 | MWF |
| Transport. | Ron Miller | 201-891-5734 | |
| Trips/Tours | Lou Guarneri George Lewis | 201-847-1981 201-891-5883 | 2nd Tues 10:30 |
| Web-Master | Don Kirkpatrick | 201-337-5666 | |

Welcome New Members

| Name (Spouse) | Address | Employment | Interests | Home/Email |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Robert Meyers (Roberta) | 300 Merrywood Dr Wyckoff, NJ 07481 | President Orion Pictures | Bridge and Tennis | 201-891-9246 Cell: 310-254-8699+- bobbyinla@AOL.com |
| Gordon T Hirsch | 449 Radcliff St. Wyckoff, NJ 07481 | VP IMS | Computers, Digital Cameras, Investments, Skiing, Stock Mar- ket and Trips and Tours | Cell: 612-802-3106 hirschnj@yahoo.com |



The Chess Club

The AU Chess Club meets monthly on the third Thursday from 9:30—12 Noon. Due to the small group of chess players we meet at **Bill Schultz's** home 9/10ths of a mile from the WRC. The games are played on an informal social basis and are unhurried and congenial. Unlike bridge, backgammon or gin, the factor of chance or the luck of the draw are not issues in chess. It purely exercises the mind and the cerebellum resulting in improving memory retention thus eliminating the necessity of prescription medicines to counter memory loss and Alzheimer problems. Games are played in front of the fireplace, at the kitchen table in view of several bird feeders or in the family room overlooking the green acres forest trees. Players need not be professional and most are in need rehabilitation and refresher courses. For more information or to schedule a game contact **Bill Schultz** (201) 891-5327.



Public Discussion Group

The Public Discussion Group meets the 4th Friday at 9:30 am of each month at the Larkin House. We are a congenial group of individuals who enjoy exchanging their views on selected topics from current events. The opinions range sufficiently to stimulate very broad views on any and all topics. Join us for good discussions or just listen and observe. All are welcome.



Investment Study Group

Our group will NOT meet during the two months of **July** and **August**.

Please mark your calendars now for our Fall Meetings:

- 1) Sept 12th,
- 2) Oct 10th,
- 3) Nov 14th, and
- 4) Dec 12th.

You will receive emails regarding topics and speakers as we get closer to each respective date.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!

Questions call Herb 201-891-6638

Herb Umland

AU Guys & Guest play at the Annual St. Elizabeth picnic in Wyckoff





The Science Club

Science

At the June Meeting, **Bob Saletta** gave a very interesting talk on Astronomy. He distributed copies of the Jan issue of Astronomy Magazine, which reviewed the 10 most important developments in astronomy during 2012. Additionally, a Questionnaire on approaches to improve the S/C was distributed. Consensus on the preferences of meeting types: Speaker(s), DVDs, and trip/types are all being evaluated.

Note: that no S/C meetings will take place in July and August.

September 24—Evolution, And More--**Walt Widmer & Bob Saletta**

Their talk will follow up on a presentation by Walt last year based on a DVD entitled 'Darwin's Dangerous Idea', with emphasis on the earliest stages of evolution and cosmology.

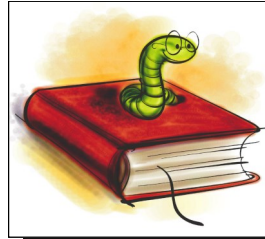
Saturday, October 5 --LAMONT-DOHERTY Earth Institute, Palisades, NY—Thanks to **George Becker**, last year we visited this Center for their Open House. Everyone enjoyed the experience, and agreed we should make it an annual event. Their research in the field of Earth Sciences has continued for decades, including Climate Science, Geology, Botany, and Oceanography. This year, information on Sandy will be extremely important, with recent articles published in the Columbia University Magazine discussing possible causes and severity of the storm etc. to be detailed. The trip will be by car with details later. Admission is free, with food available at reasonable prices.

November 19—Dr. Ron Cauchard (an Optometrist whose Office is in Wyckoff) has offered to return, and will update us on cataract and glaucoma eye issues. His talk again will emphasize 'early detection' of these problems, which are of special importance for seniors.

December 17—John Dyksen of the 'United Water', our local (and now global) Company will speak to us about water technology including desalinization and other recent developments.

Thank you to all those who prepared and helped on our presentations and trips this last year, and please contact me for information on future meetings and trips.

JACK YURASEK (201-337-4433)



The Book Club

On June 12, the first book discussed was "The Party Is Over" by Mike Lofgren. **Joe Clinton** read a brief summary by **Gerry Hulit** who was unable to attend in person. Mike Lofgren is a former Republican House staff member. The bulk of the book contains very critical comments on the current Republicans but it also has negative comments on the Democrats. The book is controversial and difficult to sum up in a couple of sentences.

Next was "Know It All" by A.J. Jacobs. **Ed O'Keefe** reported on this humorous account of the author's reading the Encyclopedia Britannica from A to Z! Jacobs feels he has more knowledge but is no smarter.

The third book was "The Jungle" by Upton Sinclair. Again **Joe Clinton** read a short summary by **Gerry Hulit**, then offered his own thoughts. This 1966 novel was an expose of the Chicago meat packing industry both in the unsanitary processing of the meat and in the treatment of the workers. The principal character is an immigrant worker named Jurgis Redicus.

All three books produced discussion by other members.

The books for July are:

"Physics of the Future" by Michio Kaku

"Darwin-Portrait of a Genius" by Paul Johnson and

"Paths of Glory" by Jeffrey Archer.

Joe Infosino announced that he is stepping down as co-chairman effective at the end of the July meeting.

There will be NO meeting in August.

Members are asked to come to the September meeting ready to name 2 books worth reading.

The July meeting will be the day after the July AU general meeting, July 10, at 9:30 AM at the Larkin House (380 Godwin Ave, Wyckoff). Readers are welcome to come and take part.

Joe Infosino

Obituaries

Jim Chapman (93), died Wednesday, June 19, 2013. Jim was an Air Force veteran, retiring as Capitan who served during WWII where he flew 65 combat missions including 2 on D-Day. He was a Master bridge player, an avid reader, enjoyed chess and gardening. Memorial contributions can be made to a Charity of your choice or just plant something in his memory. He will be greatly missed at AU.

The Golf Club



The Computer Technology Club

The June 19, 2013 meeting for the Computer Technology Club had 28 AU Members in attendance which included some new members. The net is that we have over 30 now involved with this new AU Activity.

The meeting covered a lengthy re-look at “moving around the Desktop” which included the use of the mouse, working with icons and favorites ... this included showing some basic search functions. Also, we explored utilizing Yahoo Finance to setup and track a stock portfolio. Throughout the entire session many questions were fielded based on the presentation. This was followed by some general questions that ended our meeting. We discussed and decided that the Computer Technology Club would meet during the summer. And, there were a number of items raised as to items to include in future meetings.

Based on the consensus of those in attendance it was decided that the next meeting should address two areas; 1) a review of internet browsers ... we will look at the top 3 or 4 browsers available to the general public; and 2) a review of backing up your hard drives to an external portable hard disk. Also, if time permits we will look at Google Analytics which is a tool that is used to analyze access to a website. And, conclude with a general question and answer period.

As an adjunct to the information presented at each meeting we will be creating as part of the AU Web-Site a section that will house detail information on Computer Tips and Other Items presented ... this will provide all AU Members with a source for useful information on how to better utilize their computers in the future.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, July 25th at 10AM** ... the reason for the change is that the church has planned activity during the third week of July which prevents AU activity from taking place. Also, the AU Stock Club meets on the fourth Wednesday thus the move to a Thursday Date. The August meeting will be on the third Wednesday at 10AM. The meeting should be about ninety (90) minutes.

Donald A. Kirkpatrick (201-759-3795)
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We started our golf season with a bang. **Ralph Corallo** sailed his ball for a hole in one on the fifteenth (140 yard) hole at Wallkill CC. (Pictured gleefully, moments after realizing his wish finally became reality).

To all members, come down and join us. Our Thursday group enjoys a round of golf at Wallkill each and every Thursday followed with lunch and kibitzing.

Anyone interested can meet us on each Thursday. We carpool at

On June 18th, Apple Greens Golf Course in Highlands, NY was host for the AU Annual Memorial Golf Tournament. 51 AU golfers and guest participated in the event. We teed off on the hilly East Course which goes up and down over rocky terrain and finished up on AG One which winds it's way through an active Apple Orchard. As usual the course was beautifully maintained.

A continental breakfast was available before golf and a barbecue was served at lunch. Awards and prizes were distributed during lunch.

Individual honors for the low gross and net scores were swept by **Joe Luongo** who shot a sparkling 70. He will have his name placed on the AU Memorial trophy for the third year in a row. This trophy is kept on display in the AU cabinets in Heneveld Hall.

The team low net was won by the team of **Al Coldon (Captain), Joe Luongo, John Leonti and Mike Sciulli** with a net score of 291.

The closet to the pin prizes on the 2 par three holes were both won by a guest, **Dan Bowen**, and the straightest drive prize went to **Rich Pashman**.

Prizes were also given to the low net scorer in each foursome.

With the weather cooperating, all in all, it was a good day with some great golf, good food and camaraderie.

Bruno Bissetta



This past Thursday AU had their Annual Spring Fling/Senior Prom dinner dance at **Seasons**. The food & service was outstanding. The Cocktail Party had so much food, I had to take my Prime Ribs Entree home for dinner the next night. But I still had room for dessert. Music was provided by Doug Scrivani for our AU members listening and dancing pleasure. We had to move some tables to make room for dancing.

Our Christmas Party will be held at Seasons, don't miss it.



Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

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

Tuesday July 30, 2013 Sterling Hill Mining Museum is the only New Jersey Museum offering mine tours, mineral collecting, educational classes and historical exhibits. We will leave the WRC at 11:30 AM. This is a carpool and drive event. The mine tour start promptly at 1 PM and the entrance fee is \$8.00, paid at the mine. The tour takes about 2 hours. The entire mine tour route is well lit, and no climbing is involved - visitors walk on hard-packed gravel the whole way. All parts of the route are wheelchair-accessible. We are arranging for an early dinner (place to be determined) for those that wish it. If you plan to go please advise **Jim Webb**, 201-788-9085 or jimwebb@optonline.net so that he can get a count. **Do Not send any money.**

Thursday, August 8, 2013 - Westchester Broadway Theatre - Because of popular demand, the Theatre's run of the Rogers & Hammerstein musical THE SOUND OF MUSIC has been extended for an additional two weeks. We have been offered our same preferred seating but for the Thursday, August 8th performance of the Sound of Music, which we accepted at the same price with no other changes. Bus transportation is included, with departure from the Wyckoff Reformed Church parking lot at **9:30 AM on Thursday, August 8, 2013**. Meal selections will be at the Theatre, with five different food offerings available. We shall return about 4:00 PM. Standby reservations are currently being accepted, as the trip is presently "sold out". Contact **Ramon Casaprima** at 201-891-3394 for additional information.

Thursday September 5, 2013 AU's Annual Wine Tasting Party. Wine and Appetizer Social at the Brookside Manor Clubhouse, which is about 5 minutes from the Wyckoff Reformed Church. There will be wine tasting and plenty of appetizers (Shrimp, Chicken, Swedish Meat Balls, Pigs in a Blanket, just to name a few, plus beer & soda). No one will leave hungry. It will run from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The cost is \$35.00 pp. This social will be limited to 50 people because of the size of the clubhouse which is perfect for everyone to mix and socialize in a nice atmosphere. Please sign up ASAP to reserve your place for this party. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited no later than August 15th, and send them to **George Lewis**, 45 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, NJ 07430. (201) 891-5883

Thursday September 26, 2013 San Gennaro NYC Trip- The 87th Annual Feast of San Gennaro will take place for 11 days, on the streets of historic Little Italy, the lower Manhattan neighborhood which served as the first home in America for hundreds of thousands of Italian immigrants. Experience the "Taste of Italy" with street food delicacies, charming restaurants or just sample delightful Italian pastries and desserts at one of the many cafes **on your own**. The cost will be \$16.00 pp., which covers the bus transportation. Bus leaves WRC at 4:00 PM sharp and departs N.Y.C. at 9:00 PM. Send check to **Don Wasson**, 14 Appert Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 201-891-1873 payable to Activities Unlimited.

Thursday October 10, 2013-- OKTOBERFEST, at The Royal Manor, 454 Midland Ave. Garfield, NJ,-- Driving directions Rte. 17S to Essex St W. 2 miles to Midland Ave. South 2 miles to Royal Manor. 8 miles from GS Mall. Show starts at 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. Includes a German Band, Dancers & Bell Ringers. The menu starts with Salad, Soup, Knockwurst, Chicken, Vegetables, Coffee & Dessert. 2 Complimentary Drinks & Free Soda. Beer & Wine \$1. per glass. Cost \$45. pp. Make checks payable to AU & mail same to **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ. Tel: 201-825-5843

Tuesday December 17, 2013 Christmas Party at The Seasons



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