

# Activities Unlimited

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## Activities Unlimited General Meeting July 25, 2019 1:00 PM at the WRC Heneveld Hall

**Reminder: The General Meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday this month.**

Mr. Frank Crotty will be our speaker at the July meeting. He will make a presentation on the Battle of Gettysburg and its significance in the history of our country.

Frank has lived in Wyckoff with his wife and two children for over 25 years. He is an attorney in New Jersey since 1975 and is currently engaged in the general practice of law with offices in Franklin Lakes. He has been a member of the YMCA Board of Directors for 31 years and served as president for 12 years. Frank is co-chair of the Y's Veterans Committee and a trustee of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation. He has been the Grand Marshall of the 2014 Wyckoff Memorial Day parade and the 2015 Franklin Lakes Memorial Day parade.

He has made numerous lectures to the Active Older Adult group at the Wyckoff YMCA. We are happy to have Frank at our meeting and we are sure you will find his power point presentation both entertaining and informative.

### NOTES TO MEMBERS

Gentlemen, at the May Luncheon I was approached by several of your wives. The issue is, they do not see the AU newsletter. Without the newsletter, they are unaware of the different activities planned each month. There is a simple solution; when you are reading the newsletter on the AU website, just go to File (upper left corner) and print a copy. **By the way, remember to give it to your wife/significant other.**

General membership meetings are normally held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heneveld Hall adjacent to the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, NJ.

## Note from the President

If we don't see Rev. Kadzban at our July meeting, it's that he has his hands full. Andy and his wife, Samantha became the parents of twins, a boy (Owen) and a girl (Hannah) on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to the Kadzban family from AU. Please make a note that the JULY MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> due to Heneveld Hall availability.

Those members who did not attend June's monthly meeting missed a great pizza party during the social hour from 12-1pm.

AU thanks **Jim Forbes** and **John Gannaway** for making sure the "pizza gala" went smoothly. (For those who asked, Pizza Parlor in Wyckoff delivered the pizzas.) The monthly meeting is an opportunity to socialize with members you might not otherwise see at your own activity event.

Part of our founding purpose was to promote fellowship among retired men. The monthly meeting is a great way to do that. And the Board will be looking into how we can make it of greater interest to more members.

Looking ahead, Trips & Tours has organized some terrific events for the rest of the year. Please review their page in this Newsletter and book early as events fill up quickly. Finally, please keep the suggestions coming. They are very helpful to the Board in trying to make our club even better.  
Tom

### Obituary

Marcelle Baumbach, wife of AU member **Ed Baumbach**, passed away on June 21.

At the June General Meeting 140.50 was collected for the Wyckoff Reformed Church Food Pantry

**WRC is having a problem with the parking lot. It has been marked out with cones. For your safety, please make note of the cones and respect them.**



# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



### 2017 OFFICERS



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COMMITTEES & CLUBS			
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
AU Guys	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	
Book Club	Vince Tortorelli Joe Clinton	201-447-3718 201-447-2261	4th Wed. 9:30
Dup. Bridge	ED Foldessy	201-327-5767	Wed 1 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	Doug Cooper  Paul Hennion	908-907-1112  201-891-4716	
Chaplain	Rev Andy Kadzban	201-485-8589	
Chess	Bill Schultz	973-525-0979	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 Rick Sneyers	201-327-8137 973-248-6625	1st Wed. 10:00
Golf	Bruno Bissetta  Bill Bryne	201-891-7567  201-447-5064	Tuesday  Thursday
Hiking	Don Kirkpatrick Rick Sneyers	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00
Historian	Dom Manobianco Victor Pizzolato	201-891-7185 201-612-0038	
History	Pablo Catangay	201-684-1217	4th Monday 1:00 pm
Investment	Al Connelly	973-616-0755	Thru after the AU General Meeting 9:30
Luncheon	John Abrahamsen	201-848-8037	

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Membership	Walt Widmer Dick Hensch	201-562-8666 201-891-1309	
Newsletter	Lou Guarneri Dick Hensch	201-847-1981 201-891-1309	
Project Outreach	Marty McGonigle Joe Pullaro	201-529-1941 201-337-0018	
Photography	Murry Perl Sam Ohan	201-261-7276 201-825-0437	1st Tuesday 10:00 am
Public Disc.	Walt Widmer Tom Butler	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd Wednesday 9:30 am
Refreshments	Jim Forbes Howard Vogel	201-825-0523 201-612-2237	
Science	Jack Yurasek	201-337-4433	3rd Tuesday 10.00 am
Skiing	Bud Brooks Jack Yurasek	201-327-6649 201-337-4433	Snow
Sponsor Liaison	Jim Mallen	201-485-8589	
Stock Market	Mark Cohen John Abrahamsen	201-337-4198 201-848-8037	2nd Tues. 9:00 am 4th Tues. 9:00 am
Tennis	Dom Manobianco Dave Burleigh	201-891-7185 201-485-8923	M,W,F
Transport.	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
Trips/Tours	Lou Guarneri Don Wasson	201-847-1981 201-891-1873	Morning of AU General Meeting 10:30 am
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

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

**T**he deadline for August Newsletter articles is 5 PM Wednesday, July 26, 2017. When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold).

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or mail to: **Lou Guarneri**, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430

## Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
Walter (Wally) Probst (Kathleen)	883 Meadow Ln. Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417	Executive	Golf and Investments	H: 201-337-6076 Cell: 201-819-7328 Email: wprost67@gmail.com
Donald F. Randolph (Christine)	143 N. Haledon Ave. North Haledon, NJ 07508	Project Engineer	Bridge (both types), Com- puters, Golf, Investment, Science, Stock Club and Trips & Tours	H: 973-304-4613 C: 908-208-8831 Email: donandchris@gmail.com



## Public Discussion Group

June's meeting looked at Driverless Cars, Sanctuary Cities, and Tax Reform, any one of which could have taken up the full two hours.

Automated driving raised issues of safety, computer hacking, insurance liability and the impact on premiums (up or down?), the effect of this disruptive technology on employment and the effects on state revenues from traffic tickets and fees. The guesses for when we might see driverless driving ranged from 5-7 years to "not in our lifetime." It was a fascinating exchange around an emerging innovation.

The issue of Sanctuary Cities elicited a disparate range of views, including how do we define the term. Some saw it as a partisan refusal to enforce the immigration laws, which could undermine public safety and even promote terrorism. Others viewed it as a part of the larger issue of "immigration reform." Around 1914, immigrants accounted for 15% of the US population; following the restrictive laws of 1921 and 1924, the immigrant portion fell by 1970 to 5%. With the end of the quotas in the '70's, the immigrant population climbed again reaching about 13.5% in 2015. Among this group, Muslims constitute less than 1% of the total population. Current estimates are that this number will reach about 2.1% by 2050.

The final topic of Tax Reform also engendered a lively debate. Discussion focused on issues of "expenditures vs. revenue," impact of defense spending, the relationship between tax cuts and economic growth and the notion of fairness in crafting the tax code. All agreed the tax code was incomprehensible in its current form and cried out for reform. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at Larkin House. Topics are: The tax code, tax filing relative to the "poor;" and the status of the "Russian investigation." All members are welcome.

## The Science Club



Science

No Science Club Meetings will take place during July, or August 2017

In September, **Walt Widmer** will speak on Microbiology-a subject that probably was not available to us during the time we attended high school and college.

While no S/C meetings are scheduled for the Summer, I recommend everyone read Simon Singh's, The Code Book.

Thanks to those whose gave talks this past year. We are always trying to have additional people making presentations, and suggestions to improve our group are always welcome.

**Jack Yurasek** (201-337-4433) Email--JYURASEK@AOL.COM



## Duplicate Bridge Results

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6/7	NS	Altamuro/ Mahmarian	Smith/Yampell	Levin/Wong
	EW	Freimuth/Warner	Martin/Peck	Hulit/Wiest
6/14	NS	Milcos/Wiest	Lewis/Riccardi	Martin/Yampell
	EW	Foley/Peck	Mahmarian/ Sweetgall	Altmuro/Bartlett
6/21	NS	Anand/Mahmarian	Riccardi/Zelhof	Smith/Milcos
	EW	Kellett/Wiest	MacDougall/ Barbera	Martin/Gattoni
6/28	NS	Meloro/Lewis	Altamuro/Barbera	Smith/Kellett
	EW	Bartlett/Desrosiers	Gattoni/Freimuth	Warner/Yampell



John DeSantis at  
the AU Spirit of  
New Jersey  
Luncheon



## The Computer Technology Club

Please note that the Computer/Technology Club will NOT meet in July and August. The next meeting will be on Sept. 20th. Enjoy the summer



## The Photography

There will be no official meeting of the Photography Club in July and August. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 5th at 10:00AM



## The History Club

The topic for the July History Club meeting is "Yalta Conference" sometimes called Crimea Conference held in a resort town on the Black Sea. The Yalta Conference held in February 1945 tells the story of how the three towering figures of the twentieth century: Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin decided the fate of the world and in particular, the fate of Eastern Europe and Poland. Two months later, Stalin was strengthening his grip on Eastern Europe, FDR was dead and Churchill was on the verge of a humiliating electoral defeat.

For 72 years, opinion has been rancorously divided on whether FDR and Churchill failed. The conservatives who hated FDR's New Deal accused him of selling out to the Soviet dictator. Was he too sick or did he give away too much in exchange for Stalin's promise to join the war against Japan. Was Stalin the best informed and better prepared of the three leaders during the negotiation? His knowledge of his opponents' position thanks to his extensive espionage networks and his own outstanding skills as a negotiator no doubt gave him some advantage. Many historians have argued that Yalta Conference paved the way for the Cold War.

Pablo A. Catangay- 201-684-1217; [pcatangay@optonline.net](mailto:pcatangay@optonline.net)



## PROJECT OUTREACH NEEDS YOU!

Just like the Marines....the AU Project Outreach group is looking for a "few good men" to augment their current roster (shown below). Our purpose is to provide manual support to the Wyckoff Reformed Church's food contributions to the Northside Food Pantry of Paterson, NJ. We don't have regular meetings, however, you are asked to spend an hour and one-half every two months or so serving as a "Bagger" or as an "Unloader" at Heneveld Hall. Naturally, the more members we have the better we can stretch out the "every two months" to perhaps three or four. You may ask "what's in it for me?". Which is only natural. What you receive in return for your service is the satisfaction that you are giving of yourself to help those less fortunate. Gratification is your reward and believe me there is no better feeling (at least at our age). Basically, the process is to unload food supplies once a month and the woman of the WRC pack up food bags every Thursday and we put them on shelves for pick up and delivery to the needy of Paterson. So what do you say? I encourage you to talk to one or more of the AU men listed below and to see if this club organization is something you might like to do and to gain further info to ascertain if Project Outreach is something you'd be interested in. And if you decide to join us please contact me at [mmbmcg@optonline.net](mailto:mmbmcg@optonline.net) or reach me on my cell 201-887-1585. Come join our team!!

**Marty McGonigle**  
Project Outreach Chairman

### MEMBERS

**Jerry Berlinger...Jay Bouton...Bud Brooks...Tom Butler...Frank Calabrese...John Campi...Frank Conte...  
Ed Finn...Hank Fisher...Hank Hansen...Rich Hensch...Ron Hutchison...Tom Laird...George Lewis...  
Jerry Lynch...Dom Manobianco...Bob Peneno...George Pitts...Victor Pizzolato...Joe Pullaro...Peter Sausville...  
Rick Sneyers...Walt Steffen...Frank Tanki...Fred Theile...Vince Tortorelli...Tim Tracey...Denis Trum...  
Walt Widmer and Ted Wolff**

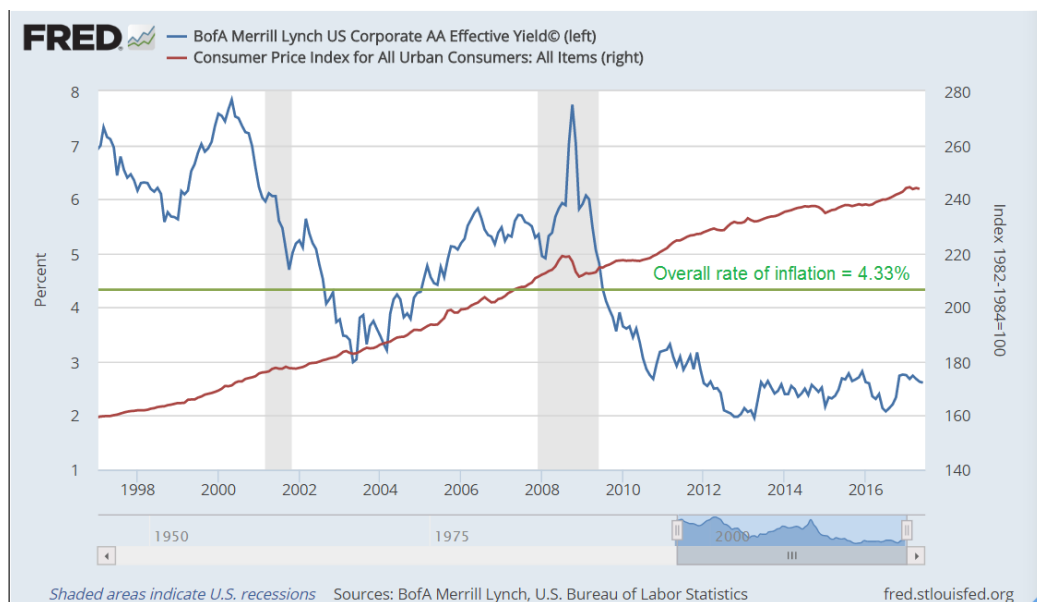


## Investment Study Group

ISG enjoyed the Fidelity's presentation on bonds. We were shown the many tools that Fidelity has to help select appropriate bonds to fill our needs, including income analysis, search, comparison, tax analysis, & ladder building tools. ETF, mutual funds, and closed end funds can also be useful tools for fixed income.

Fidelity showed that bond interest rates have been falling since the 1980s. Accompanying Federal Reserve graph shows this and compares it with the overall rate of inflation. Still the bond market is larger than the stock market by dollar volume. And a corporate AA 10 year is better than putting your money under your mattress where it earns nothing.

Re CPI – When it comes to Social Security the Feds talk about CPI x food and energy and get a nice low number. They mostly don't send Social Security checks to people who don't use food and energy.





## The Golf Club

### AU MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING- JUNE 20th

On Monday afternoon and evening heavy thunderstorms came sailing through our are. Happily on Tuesday morning the skies had cleared, so the Annual AU Memorial Golf Tournament went off as scheduled. 36 AU golfers competed in the event. The venue was Apple Greens Golf Club in Highlands, NY with 27 golf holes; the 18 on the original course which was designed around and through the Apple Orchard trees and the newer 9 hole course built up and down a nearby rocky hill.

The winning foursome of **Marty Mcgonigle, Mike Kondrat, John Gornell and George Kawamura** came in with the low net team score of 294 which narrowly beat the score of 296 by the runner up team. **Joe Luongo**, once again had the lowest individual score with a 74 and will be added to the AU Trophy. Bob Davidson and **Tom McDonnell** won the closest to the pin contests.

WE enjoyed a before golf continental breakfast and the after golf BBQ lunch of spare ribs, chicken, cheesy potatoes, summer salad and corn bread. All in all it was a beautiful day to play golf, the course was in excellent shape and the play was competitive.

**J**ohn Campi won best overall low g net score at the Bergen County Senior tournament



### AU & Hobbyists to Meet in Golf

The Annual Golf Match between Ridgewood's Hobbyists and Wyckoff's Activities Unlimited will take place on Tuesday, August 8th at Apple Greens Golf Club. Two man teams from each club will play in a match game format. The winner of the match is determined by which team wins the most holes in the round by having the lower score on each hole. The winning club is the one that wins the most matches. A spirit of friendly competition prevails during play. A committee from each club meet to set the team matches. The cost to participate is \$54.

**SOMETIMES I SIT QUIETLY  
AND WONDER WHY  
I'M NOT IN A MENTAL ASYLUM...  
THEN I TAKE A LOOK AROUND AND REALIZE....  
MAYBE I ALREADY AM.**



## The Book Club

**B**ooks for July:

- \* A RAGE FOR ORDER - THE MIDDLE EAST IN TURMOIL, FROM TAHRIR TO ISIS by Robert Worth
- \* ENGINES OF LIBERTY by David Cole
- \* HOW TO FAIL AT ALMOST EVERYTHING AND STILL WIN BIG: KIND OF THE STORY OF MY LIFE by Scott Adams

Led off by **Joe Clinton** was a discussion of **TEAMMATES** (by David Halberstam) a gem of a book that tells the story of the enduring friendship of four baseball players: Ted Williams, Bobby Doerr, Dom DiMaggio and Johnny Pesky, the core of the Boston Red Sox from the late 1930's through the early 1950's. The author tells us a good deal about each one and how they interacted with one another and why their friendships lasted 60 years. The background to the book is a road trip to Florida by DiMaggio and Pesky in 2002 to visit Ted Williams who is dying of cancer, during which they reminisced about their lives in and out of baseball. Highly recommended.

**CYBER WAR** (by Richard Clarke) a book recommended by **John Galvin** is a powerful book about the challenges we face re cyber war, hackers, and the vulnerability of the Internet. The author cites some vivid examples such as Israel's successful raid on Syria's nuclear plant some years ago aided by their hacking of Syria's computers. Another example was No Korea's cyber attack of computers around the world in 2009 that infected 30 to 60 thousand computers. Clarke bemoans our lagging behind in dealing with these problems. Although members agreed the book was interesting and informative, some criticized the writing as a "very difficult read."

**DESTINY AND POWER** (by Jon Meacham) is a biography of George Herbert Walker Bush. The author describes Bush's formative years, his noteworthy military service, his marriage to Barbara, his success in the business world, and his various positions in government culminating in his presidency. One criticism Vince had was that Meacham perhaps presented a too flattering portrait of Bush, maybe the result of spending countless hours interviewing him.

Our next meeting will be July 26th.

All AU members are invited to attend our meetings. No obligation. No dues. Just interesting discussions and good comradery.

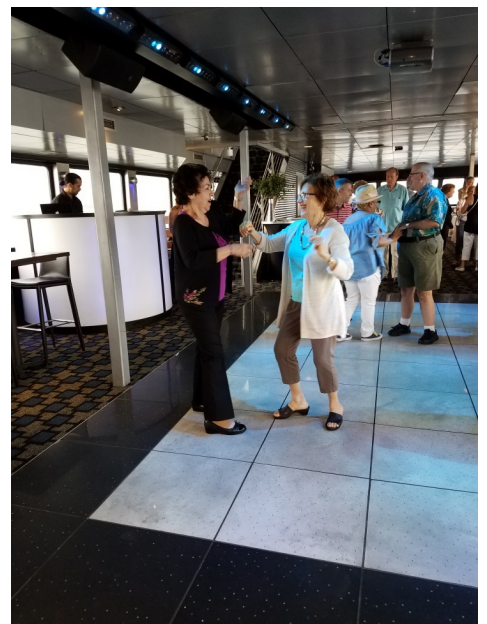
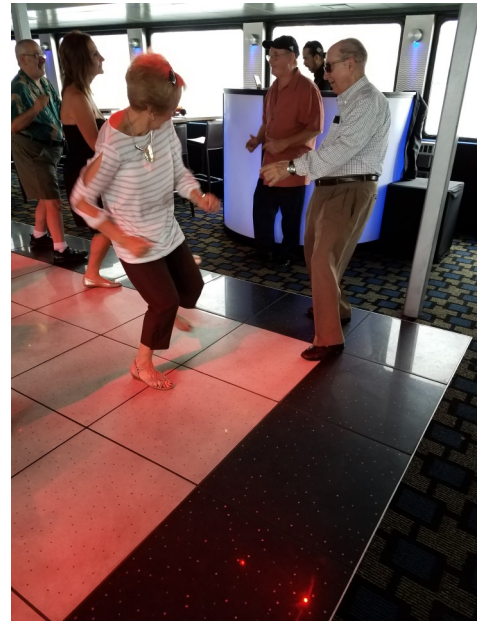
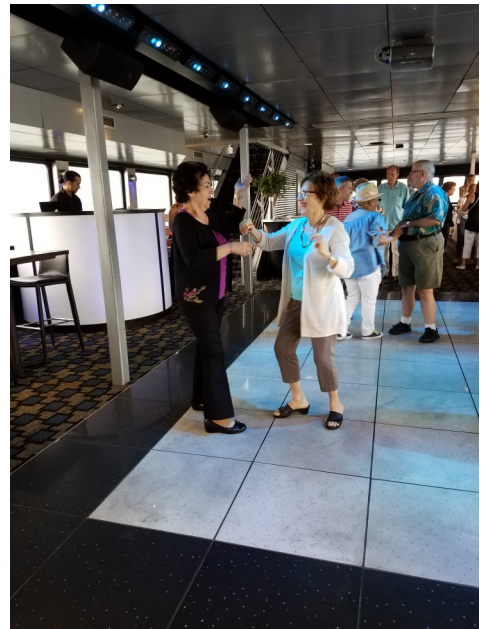
**Joe Clinton**  
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## Spirit of New Jersey Luncheon

### June 23, 2017









## 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.

**THURSDAY, July 13, 2017: Summer Picnic at Krucker's Picnic Grove in Pomona, NY.** Arrive at 10:30 a.m. Biscuits & Coffee followed by Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Sausage & Peppers, Manhattan Clam Chowder, French Fries, Garden Salad and Clams on the 1/2 Shell. Watermelon and Ice Pops. Dinner at 4 pm of Sliced Roast Beef and Roast Chicken Breast, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes, Peas & Carrots & Ice Cream. Soft Drinks, Coffee, Beer & Wine until 5:00. Music & Dancing, Bocce, swimming, Horseshoes, Bingo and More. All this for \$ 52. per person. We will drive to Pomona, about a 30 minute drive from Wyckoff (directions to follow).

For more information Contact: **Dick Botta**, 201-848-9001

**WEDNESDAY, August 23, 2017- "On the Boardwalk"** at The Stony Hill Inn, 231 Polifly Ave. Hackensack, NJ 11:00am-3:00pm. What better way to end the summer then with the "JERSEY DREAMERS". Music, dancing, great food and entertainment. Luncheon family style, 2 comp. drinks, salad, pasta, BBQ chicken, roast beef, dessert, coffee, tea and soda. All for \$46 pp. Open to all members, spouses or significant other. Please send your check made payable to Activities Unlimited to: **Bob LaSalvia**, 80 Glasgow Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430 Tel 201-529-4784.

**WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2017—Wine and Appetizer Social** — Brookside Manor Clubhouse (Storms Drive, Mahwah), which is about 5 minutes from the Wyckoff Reformed Church. There will be some wine tasting and plenty of appetizers (Shrimp, Top Sirloin on Mini Bread, Pigs in a Blanket, just to name a few). No one will leave hungry. Wife's are included. It will run from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Please send your check for \$31.00 pp payable to Activities Unlimited to: **Lou Guarneri**, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Any questions call Lou at 201-847-1981

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017 Fish Fry at LaNeve's in Haledon, NJ. Details will be in August Newsletter.**

**December, 11, 2017—Christmas Party**

To those planning to attend the picnic at Krucker's on Thursday-July 13, **Dick Botta** will be leaving from WRC parking lot at 10:00 am. If you wish to follow him to Krucker's please be there before 10:00 am. Otherwise, just follow route 202 north, see below and use your GPS.

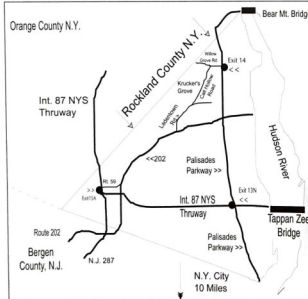
### Krucker's Picnic Directions

#### NEARBY

Although it seems as if *Krucker's Grove* is miles from New York City, we are a mere 45 minute drive from downtown Manhattan. *Krucker's* is located in Rockland County in beautiful Pomona, N.Y., only a stone's throw away from picturesque Harriman State Park. For more information call us at (845)354-9832.



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