



## Activities Unlimited General Meeting

**July 16, 2019**  
10:00 AM at the WRC Sanctuary

The Tuesday July 16 general membership meeting in the Wyckoff Reformed Church sanctuary will feature Tom DeStefano who will present an intriguing history on the city of Paterson. Tom was born and raised in Paterson, taught history for 31 years at Paterson's Kennedy High School and also served there as basketball coach. His presentation includes numerous slides and videos tracing the city's long history from Alexander Hamilton's momentous decision to initiate manufacturing there to the present day. Included are historical reference points that not only contributed to the early growth and success of the area but will also surprise many of you. While the city may not generate very much positive media coverage today, it has a rich and storied history that as New Jersey residents today we should be aware of and recognize.

Spouses and significant others are welcome to join us.

Also remember that the July 16 meeting will be in the morning in the church sanctuary, not in Heneveld Hall. Doors open at 9:30 AM and Tom's presentation will start at 10:30.

### Obituaries

A long time member of Activities Unlimited, **Bill Ball** of Fair Lawn passed away on June 3., 2019

AU member **Cyrus Whitney** of Wyckoff passed away on June 7, 2019

### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is now officially summer and I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather. We are getting ready for our July meeting which will be the last one until September. We hope all of you will be able to attend. See adjoining write-up of our speaker Tom De Stefano who will talk to us about the history of Paterson. I have seen the presentation and it is excellent.

**As you know we will be conducting our monthly meeting on July 16th in the morning in the Church Sanctuary. This is the trial meeting that we all agreed to some months ago. Please note the meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday not the second Tuesday as the church runs a bible study event the second week of July. Also note there was a date error in the June newsletter.**

**The doors will be open at 9:30 am. We will have a brief business meeting starting at 10:00 am with the speaker following at about 10:30 am. We will then all adjourn to Heneveld Hall at 12:00 pm noon, for lunch and meet/greet. Based on the attendance, we will then make a decision of where the future monthly meetings will be, either in the Sanctuary in the morning or Heneveld Hall in the afternoon. Please attend so we can obtain your opinion of whether this change is advisable.**

I have been attending many of our individual club meetings and the turnouts have been fantastic. We soon will be running out of room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor due to the great attendance. Special thanks to all the club chairs and the presenters for the great job they do and especially the members who attend. Check out some of these clubs. You will be pleasantly surprised how educational and how much fun they are. And do not worry we can always fit more people in the room.

As you may be aware we have also started a bocce club that meets on Monday and Friday at 10 am in Ramsey at the Senior Center. You do not need any experience to play. You also do not have to be Italian. **Walt Widmer** explains the rules in about 3 minutes. It is a lot of fun.

**Hope to see you all on Tuesday July 16th at 9:30 am in the Church Sanctuary**

**Joe Pullaro**  
[josephpullaro@hotmail.com](mailto:josephpullaro@hotmail.com)

At the **June** meeting **\$121.00** 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



**Joe Pullaro**  
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COMMITTEES & C LUBS			
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 am WRC-Memorial Rm
<b>Dup. Bridge</b>	ED Foldessy	201-327-5767	Wed 1:00 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>	Jeff Mohn Paul Hennion	201-261-1219 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 am WRC-2nd Floor
<b>Gardening</b>	Joe Lamela Rick Sneyers	201-327-8137 973-248-6625	1st Wed. 10:00 am WRC-Memorial Room
<b>Golf</b>	Bill Bryne Jim Webb	201-447-5064 201-337-7982	Tues & Thur. Paramus Golf Club
<b>Hiking</b>	<b>Long</b> Don Kirkpatrick Rick Sneyers	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00 am WRC-Parking Lot
	<b>Short</b> Fred Theile	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30 am WRC-Parking Lot
<b>Historian</b>	Victor Pizzolato	201-612-0038	
<b>History</b>	Pablo Catangay Tony Mastandrea	201-684-1217 201-327-8832	4th Mon 1:00 pm WRC-2nd Floor
<b>Investment</b>	Al Connelly	973-616-0755	2nd Thur. 9:30 to 10:30 am WRC-Memorial Rm Exp. July & August
<b>Luncheon</b>	John Abrahamsen	john.abrahamsen.bnp@gmail.com	
	Mark Cohen	201-337-4198	

COMMITTEES & CLUBS			
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
<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>Pickleball</b>	Tim Tracy Tom Martin	201-560-8911 201-891-3185	Tue & Thur. 9:00 Wyckoff Public Tennis Courts
<b>Project Outreach</b>	Marty McGonigle Joe Pullaro	201-529-1941 201-337-0018	
<b>Photography</b>	Murry Perl Sam Ohan	201-446-7357 201-825-0437	1st Tue 10:00 am WRC-2nd Floor
<b>Public Disc.</b>	Walt Widmer Tom Butler	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd Wed 9:30 am Larkin House
<b>Refreshments</b>	Jim Forbes John Gannaway	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
<b>Science</b>	Jack Yurasek Harry Bennet	201-337-4433 201-891-9527	3rd Tue 10.00 am WRC-2nd Floor
<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 WRC-2nd Floor
<b>Tennis</b>	Dave Burleigh Bob Meyers	201-762-3707 310-254-8699	M, W & F Time & Place Seasonal
<b>Transport.</b>	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
<b>Trips/Tours</b>	John Caikowsky Don Wasson	973-599-1056 201-891-1873	2nd Tue 10:15 am Heneveld Hall
<b>Web-Master</b>	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

The deadline for the August, 2019 Newsletter articles is 5 PM, Friday, July 28, 2019. 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

## 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 11, 2019: Bus trip to Banquet & Event Center at the

**High Point Golf Club** in Montague, NJ. within site of the High Point Tower and Monument. **The bus will leave the Wyckoff Reformed Church parking lot at 8:15 am.** The event will include a full breakfast, followed by an Activity Hour and ending with a full course dinner prior to boarding the bus for home. A 4-hour "Open Bar" is included.

There will be double featured entertainment which includes a comedian and a 12 piece Jazz Band. In addition, the facility has a Putting Green, Driving Range and Golf course. Some of their listed activities are Bingo, Giant Jenga and Horse Racing for Dollars. There are scenic views and nature walking paths.

**THIS IS A NEW VENUE.....SOUNDS INTERESTING.....LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!**

**Wives/Significant others are invited!** Cost is \$ 70. 00 per person and all checks need to be received no later than **May 15, 2019.** Mail checks payable to Activities Unlimited to:

**Dick Botta**, 413D. Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Questions call Dick: 201-848-9001

### Tuesday-August 6, 2019 HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE **SOLD OUT**

"I DO! I DO!" starring Rex Smith and Broadway legend Andrea McArdle. Ms. McArdle credits include original "Annie"; "Les Misérables" and "Beauty and the Beast". This musical comedy which follows Michael and Agnes thru the whirlwind journey of their wedding day thru fifty years of marriage. A sit down luncheon starts at 11 am sharp will precede the show. **Wives/significant others are invited.** Space is limited and all checks must be received no later than July 5, 2019. This is a carpool event. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for \$65.00 pp and mail to: **John Caikowsky**, 26 Donna Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936.

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

### Thursday – September 19, 2019 – AU ANNUAL SOCIAL

Our annual Fall Wine Tasting Party, now called "AU Annual Social", has a new venue. It will now be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Upper Ridgewood Tennis Club (URTC), 915 Glenview Rd, Ridgewood, NJ. This location is approx. 15 minutes from the Wyckoff Reformed Church, and directions will be provided.

We're looking forward to our newer members joining us as it is a great way for them and their **wives/significant others** to meet everyone in a casual social environment.

No one will leave hungry as there will be plenty of appetizers (Shrimp, Top Sirloin on Mini Bread, Pigs in a Blanket, etc.), along with wine, soda and water.

Please send your check for \$42 pp payable to Activities Unlimited to:

**George Lewis**, 45 Walnut St West, Mahwah, NJ 07430

### Tuesday, October 8, 2019 AU Breakfast

At the Brick House, 179 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ starting at 9 AM. Our speaker will be The Great Scott, Magician/Illusionist. **Cost is \$13 per person.** Please send in your check, payable to Activities Unlimited, to **Bob Dauer**, 15 Birchwood Lane, Ramsey, NJ 07446. Any questions call Bob at 201-327-9247

### Monday - October 21, 2019 Taste of the Big Apple Food Tour **SOLD OUT**

This is a full day tour offered by Stage Right Tours of Waldwick, NJ. We will be riding by bus through NYC, starting in the Bronx and ending in Lower Manhattan, where we will sample various Foods of the World. We'll see mozzarella & bread being made on Arthur Ave., taste Dim Sum in Chinatown, enjoy pastries in the East Village and knishes on the Lower East Side. The trip will end at Economy Candy, where you can blast to the past with candies from the good old days. Candy Buttons, Pixie Sticks and Wax Lips. Our Guide will be Art Zuckerman (radio host) who will tell funny stories of food and the neighborhoods you will visit. **SPACE IS LIMITED** This trip is on a first come, first serve basis. Bus will depart Wyckoff Reform Church at 9:00AM sharp and return at 6:00PM. The cost is \$79 pp and includes sample food equal to two meals, motor coach and guide. **Wives/significant others are invited.** Please send your check for \$79 payable to "Activities Unlimited" to: **Lou Guarneri** 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Any questions call Lou at 201-847-1981 or **Don Wasson** at 201-891-1873. Please include your cell phone number with your check

## Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
Peter Saliu (Carol)	360 Kingston St. Wyckoff, NJ 07481	NYC Fireman	History Club, Book Club & Luncheon	Home & Cell: 347-244-9581 Email: firehouse282@aol.com
William Frech (Sandra)	7 Tuxedo Court N. Haledon, NJ 07508		Discussion Group & Investments	Home & Cell: 201-819-9455 wjfrech@gmail.com



## The Bridge Club

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6/5	NS	Desrosiers/Peck	Altamuro/Gilpatrick	Boylan/Wong
	EW	Lewis/Mahmarian	Spence/Warner	Randolph/Meloro
6/12	NS	Bidwell/Wong	Bartlett/Warner	MacDougall/Milcos
	EW	Barbera/Meloro	Lewis/Martin	Altamuro/Zelhof
6/19	NS	Bidwell/Martin	Altamuro/Foldessy	Conant/Milcos
	EW	Freimuth/Warner	Lewis/Zelhof	Mahmarian/Spence
6/26	NS	Groesbeck/Spence	Barbera/Freimuth	Peck/Zelhof
	EW	Desrosiers/Meloro	Altamuro, Warner/ Wong	Foldessy/Lewis

Just a reminder, that the bridge luncheon the summer is July 10 at the Larkin House prior to the regular game. Because the sandwich luncheon is being catered, Dick Freimuth, needs reservations and payments by July 3. The luncheon is \$10. Members must participate in the luncheon in order to play that day. Look forward to seeing everyone next week and at the luncheon the following week.

Regards, **Ed Foldessy**



## The Science Club

The June Science Club meeting was held on June 18, 2019. 19 members attended the meeting.

Many thanks to **John Steen** who gave an informative presentation Titled: Textiles 101. Based on his many years in the textile industry, he discussed: the background of textiles, fibers and yarns; a history of the industry; the composition of natural and synthetic yarns; and the characteristics of fabric made from these yarns. He encouraged all to visit the Paterson Museum to view displays of the Locomotive and Textile industries that made Paterson great.

The next Science Club meeting will be in September. Members were invited to volunteer or give suggestions for presentation topics for the fall.

Please **contact Jack Yurasek** (Jyurasek@aol.com) or **Harry Bennett** (harben@optonline.net) with suggestions.

A trip to the Lamont Labs is planned for October.

**Jack Yurasek (201-337-4433) Email--Jyurasek@aol.com**

## The History Club



At our meeting on June 24, **Pete Macaluso** presented "America's Struggle for Independence, How we got through by the skin of one's teeth." He led an illustrated talk and discussion that explored many improbable events that contributed to the success of General George Washington and the Continental Army. The improbable and fortuitous luck was often attributed to a power beyond the natural happening or superlative leadership of Washington. Scholarly evidence supported that belief in a providential God played a predominant role in Washington's life and that of others.

Questions and answers followed the presentation.

The next History Club meeting is on Monday, July 22 at 1 PM. I will be presenting "South China Sea: Conflict, Power Struggle and Quagmire in Southeast Asia."

**Pablo A. Catangay, Chairman**

**Tony Mastandrea, Co-Chairman**



## The Short Hikers Club

On June 24th, 2019 AU Short Hiking group had a record number of 16 Hikers. We started at the Laurelwood Arboretum in Wayne, and hiked for over 3 miles along the many beautiful paths with thousands of plants, trees, ponds and flowers, truly a gem in Wayne! The AU Short Hiking group leaves WRC parking lot every Monday at 9:30 am, please join us in our 3-4 mile hikes. Or email **Fred Thiele** at [Fredtheile@gmail.com](mailto:Fredtheile@gmail.com)





## The Computer Technology Club

### Computer Technology Club – June 19, 2019 Meeting

There were 25+ AU Members in attendance at the Wednesday, June 19, 2019 meeting of the Computer Technology Club. The meeting topics included a variety of items with the focus of the meeting being a deeper look at a comparison of two major cell phones IE: Apple's iPhone XR and the Samsung S10.

The meeting kicked off with a look at several technology-oriented videos and gadgets. The first was a look at a video on a product that eliminates walking into a home with dirty feet called **Cleanstep**. Next was a look at a unique way to clean large hard to reach windows called **Magnetic Window Cleaner**. Then we looked at part of a video on the **Future of Public Transportation**. And, lastly we looked at a video regarding a watch being developed by Microsoft the minimizes tremors in Parkinson patients that allows them to write.

Then we looked at several items included on the AU's website, new items added to the Computer Page Reference section and/or to the Helpful Tips section. We also, explored several other sections of the AU Website to let those in attendance know what is out on the AU Website. We are still looking at the suggestion made last month to organize the Reference Section alphabetically with a date presented.

Then we relooked at several aspects of last month's main topic a review of Cell Phones. We looked at several videos that did a comparison of the Apple XR to the Samsung S10 cell phones. All the material that was to be presented will be put out on the AU Website. Included in this section was a re-look at how you can determine storage utilization on the cell phone and how you can make videos from your photos.

Fred provided to me a special section from the WSJ regarding Cybersecurity ... thanks to help from Bob Fern and Tim Tracey we have most of the articles plus some others from the WSJ available in PDF form ... **these articles will be posted to the reference section for all members to read.**

The "Ask John" segment was covered by **John Abrahamsen**. John re-covered several items from last month the first was how to find your IP Address and the second concerned how to find your GPS location ... write-ups on these two items have been posted to the website. John also addressed several questions including one on routers.

**As with most items we discuss at our CTC Meetings key items discussed are posted to the AU Website on the Computer Technology Page (reference section) or under Helpful Hint / Ask John section.**

I would like all to think about future topics as we need to pin down topics for our next meeting that will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 10AM as there are no meetings for the CTC during the summer months. I will send out the meeting agenda prior to the next meeting. Thanks,

**Donald A. Kirkpatrick (201-759-3795) or [dakirkpt@verizon.net](mailto:dakirkpt@verizon.net)**



## The Book Club

### JUNE 26 BOOK CLUB MEETING

First discussed was the novel *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen, summarized by **George Lewis**. It is the story of two star-crossed lovers and an elephant in the circus circa 1932. Jacob Jankowski leaves veterinary school after his parents are killed in an automobile crash and almost by accident hooks up with a travelling circus, which hires him because of his animal experience. Here he falls in love with the beautiful performer Marlena, the wife of sadistic animal trainer August. The story depicts the typical routine of circus life along with its oddball characters and adds dimension with historical circus photographs. Halfway through we meet Rosie the elephant who conveniently understands Polish and connects with Jacob. The book was generally well received and prompted individual circus memories.

Next was *Sixkill* by Robert Parker and reviewed by **Frank Schwarz**. This work is the final Spenser crime story of Parker's prolific career. The title comes from the name of the Cree Indian former bodyguard of movie star Jumbo Nelson, the chief suspect in the mysterious death of Dawn Lopata, a groupie found in Nelson's bedroom. Spenser winds up investigating the mystery, he hires Sixkill to assist him, and the plot introduces a number of colorful characters. Parker's trademark writing of terse dialogue and snappy dialogue with his love interest Susan keep the story moving. With Parker having passed away in 2010 it is likely his legion of fans will certainly miss him.

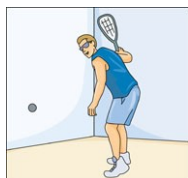
#### Books for July:

##### ***How Democracies Die* by Steven Levitsky**

Deals with a 20 year study of a breakdown of democracy in several countries and that our democracy may be in danger of collapse.

##### ***Three Days in Moscow: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of the Soviet Empire* by Brett Baier**

Starts with Reagan's formative years and his political evolution and focuses on his fourth and final summit with Gorbachev in Moscow and his notable speech on democracy.



## NEW CLUB PICKLEBALL

**P**ickleball is the fastest growing sport among older people. It is a low impact combination of tennis and ping pong. It is played on a much smaller court than tennis with four players. The ball is wiffle type and is much slower than a tennis ball. The rackets which we will provide are solid wood. We play together on Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am in Wyckoff at the public tennis courts behind the library. There are 4 courts available so 16 players can play at the same time. Hope you will come out and join us, cost for A/U members is \$25 for the summer, badges are available at recreation dept building near the tennis courts.

**Tim Tracey 201-560-8911**

**Tom Martin 201-891-3185**



## The Golf Club



## CONGRATULTIONS

Several AU members played in the Bergen County Senior Golf Tournament.

AU member and former president **Jim Webb** was the overall winner with a net score of 64.



26 AU golfers went to Farmstead Golf Course on June 4 for the annual AU Golf Outing. It was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all.

The winners were:

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**Tom McDonnell, John Campi, Bob Desrosiers,**

Low Net

**Henry Wasserstein, Howard Vogel, John Bishop, John Gornell**

Closest to the pin

1st **Wasserstein 6-5**, 2nd **McDonnell 10-2"**

Longest Drive

**Steve Howard**

Straightest Drive

**Ralph Corallo**

## DATE SET FOR AU/HOBBYISTS ANNUAL GOLF MATCH

This year's annual competition between Ridgewood's Hobbyists and Wyckoff's AU golfers has been set for Tuesday, August 27th at Apple Greens Golf Club, Highlands, NY.

The format for this competition consists of two-man teams from each club play a match in which the team with the lower net score on each hole wins the hole. The winner of the match is the twosome that wins the most holes. The overall winner of the team competition is the team that wins the most matches

The matches are usually competitive but played in the spirit of good sportsmanship. The Hobbyists have taken the trophy for the last few years, but last year's match was determined by one point.

If you would like to play in this competition, please advise **Bruno Bissetta** ([brubi33@hotmail.com](mailto:brubi33@hotmail.com))

You must have either an AU assigned or GHIN approved handicap to participate.

The cost will be around \$50. Details will be made available at a later date.