

# Activities Unlimited

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## Monthly Meeting

The June membership meeting is on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Wyckoff Reformed Church. Bring your lunch at noon and join other AU members before the meeting that starts at 1:00pm.

We are pleased to have our member, **Chuck Bainbridge**, give his presentation on Antarctica that was previously scheduled for January but postponed due to then technical issues. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

**NOTE: The July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012.**

## Food Pantry

At the May meeting, \$88.00 was given as donations to the Food Pantry.

The Deadline for July Newsletter articles is **July 30, 2012.**

Please remember to use my new email address:

**lguarneri03@gmail.com**

**Or mail to: Lou Guarneri**

**128 MacLeish Court,  
Mahwah, NJ 07430**



## JOE'S JOTTINGS

I wanted to provide you with a quick summary of some of the major initiatives that are underway to help us maintain and improve the vitality of AU.

**AU Website:** These days, websites are a compelling tool to communicate to our members, as well as for potential new members to learn about us. Our current website has suffered the effects of benign neglect for some time. We are trying to revitalize it with the addition of a number of new components. **Don Kirkpatrick** is leading this effort, and has already made significant strides.

**AU Exit Survey:** **Don Wasson** has organized an effort to conduct an exit survey of AU members who have left our organization. We are working to understand the factors that might have influenced these members to stay. This effort could be of significant value in making AU an even better, more appealing organization.

**Use of Larkin House:** The town of Wyckoff has instituted a plan to impose a tax for usage of the Larkin House. Four of our clubs regularly use the Larkin House: **Duplicate Bridge; Book Club; Public Discussion and AU Guys rehearsals.** **Joe MacDougall** has been working with the Wyckoff officials to allow AU to use this facility at a reasonable cost. Joe's efforts continue and, I believe, will be successful in allowing us continued use of this facility. **Joe Kelly**

## May 8, 2012 Luncheon Meeting:





## Duplicate Bridge Results

	Officers		Meeting
<b>President</b>	Joe Kelly	891-8026	2nd Tue 11am
<b>1st Vice-Pres.</b>	Frank Nusspickel	891-9099	
<b>2nd VicePres.</b>	Don Wasson	891-1873	
<b>Secretary</b>	Joe Meighan	891-4909	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Herb Umland	891-6638	
<b>Asst. Treas.</b>	Jim Jeffers	891-9603	
	Committees		
<b>AU Guys</b>	John DeSantis	447-0256	
<b>Book Club</b>	Joe Clinton Joe Infosino	447-2261 337-5442	Wed after the AU General Meeting 9:30
<b>Dup. Bridge Rub. Bridge</b>	Joe MacDougall Wes Cheringal	891-4048 848-8009	Wed 1 pm M,F 1 pm
<b>Digital Camera</b>	Ed Trerotola	236-1368	
<b>Care-Concern</b>	Joe Clinton Paul Hennion Don Martin	447-2261 891-4716 891-2279	
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. D. Bach	891-1782	
<b>Chess</b>	Bill Schultz	891-5327	3rd Thru 9:30
<b>Gardening</b>	Joe Lamela	327-8137	1st Wed.10:00
<b>Golf</b>	Bruno Bissetta	891-7567	
<b>Hiking</b>	Jack Alber	891-2870	Mon 9:00
<b>Historian</b>	Dom Manobianco	891-7185	
<b>Investment</b>	Herb Umland	891-6638	2nd Thru 9:30
<b>Model RR</b>	Lou Guarneri	847-1981	Wed. 7PM
<b>Membership</b>	Dick Gattoni	652-0064	
<b>Newsletter</b>	Lou Guarneri	847-1981	
<b>Project Outreach</b>	Marty McGonigle	529-1941	
<b>Photographer</b>	Chuck Bainbridge	447-2910	
<b>Public Disc.</b>	Walt Widmer	562-8666	4th Fri 9:30
<b>Refreshments</b>	Hank Boucher Frank Turi Andy Grace	445-2633 <b>973-513-9117</b> 337-4360	
<b>Science</b>	Jack Yurasek	337-4433	3rd Tues 10.00
<b>Skiing</b>	Bud Brooks	327-6649	Snow
<b>Sponsor Liaison</b>	Mike Wolff	891-4426	
<b>Stock Market</b>	Ramon Casaprima	891-3394	2nd Tues. 9:00 4th Tues. 9:00
<b>Tennis</b>	Dom Manobianco	891-7185	MWF
<b>Transport.</b>	Ron Miller	891-5734	
<b>Trips/Tours</b>	Lou Guarneri George Lewis	847-1981 891-5883	2nd Tues 10:30

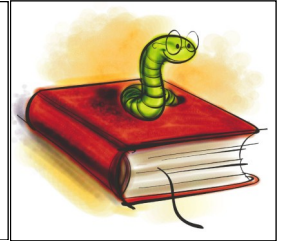
		1st	2nd	3rd
5/2	NS	Gilpatrick/Riccardi	MacDougall/Page	Foley/Wiest
	EW	Freimuth/Smith	Mahmarian/Sileo	Mahmarian/Sileo
5/9	NS	MacDougall/McGuire	Meloro/Riccardi	Gattoni/Mahmarian
	EW	Green/Warneri	Crawford/Verdi	Boylan/Chapman
5/16	NS	Foley/Gilpatrick	Lewis/Riccardi	Chapman/Hulit
	EW	Crawford/Milcos	Freimuth/Wiest	MacGougall/Finn
5/23	NS	Frimuth/Mahmarian	MacDougall/Verdi	McGuire/Riccardi
	EW	Hausman/Wiest	Finn/Reed	Coughlin/Martin
5/30	NS	Hausman/Socolof	Riccardi/Reed	Milcos/Finn
	EW	MacDougall/ Mahmarian	Meloro/Green	Freimuth/McGuire

## PROJECT OUTREACH REPORT

Membership in the newly created **AU PROJECT OUTREACH** group has reached nineteen and is growing. Our current mission is to help the Wyckoff Reformed Church staff their crew of food handlers in support of the Northside Food Pantry that distributes bags of groceries to the needy. Not only is the work worthwhile it is also conducted in very pleasant circumstances. Every Thursday one of our members performs the duties of a Bagger across Wyckoff Avenue from the WRC. Then once a month three of our members help to unload and store the foodstuffs that will become each bag's contents. Want to join a great group of AUers and receive the personal satisfaction of helping those less fortunate than you?.....well Project Outreach is the activity for you and it's so simple to join. Just send an e-mail to **Marty McGonigle** [mmbmcg@optonline.net](mailto:mmbmcg@optonline.net) with your intention, phone number and e-mail address.....it's as easy as it sounds. You will be assigned a spot as a Bagger or Unloader on a rotating basis. When we get sufficient membership we will search for another worthy cause to support with our sweat equity.

**Marty McGonigle**

## The Book Club



At our May meeting, we welcomed four new members:  
**Bud Brooks, Tony Quevedo, Yuval Ashkenazi, and Joe Verdone.**

Books for June:

- \* To Kill a Mockingbird - Harper Lee
- \* New Proof for the Existence of God - Robert Spitzer
- \* Mrs. Kimble - Jennifer Haigh

**Werner Koffler** introduced the 1925 Willa Cather novel, *The Professor's House*, a short book with only three chapters. The first deals with the professor, at age 52, experiencing a mid-life crisis and how he deals with it, describing the emotional interplay among the professor, his wife, two daughters, and their husbands. The second chapter, almost a story in itself, is the story of two men, one of whom is destined to become the professor's favorite graduate student, and their discovery of ancient Indian ruins in New Mexico. Not only their exploration, but exploitation. The third chapter tries to tie everything together and falls a little short of this. Nevertheless, a wonderful book with insightful characterizations, interesting subplots, all written in simple but elegant prose.....

**George Eckel** gave a detailed account of Frederick Forsythe's spy novel, *The Negotiator*. This is a spy thriller with enough twists and turns to satisfy anyone interested in this genre.....

**Gerry Hulit** led the discussion of *Destiny of the Republic*, by Candice Millard, a true story of the assassination of President James Garfield. Garfield was a talented and capable man who would have made an excellent president if he hadn't been assassinated after only four months in office. The book delves deeply into the background and motives of Charles Guiteau, the assassin. Chances are Garfield would have survived the assassination attempt if he had not received such botched up medical treatment. Unfortunately for him, the American medical establishment had not yet adopted the European method of "antiseptic surgery." In fact, they ridiculed it, as they probed Garfield's wound with their unsterilized fingers and medical equipment, leading to all manner of infections, the ultimate cause of his death. The author also highlighted the glaring lack of security surrounding presidents up to that time. For instance, in going to an Exposition in Philadelphia, Garfield had to buy his own ticket and board the train the same as everyone else. Amazing.

Books for July:

- \* The Help - Kathryn Stockett
- \* Man's Search for Meaning - Viktor Frankl
- \* Singin' in the Rain - Earl Hess

Normally we meet the Wednesday following the AU general meeting. We're making an exception this July, inasmuch as the AU general meeting that month is July 24. The book club will meet earlier, on July 11.

Our July meeting will be on the 11th, because of the rescheduling of the AU general meeting. For the past several years, we have been having our July meeting at the High Mountain Golf Club on Ewing Ave in Franklin Lakes. The last two years this has been a breakfast meeting, which everyone seemed to enjoy. I have contacted the High Mt G.C. and have reserved the morning of July 11, 9:30 to 11:30, for our meeting. This would be the same as last year, a breakfast buffet of scrambled eggs, bacon, rolls, coffee, etc. The cost would be \$16, with a check made out to Activities Unlimited. At this point I would like to get a handle on approximately how many would attend. You can give me your check at our meeting in June. Please send me an email letting me know if you will attend the July 11 breakfast meeting, so I can plan accordingly. Thanks for your prompt reply. **Joe Clinton:** [bhagan185@aol.com](mailto:bhagan185@aol.com)



Come see what the Model RR Club is doing. Call **Lou Guarneri**



## Public Discussion Group



May 25, 2012, a cool rainy day  
22 members were present:

1. **Joe Moriarty** provided a handout introducing "The influence of Islam on European societies". A lengthy discussion centered around the different countries, and various solutions.
2. The Presidential Election in November and the issues influencing who will win. The coming months will provide fuel for this topic.
3. "Values and how they have changed over time and why." Family structure and the pressures of today contribute to the change.

### Topics for June:

1. The Supreme Court ruling and the election,
2. Aid to foreign countries,
3. Social and military spending.

Our next meeting will be June 22, 2012 at 9:30 AM at the Larkin House. All are Welcome.

### HOBBYIST GOLF MATCH ALL SET

The fifth annual golf match against the Ridgewood Hobbyists is set for Tuesday, August 14th. Wallkill Golf Course will be the site since we are the home team and tee time is 8:30 AM with a Shotgun start. The cost is \$47.00 per golfer and includes hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and a choice of one beer or soft drink. Our team had 32 golfers last year and expect as many or more for this year's match. It is important to get your intention to participate or not to: **Marty McGonigle** [mmbmcg@optonline.net](mailto:mmbmcg@optonline.net) ASAP. If playing, have your checks made out to "Activities Unlimited" and please note on them what they are for. Send them to our Treasurer: **Herb Umland**, 344 Longbow Drive, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417. The final number of AU golfers will depend on the number of opponents. Last year we had 32 golfers and the hope is for as many or more. Your response timing will be a factor in that final list. Participants should wear their AU shirts and hats so we natively attired. We are in possession of the trophy and want to keep it so I encourage you to get in as much practice as possible between now and August 14th. Let's stretch our lead to 4 and 1!

### AU GOLF TRIP - AUGUST 2012

Last year's Pennsylvania golf trip was such a hit that we have decided to repeat it. This year's three-day, two-night excursion will take place Wednesday - Friday August 8-10th. The courses again will be Architect's in NJ on the way out and Golden Oaks and Old Homestead while there. The cost has been held at \$350.00 which includes: greens fees & cart, driving range, at all three venues, two-nights lodging w/breakfasts, welcome drinks and gift. The Holiday Inn Conference Center outside Allentown, PA is where the weary duffers will rest their heads and prepare for the next day's matches. Players can choose to play from the white or senior tees and there will be prizes for both. Payments are to be sent to our AU Treasurer **Herb Umland**, 344 Longbow Drive, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417. Make your checks payable to "Activities Unlimited" and state what they are in payment for. The first installment of \$200 is due June 15th and the \$150 balance by July 15th. Please list your room mate when submitting your checks. Let **Marty McGonigle** know by e-mail [mmbmcg@optonline.net](mailto:mmbmcg@optonline.net) if you intend to make the trip. We already have 12 AU members signed up and should exceed last year's total of 16.  
- **Marty McGonigle**

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## Investment Study Group

Our May Roundtable Discussion drew a great crowd of AU members and we had a very good discussion about Investment options and ideas to generate income. Tom Reichert, a seasoned financial professional working with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Ridgewood was present as our guest and was very helpful and provided ideas and comments on a variety of investments. Thank you to all the AU members who attended and provided ideas !

The Investment Study Group will meet on Thursday, **June 14th** at 9:30 AM in Heneveld Hall at WRC to hear our speaker, David Dietze, CFA, CFP, JD. David is President and Chief Investment Strategist at Point View Wealth Management in Summit, N.J. David is a well known CFP and can be heard on Bloomberg Radio, the Larry Kudlow show and CNBC. His topic will be a topic of ongoing importance to most of us ! David will speak on "Investing in Retirement: Preserve Capital and Generating Income in Volatile Times". All are welcome to come hear David and we always encourage you to bring your questions and concerns.

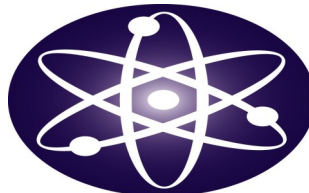
All AU members are welcome to join us on Thursday June 14th at the WRC in the Hall.

The Investment Study Group **WILL NOT MEET in July or August. Our next meeting will be on Thursday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Home/Email
Paul E. Killion	44Grand Avenue Waldwick, NJ 07463	A/C Distributor	Book Club, Bridge, Jazz, Stock Market, Trips & Tours	H: 201-652-7426 C: 917-864-1095 pekillion@yahoo.com

The Science Club



Science

At the May meeting, **Bob Saletta** made an excellent presentation on two topics related to Cosmology utilizing outstanding DVDs from the ‘Teaching Company’s’ Great Course Series. The first entitled ‘The Greatest Story Ever Told’, is a scientific summary of the 14 Billion year history of the universe, from the Big Bang to the present. The second, ‘The Hubble Deep Field’, covers the method that scientists used to view very distant Galaxies formed shortly after the Big Bang, and included a discussion of the residual Microwave Background Energy that remains from the beginning of the Universe. Bob also distributed very useful and practical information on methods to prepare a Science Club talk. Bob has an extensive collection of ‘Teaching Company’ DVDs (with supporting text) which can be used for a presentation, and he would like members to contact him for their use.

Additionally, on May 3, an interesting trip to the Edison Laboratory in West Orange, NJ was made, with 13 S/C members and friends enjoying the visit. A Guide was provided for our group for a Tour to view the complex, that includes labs and exhibitions of Edison’s inventions in the areas of Chemistry, Physics, and Metallurgy, as well as, displays of his phonograph, motion picture camera, and the ‘Black Maria’, the world’s first movie studio.

The next Science Club meeting will be on Tuesday, June 19th, 2012 at 10:00 AM on the second floor of Heneveld Hall. **Fred Theile** will give a very timely talk on the topic of the ‘War On Waste’ (WOW). This is based upon Fred’s experience in the Cosmetic Industry, where he directed the implementation of a ‘Green’ program, throughout the Procurement and Manufacturing phases of the business. Fred has a short DVD and PPT presentation, along with his talk.

**The Science Club will not meet in July or August.** Beginning in September, our subjects will include Population Growth problems (from 7 billion on earth now to 9 billion by 2050), with implications on Environmental issues, Fuel, Food, Potable Water, Housing, Jobs, and Housing. Food and Jobs. We will also have a Trip to the Liberty Science Museum--details will be included in the Monthly Newsletters. Again, thank you to all those who helped this year, and all ideas for future talks and suggestions to improve the Science Club are welcome.

**JACK YURASEK** (201-337-4433)



The Golf Club

ATTENTION AU GOLFERS  
THURSDAY GOLF AT  
HICKORY HILL WARWICK, NY

Our Thursday golf group has been formalized with the signed contract at Hickory Hill CC in Warwick, NY. After reviewing many locations ( Stoney Ford, Wallkill, Fallkirk, Lincoln Park, and Others). It was chosen because of its thirty five minute travel time and requiring no auto tolls. A \$5 cost per rider in a four person car is reasonable along with the costs of green fees at \$41. Hickory hill is a formidable beautiful course with breathtaking mountain views and is maintained to perfection. It has a driving range and a putting green and a tee time of 8:45 to 9:00 am.

We leave from the church parking lot each Thursday between 7:00 to 7:15 AM sharp with teams of four golfers selecting a different designated driver each week. Anyone wishing to join is welcome.

Questions please contact **Guy Cappello** at my e-mail address: [guycappello@optonline.net](mailto:guycappello@optonline.net)

## Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

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

### Tuesday June 19, 2012 AU ANNUAL SENIOR PROM WITH A SURPRISE GIFT FOR ALL THE LADIES



It will be held at the Ramsey Country Club from 5:30 to 9:30 PM with open seating and an open bar for one hour. This year we will have an Extended Cocktail & Buffet Affair. No formal sit down dinner. Food will be served all evening, with 10 selections of Butler Passed Hors oeuvres, such as: Shrimp, Baby Lamb Chops, Smoked Salmon & other varieties. Then 2 Carving Stations of Filet Mignon, Boneless Pork Loin, plus Pasta, Fajita Chicken Stations, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit, Cheese & an Italian

Antipasto table. We will choose a King & Queen for the Prom, & end the evening with Coffee & Assorted Desserts. Entertainment will be all night for your dinning & dancing pleasure. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for \$63pp & mail to; **Larry Restieri** 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ, 07430, Tel: 201-825-5843

**Thursday, July 19, 2012 – New York Harbor Cruise and Lunch**-We will car pool to Lincoln Harbor in Weehawken, near the entrance to the Lincoln Tunnel. The Spirit of New Jersey sails at noon and starts boarding at 11:30 a.m. It will pass the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the Brooklyn Bridge, and many more sights. A buffet lunch will be served as we cruise Lower New York Harbor. The cost is \$55 pp. for the cruise and lunch. The price does NOT include beer, wine, or soda. Checks made out to Activities Unlimited should be mailed to **Jim Webb**, 970 Pines Terrace, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

**Thursday, August 2, 2012—Baseball followed by Fireworks** - Pomona N.Y. **Rockland Boulders vs Newark Bears** at 7 PM. Food is available at concessions. Only a 30 minute drive from Wyckoff. We will Car Pool from WRC at 5:45 PM sharp, or drive from your home. Guests are welcome. We will buy tickets (about \$14pp) at the stadium that night. If you would like to attend, call **Terry Gilly** at 201-891-4055

**Thursday, Aug 30, 2012 - Westchester Broadway Theatre** - This Dinner Theatre located in Elmsford, NY is presenting the wonderful Cole Porter's popular musical and dance production of CAN-CAN. Winner of two Tony Awards, this musical extravaganza will take us back to another era, when the Moulin Rouge was the rage of Montmartre - Paris. Assigned seating (stadium seating instead of by tables) will be determined by the order in which checks (for \$81.00 pp.) were received. Trip includes bus, lunch and a matinee performance. Six different entrees will be available which will be seat selected at the Playhouse for either-beef stroganoff, chicken piccata, cheese ravioli with meat ball, egg plant parmesan, filet of sole with either crab meat stuffing or with lemon/butter. Bus departs at 9:30AM from the Wyckoff Reform Church parking lot. Contact **Ramon Casaprima** (201 891 3394) for any additional information/clarification".

**Thursday September 20, 2012—Wine Tasting Party**

**Wednesday Oct 3, 2012-Mount Airy Lodge**--- MYSTERY SHOW, at Mt. Airy Casino. PA. The Show is Grandpa Tony's Funeral. This original comedy takes place at a Mafia Godfather's funeral. Audience members enter thru a metal detector, offer their sympathies, and act as pall bearers. Tony was shot and rumor has it the killer is at the funeral. The real question is who will be the next Don? The cost for this trip is \$40. pp. and includes the Bus, a Buffet, the Mystery Show and \$25. in slot play. Make checks payable to AU and mail to **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430. (201-825-5843). The Bus will leave WRC at 9:15 am and return after the show.

## Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar, cont.

**Tuesday, October 23, 2012: OCTOBERFEST at Platzl Brauhaus** in Pomona, NY. A day of Music, Dancing, Entertainment and of course Food. On arrival as a starter Coffee, Tea, Scones and Donuts. For Dinner at noon there is Barley Soup, Salad, Rolls, Bread & Butter followed by a choice of Roasted Half Chicken, Roast Pork or Sauerbraten, Potato and Vegetable. Also served Family Style Bratwurst, Spare Ribs, Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut, Applesauce and Fresh Apples. Ice Cream along with Coffee and Tea, Beer, Soda and Apple Cider will be served from Noon to 5PM. At 4 PM there is a Steamship Roast from the Carving Table, Pretzels, Coffee & Tea.

We drive ourselves or carpool to Platzl's which is only about a 20 minute drive from Wyckoff. Driving directions in a later edition of Newsletter. \$44 per person. **Dick Botta**, 413D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 201-848-9001

**Nov-Grand Chalet-Dinner and Dancing**

**Monday-Dec 17, 2012- Christmas Party**

### 2013 Thoughts:

Newport-Boston 3-5 day trip

Valentines Dinner—Dance

Newark spring trip

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## Washington DC and Williamsburg Trip

On April 20, 2012 twenty seven members of AU set off for a five day trip to Washington DC and Williamsburg. During the trip we visited:

Valley Forge,

Washington Mall and Monuments Day and Night,

International Spy Museum,

The Air & Space Museum with the shuttle Discovery,

Capitol Hill,

Yorktown,

Colonial Williamsburg, and

The Jamestown Settlement.

There was plenty to eat and all had a great time.





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