

**Activities Unlimited  
General Meeting**

**TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018**  
1:00 PM at the WRC Heneveld Hall

We have a very interesting speaker for our July meeting, *Al Doblin*, former long term Editorial Chief of the Bergen Record and currently the Communications Director for the N.J, State Senate Majority Office. Mr. Doblin will talk to us about issues facing everyone in our state and in particular issues facing seniors.

Mr. Doblin's writings at the Record were always thought provoking and at times controversial to some readers, so you do not want to miss this opportunity to hear him speak. As usual we invite your wife/significant other to attend

Our speakers for the next four meetings are:

August- No meeting

September: Chief Pezzutti and Chief Murphy of the Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff Police Departments.

October- Annual Breakfast. State Senator Jerry Cardinale

November- Jeff Tittle. Senior Chapter Director, N. J. Sierra Club

December- Golden Apple chorus- 12 ladies who will perform holiday music

**Note from the  
President**

REMINDER! Our July meeting will be one week later than normal because of a Church activity needing the hall. Our meeting will be at the usual time but held on July 17.

The Board met with the Ridgewood Hobbyists to discuss areas of mutual interest and look for ways to enhance both clubs. We found several items to explore:

They have no Computer/Technology Club or Stock Club and would be interested in ours. They have a very active bowling club and could use more members.

We may be able to join forces for a Beefsteak Dinner with a good comedian.

They have both Fishing and Skiing Clubs. They are looking for help on their Habitat for Humanity efforts.

Their members prefer having their General Meetings at 9am so they are home by noon.

On a personal note: I am writing this in early June since Adeline and I will soon be leaving for Italy to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with all of our children, spouses and grandchildren at a villa overlooking the Mediterranean.

**A**t the **April** meeting \$147 was collected for the Wyckoff Reform Church Food Pantry.

**NOTE:**

**The Wyckoff Reform Church will be unavailable for all AU activities from Monday July 9, 2018 through Friday July 13, 2018. Please plan your meetings accordingly.**

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



### 2018 OFFICERS



**Jim Webb**  
President  
201-337-7982



**Joe Pullaro**  
1st Vice President  
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COMMITTEES & CLUBS				
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING	
<b>AU Guys Band</b>	John DeSantis	201-447-0256		
<b>Book Club</b>	Vince Tortorelli Joe Clinton	201-447-3718 201-447-2261	4th Wed. 9:30	
<b>Dup. Bridge</b>	ED Foldessy	201-327-5767	Wed 1 pm Larkin House	
<b>Rub. Bridge</b>	Bob Mulligan Dave Kampschmidt	201-447-8837 201-405-2043	M,F 1:00 pm Franklin Lakes Ambulance Building	
<b>Care-Concern</b>	Doug Cooper Paul Hennion	908-907-1112 201-891-4716		
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev Andy Kadzban	201-485-8589		
<b>Computer</b>	Don Kirkpatrick Ed Schlachman Fred Theile	201-337-5666 973-423-1459 201-825-7541	3rd Wed. 10:00	
<b>Gardening</b>	Joe Lamela Rick Sneyers	201-327-8137 973-248-6625	1st Wed.10:00	
<b>Golf</b>	Bill Bryne Jim Webb	201-447-5064 201337-7982	Thursday	
<b>Hiking</b>	<b>Long</b>	Don Kirkpatrick Rick Sneyers	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00
	<b>Short</b>	Fred Theile	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30 WRC
<b>Historian</b>	Victor Pizzolato	201-612-0038		
<b>History</b>	Pablo Catangay Tony Mastandrea	201-684-1217 201-327-8832	4th Monday 1:00 pm	
<b>Investment</b>	Al Connelly	973-616-0755	Thru after the AU General Meeting 9:30	

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GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
<b>Luncheon</b>	John Abrahamsen Mark Cohen	201-848-8037 201-337-4198	
<b>Membership</b>	Walt Widmer Dick Hensch	201-562-8666 201-891-1309	
<b>Newsletter</b>	Lou Guarneri Dick Hensch	201-847-1981 201-891-1309	
<b>Project Outreach</b>	Marty McGonigle Joe Pullaro	201-529-1941 201-337-0018	
<b>Photography</b>	Murry Perl Sam Ohan	201-261-7276 201-825-0437	1st Tuesday 10:00 am
<b>Public Disc.</b>	Walt Widmer Tom Butler	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd Wednesday 9:30 am
<b>Refreshments</b>	Jim Forbes John Gannaway	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
<b>Science</b>	Jack Yurasek	201-337-4433	3rd Tuesday 10.00 am
<b>Skiing</b>	Bud Brooks Jack Yurasek	201-327-6649 201-337-4433	Snow
<b>Sponsor Liaison</b>	Jim Mallen	201-485-8589	
<b>Stock Market</b>	Mark Cohen John Abrahamsen	201-337-4198 201-848-8037	2nd Tues. 9:00 am 4th Tues. 9:00 am
<b>Tennis</b>	Dave Burleigh Bob Meyers	201-762-3707 310-254-8699	M,W,F
<b>Transport.</b>	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
<b>Trips/Tours</b>	Lou Guarneri Don Wasson	201-847-1981 201-891-1873	Morning of AU General Meeting 10:30 am
<b>Web-Master</b>	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

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

The deadline for August 2018 Newsletter articles is 5 PM Friday, July 27, 2018. When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold). Email: [lguarneri03@gmail.com](mailto:lguarneri03@gmail.com) and [jrhensch62@gmail.com](mailto:jrhensch62@gmail.com) or mail to: **Lou Guarneri**, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430

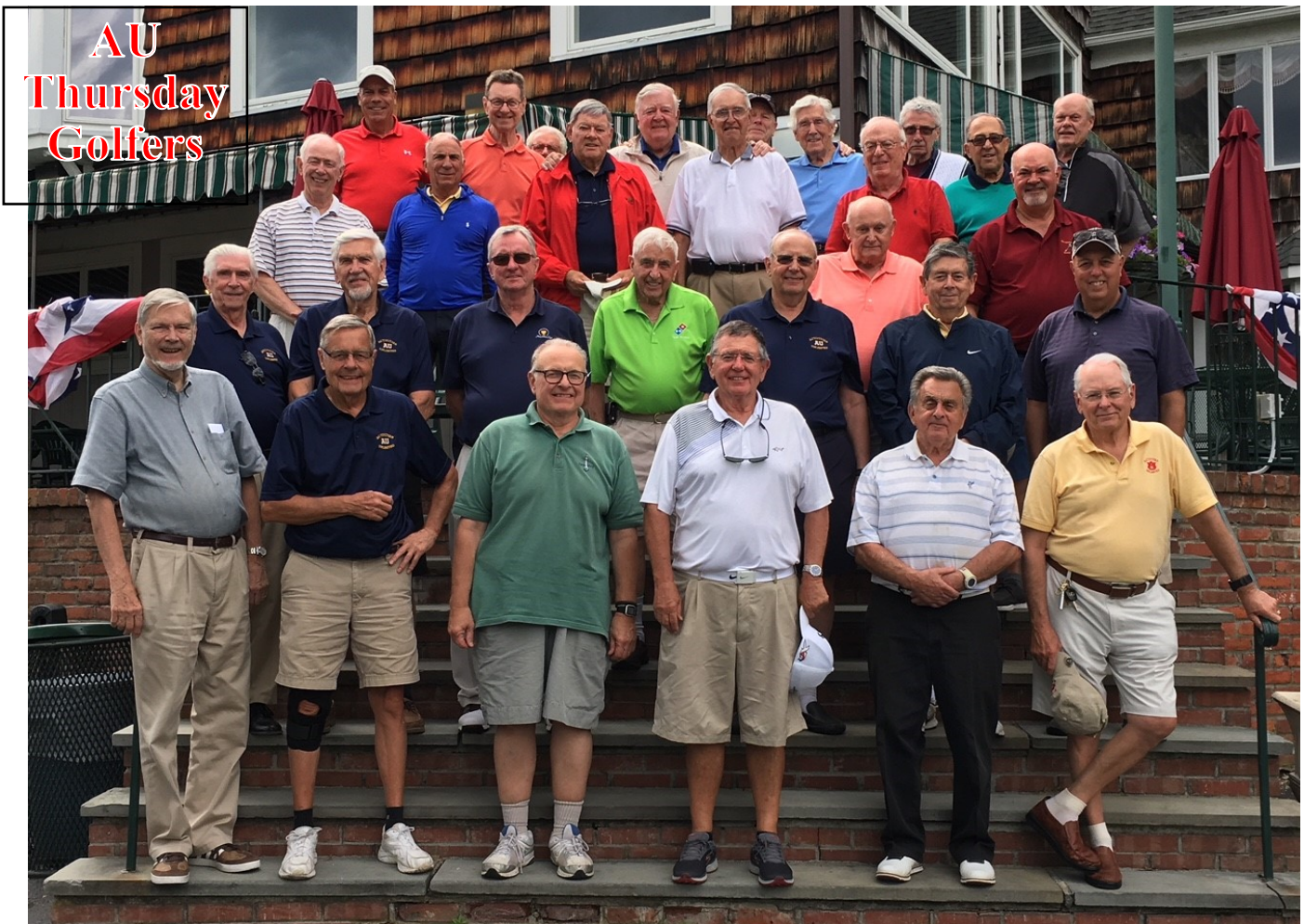
## Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
Jeffrey P Mohn (Maureen)	499 Hobart Road Paramus, NJ 07652	Finance Executive	Discussion Group, Golf, Hiking Short, History Club and Tennis	H: 201-261-1219 C: 201-873-1231 Email: j_mohn@yahoo.com
William P Hassan (Terry)	604 B Sugarbush Court Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Realtor	Discussion Group and Investments	H: 201-321-4428 Email: hashomes@aol.com
Patrick W Thaller (Kathi)	476 Victor Way Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Executive	Computers, Golf, Hiking Short, Investments, Stock Club and Trips & Tours	H: 201-848-0678 C: 201-788-2358 Email: pat476@aol.com



### Duplicate Bridge Results

		1st	2nd	3rd
6/6	NS	Lewis/Zelhof	Page/Spence	Levin/Meloro
	EW	Foldessy/Martin	Bartlett/Freimuth	Anand/Peck
6/13		Luncheon	—	—
6/20	NS	Meloro/Mahmarian	Yampell/Randolph	Smith/MacDougall
	EW	Martin/Altamuro	Warner/Milcos	Speck/Freimuth
6/27	NS	Peck/Mahmarian	Altamuro/Meloro	Randolph/Wong
	EW	Spence/Lewis	Warner/Freimuth	Barbera/Levin





## The History Club



The History Club meeting is on July 23 at 1 PM- 3rd fl. of WRC. The Immigration debate is a very hot issue for the past few months and the discourse is intense and fierce and became more chaotic since the Trump administration has introduced a "zero-tolerance" policy calling for the prosecution of all individuals who illegally enter the United States.

The immigration issue is difficult and a very complex problem. At the present, the President and Congress does not have a fair and coherent policy to deal with this most difficulty issue.

My topic for this presentation is "ASIAN AMERICANS: IMMIGRANTS A SAGA."

The U.S. Asian population grew by 72 % between 2000 and 2015, the fastest growth of any major racial or ethnic group. It is estimated that there are 21.4 million Asian immigrants in 2016. Once cast as unassimilable and inferior race who were threats to the United States, Asian Americans are now poster children of American success. The U.S.

news media hailed the rise of Asian Americans as supposedly the most educated, wealthiest and happiest and called them "model minority." But this depiction is misleading and one has to understand the reality and myth of a such a concept. It concealed the unstable place of Asian Americans in contemporary America. Depending on domestic economic and global political condition, some Asian Americans are accepted as full and equal citizens in the U.S. while others find themselves marginalized as dangerous outsiders. The simultaneous acceptance and rejection of Asian Americans reflects their complex place in contemporary American society as well the myth and realities of the so called "rise of Asian American and model minority." The U.S. Asian population is diverse coming from continental Asia, each with unique cultures, languages, histories and other characteristics.

All are invited, hope to see you.

**Pablo A. Catangay**, Chairman- 201-684-1217; **Tony Mastandrea**, Co-Chairman, 201-327-8832



## Public Discussion Group

June 2018

The morning discussion led off with a timely reading of the communiqué from the US-DPRK summit in Singapore. There was little commentary other than a collective sense of: "Is that all?" The summary leaves room for the denuclearization effort to extend over a long time period.

The group then turned to its agreed topics of the day. The question of health care as a right prompted a wide-ranging discussion. Some felt that the notion of "pursuit of happiness" necessitated access for all to minimum medical care; others highlighted the costs and the necessity to balance outcomes with financial burdens, either to taxpayers generally or to individual policy holders. There seemed to be a general consensus that such a system would require a single payer structure similar to the a European model. The topic may come up again as Obama care is gradually dismantled.

Next we examined the power of the President to make foreign policy. Here the issue was what role Congress should play. There was general agreement that Congress had failed in its oversight role by giving the executive too much latitude to use his authority to make war and enter into agreements that mimicked a treaty, but without the binding quality. Much of this came out of the experience of 9/11 and the need to empower the President to pursue terrorists. There was general agreement that Congress had abrogated its "power of the purse" and further legitimized the idea of an imperial presidency. No change to this pattern was expected because of the dysfunction of the legislative branch.

Finally, the group looked at the impact of self-driving cars. There was no agreement about how soon this new technology might be adopted-some thought soon; other, never. The main issues highlighted were safety (in light of recent test fatalities and broad reluctance to trust the artificial intelligence). Some members noted that this probably reflected a generational gap with adoption by younger drivers coming much sooner.

Looking to July's meeting, the group selected the following topics: the feasibility of solar panels in NJ; smart technology, e.g. home security systems, and privacy (Is Big Brother watching?); and finally, the pro's and con's of Artificial Intelligence. We will meet on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Larkin House at 9:30 am. All members are welcome to come.



## The Book Club

BOOK CLUB MEETING JUNE 27, 2018

Today's session brought a varied trio of publications that covered a range of subjects and emotion.

**Joe Pullaro** began the meeting with a summary of *The Rule of Nobody*, by Philip K. Howard. It is a critique of the regulatory process of our government which hampers efficient accomplishment through overly complex and numbingly detailed laws, to the extent that Howard claims that while officials have power, things don't get done because they are hampered by such regulatory rules that cause them to say "no" rather than "yes". He cites a number of examples in nursing homes, schools, and infrastructure projects. He then offers a set of his own Constitutional Amendments to clarify things, which may be debatable.

*The Immortal Irishman*, by Timothy Fagan, was then presented by **John Galvin**. It is the biography of Thomas Francis Meagher, a rising patriot and orator in Ireland during the late 1840's who galvanized the Irish in their struggle against an oppressive England at that time to the extent that England banished him to an Australian penal colony where he eventually escaped and fled to America. Meagher continued his passionate drive, serving as a brigadier general for the Union Army in the Civil War with hope of eventually forming an army that would free Ireland from the English. Fagan's work read like a novel, included a good deal of history, and brought to light the struggle and accomplishments of this inspirational Irish leader.

The third book discussed was *Sing, Unburied, Sing*, by Jesmyn Ward, and reviewed by **Marty Valerio**. This novel centers on a contemporary three-generation African American family struggling through life in Mississippi. There is 13 year old JoJo and his 3 year old sister Kayla, their chaotic drug-addicted mother Leonie, and the loving grandparents Pop and Mam. Leonie further complicates their lives by taking the children on a 2 day car trip to retrieve their white father who has just been released from prison. It is a tale of hardships and tenderness, with well defined characters.

Books for our July 25 meeting:

*Darwin Comes to Town* by Menno Schilthuizon

*The Road To Valor* by Aili McConnon

*Origin* by Dan Brown



Science

## The Science Club

At the June meeting, we continued our DVD presentations of the Great Courses, with the Hubble Program the topic. The discussion included the rationale, development and outstanding pictures of Galaxies, along with a discussion of the Big Bang and CRMB (cosmic microwave background radiation). Thanks to Don Fairbairn for running the meeting.

No Science Club meetings will take place in July or August. We are presently making plans for our Fall/ Winter meetings/activities:

Lamont Labs car pool trip, Dr Cauchard (eye care update), continuation of Great Courses (particle physics for non-physicists) starting where we left off in College, and heading to the Higgs field.

Thanks to those whose gave talks this past year. We are always trying to have additional people make presentations, and suggestions to improve our group are always welcome.  
**Jack Yurasek** (201-337-4433) Email--Jyurasek@aol.com



## The Lighter Side

### APOLITICAL APHORISMS

**We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.**

~Aesop~

**Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich by promising to protect each from the other.**

~Oscar Ameringer~

**Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.**

~John Quinton~

## **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 — July 24th, 2018 Hunterdon Hills Playhouse** - An all new musical extravaganza called "*Nunesense*" starring *Joyce DeWitt (from the TV sitcom, Three's Company)*. Nunsense is a hysterical musical comedy filled with fun and frolic! Featuring amusing songs, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz, and comic surprises. The Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters. In dire need of funds for the burials, the remaining delightfully wacky sisters decide the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show. A sit down luncheon at 11:00 am sharp will precede the show. Wives/significant others are invited. Seating is limited and all checks must be received by John no later than June 25, 2018. This is a carpool event. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for \$61.00 pp & mail to:

**John Caikowsky, 26 Donna Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936**

Any questions contact John at: [magnjohn@optonline.net](mailto:magnjohn@optonline.net) or call 973-599-1056

### **Thursday — September 13, 2017—Wine and Appetizer Social —**

Brookside Manor Clubhouse (Storms Drive, Mahwah, 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 \$34.00 pp payable to Activities

Unlimited to: **Lou Guarneri**, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

Any questions call Lou at 201-847-1981

**Wednesday — October 24th, 2018 Oktoberfest —** at the Brownstone, 11 am. Includes Lunch: 2 Drinks, Potato Soup, Rosemary Chicken & Sauerbraten, Dessert, Beer, Coffee, Tea, & Soda. Music by the GB Band, playing lots of German Music. Wives/significant others are invited. Cost \$52. pp Make checks payable to: Activates Unlimited & mail to **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430  
Tel 201-825-5843

### **December — Christmas Dinner/Dance**

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### **January — Savini's Lunch**