



Activities Unlimited General Meeting June 11, 2013

Our guest for this meeting is Rich Henning, a Senior Vice President for United Water, which is headquartered here in Bergen County. Many of us may still think of Hackensack Water as a local water company, which was organized in 1869 and currently serves 800,000 people and 60 communities in Bergen and Hudson Counties. But the reality is that this local water company, which is now United Water, currently serves 5.5 million people in 21 states, has 2,350 employees, \$ 3.2 BILLION in total assets and \$765 million in annual revenue in the U.S. alone.

But the bigger story is that Hackensack/ United Water was acquired in 2000 by Suez Environment of France which provides Drinking Water and Waste Water Removal services to 97 million people worldwide, has 79,550 employees and \$18 BILLION in worldwide revenue.

This is a fascinating business that allows many of us to drink as much as we want, shower daily, water our lawns and gardens, without much thought about what is done to find, protect and then deliver that water to our homes. So our speaker on June 11, 2013 will talk to us about water needs, requirements and issues locally, nationally and worldwide. This should be an interesting presentation. Come **join us** on **June 11th**, at our monthly General Meeting ! Questions, please call **Herb Umland** 201-891-6638

Food Pantry

At the May Luncheon, \$106.00 was given as donations to the Food Pantry.

Note from the President

June 14th is “**Flag Day**” in this country. At AU, we have a tradition of starting our general membership meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. The phrase “under God”, included in the Pledge, has been the source of controversy over many years

This phrase “under God” was initiated in 1951 and claimed to be taken from Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. It was officially added to the Pledge by an act of Congress in 1954 under the Eisenhower Administration. While subject to several legal challenges, mostly related to its use in public schools, the inclusion of the words “under God” was upheld in 2010 by the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit which ruled that such phrase to be of a ceremonial and patriotic nature and did not constitute an establishment of a religion. A similar decision was also reached that year by the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and in the following year the US Supreme Court denied an appeal of the First Circuit decision.

Religion of all denominations or beliefs is an integral part of the moral fiber of this country. The phrase ‘under God’ recognizes this fact and we should actively protect our rights to Freedom of Religion.

June 20th is the date for the **Spring Fling dinner dance at Seasons**. See the notice in this news letter under **Trips, Tours and Special Events Calendar (page 7)** and join us for an evening of fun, entertainment and good food.

The Deadline for **July 2013 Newsletter** articles is **June 25, 2013**.

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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
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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
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Trips/Tours	Lou Guarneri George Lewis	201-847-1981 201-891-5883	2nd Tues 10:30
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	



Duplicate Bridge Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
5/1	Levin/Wiest	Milcos/Smith	Crawford/Finn
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5/15	NS Finn/Foley	Bellucci/Frimuth	Hausman/Warner
	EW MacDougall/Page	Chapman/ Mahmarian	Martin/Reed
5/22	Finn/Lubicich	Meloro/Milcos	Lewis/Martin

AU ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY.... JUNE 18TH, 2013

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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.

Obituaries

Robert Kohler. Age 96. Died on April 20th. Bob was a widower. He was the father of two, grandfather of two, and great grandfather of two. He received a BS and MS from NYU. Bob served with the Air Corps Ground Troops in India during WW2. He was employed as NJ sales rep for Greff Fabrics.



Investment Study Group

June 13, 2013 9:30AM at WRC- Top floor

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of this group will feature a return of a past speaker, Dr. Charles Lieberman, a Wyckoff resident, and CIO and Managing Partner of Advisors Capital Management located in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Chuck has spoken to our group several times and has always brought his positive thoughts and his concerns about the stock and bond markets. He also provides us with an overview of the US and worldwide economies and the possible issues that would impact these markets.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a bachelors degree in economics, he earned a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania. During his 11-1/2 years with Manufacturers Hanover, Chemical and Chase, he worked intensively with the Bank's clients, as well as the Bank's trading desks and portfolio and sat on the Bank's Market Committee.

Dr. Lieberman is frequently quoted in the media. He has appeared often on CNBC, Bloomberg radio and television, CNN, The Nightly Business Report on PBS, Reuters Financial Television, Fox Business News, and the major television networks.

Come join us and bring your questions !
ALL AU members are welcome !

Herb Umland 201-891-6638

Obituaries continued

Helen Van Hassel. Age 86. Died on May 1st. Wife of **Dick Van Hassel.** Also survived by four children and a number of grandchildren. Helen was a grad of Hood College in MD. In her younger days she was a competitive speed skater, winning a Silver Skates medal at Madison Sq. Garden. Helen taught English at Ramapo and Indian Hills H.S. She was a tireless volunteer for various organizations and was a member of Wyckoff Reformed Church.

James Rogan, 74, of Ridgewood, died on May 13. He is survived by his wife Joan and son, Jonathan (Margaux). Jim was a grad of Georgetown and St. John's U. He served in the US Army 1961-1964 as a tank commander. Retired as Sr. VP from Paine-Weber/UBS. Jim was a member of Irish-American Unity Conference and a parishioner of St. Elizabeth's Church, Wyckoff.



The Science Club

Science

In May, we visited the Liberty Science Museum. Twelve AU Members enjoyed the Trip—thanks to the drivers. There were 3 IMAX Movies—all reported to be excellent. Some members were able to view the crane installing the Tower at the top of the new World Trade Center, thereby reaching 1776 feet—a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many school outings take place in May, but a great trip was had by all.

June 18, 2013-- **Bob Saletta** - Astronomy.

Bob's presentation will review the 10 most important developments in astronomy during 2012, as contained in the Jan issue of Astronomy Magazine. He will distribute copies. Thanks, Bob.

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

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

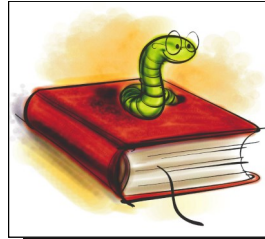
Their talk will follow up on a presentation by Walt last year based on a DVD entitled 'Darwin's Dangerous Idea'. One section of the DVD, noted as part of the evolution of species, man's brain seems to have developed somewhat recently and is continuing. These types of topics are always of interest to us all, as discoveries and advancements continue in this important field.

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 many exhibits and films on Earth Sciences including-- Geology, Botany, Oceanography, Climate Science (change, Sandy etc.), are all interesting. A seminar on fracking was timely and most thorough. 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.

Note that we continue to need volunteers to give S/C talks. Please contact me to discuss ideas for future talks and suggestions to improve the Science Club, as well as information on future meetings and trips.

JACK YURASEK (201-337-4433)



The Book Club

Books for June:

- * The Party's Over - Michael Lofgren
- * Know it All - A. J. Jacobs
- * The Jungle - Upton Sinclair

Joe MacDougall led off our May meeting with a summary of Mary's Mosaic (Peter Janney). The gist of the story is that Mary Meyers, a family friend of Pres. Kennedy, and, allegedly, a paramour, was "the woman who knew too much." Over the course of their alleged affair she learned of Kennedy's alleged plan to secretly meet with Nikita Khrushchev to end the Cold War and with Fidel Castro to normalize relations with Cuba. This was an end run around the CIA and Pentagon, whom Kennedy supposedly did not trust. Shortly after the Warren Commission Report came out, Mary Meyers was murdered while walking in a Wash. D.C. park. The author builds a circumstantial case that the CIA was behind the murder. Not everyone agreed with the author, pointed out flaws in his reasoning, and did not believe the author proved his case. But it is an interesting read and will appeal to conspiracy theorists.

Ironically, **Joe Clinton** followed with an introduction to Killing Kennedy (Bill O'Reilly), an overview of Kennedy's Presidency and assassination. The author parallels the lives of Kennedy and Lee Harvey Oswald and how events brought them together in the same place and at the same time. The story is told in dramatic fashion, fast paced, and has a lot interesting tidbits.

Tom Fitzpatrick gave a comprehensive review of the classic novel Brideshead Revisited (Evelyn Waugh). This book came out in 1946 and describes the lives of an upper-class British family, pre WW2. The characters appear to have everything but lead miserable lives. One of the over arching themes of the book is religious faith and how it operates in those who seemingly reject the faith in which they were brought up. Tom noted that many elements in the story reflect the author's own life story. It was a fascinating tale and well written.

Books for July:

- * Physics of the Future - Michio Kaku
- * Darwin - Portrait of a Genius - Paul Johnson
- * Paths of Glory - Jeffrey Archer

Next Book Club meeting is June 12 at 9:30 am at the Larkin House (380 Godwin Ave., Wyckoff). New members are welcome.

Joe Clinton

MAY LUNCHEON AT INDIAN TRAIL CLUB

Featuring the AU Guys Band



Computer Technology Club – May 15, 2013 Meeting

The May 15, 2013 meeting for the Computer Technology Club had 26 AU Members in attendance which included some new members. And, there were several AU Members that attended the initial meeting that were not able to attend due to conflicts with other AU functions IE: Book Club and Tennis. The net is that we have over 30 now involved with this new AU Activity.

The meeting covered a lengthy 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. Then we explored getting pictures off of a Cell Phone and a Digital Camera which included setting up folders. And, we showed some basic photo editing techniques. Lastly, we discussed some basics of backing up information to an external hard drive. Throughout the entire session many questions were fielded based on the presentation. This was followed by some general questions that ended our meeting.

Based on the questions and comments during the meeting and that we only touched the surface with this weeks meeting on the topic that were scheduled to be cover it has been decided that the next meeting should; 1) provide a review of the basic computer skills and knowledge presented at the April 17th meeting; and 2) a more in depth look at working with pictures and backing-up of information to external sources. This will then provide the members with a better understanding of computer basics before we tackle some of the more advanced areas that many indicated in the questionnaires they were interest in.

Highlighted below will be our agenda for the Wednesday, June 19th Meeting;

- Review of moving around the Desktop (use of the mouse, icons, favorites, etc.).
- Review of loading pictures into a computer from a digital camera and/or cell phone and the storage, moving and editing pictures with Microsoft Office Picture Manager.
- Review of backup of information from a PC hard Disk unto an external hard disk.
- A look at Google Analytics which is a tool that is used to analyze access to a web-site.

General question and answer period

Note: We will explore a number of new items in each of the first three areas while we re-enforce the basic foundation of working with the PC.

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.

We will spend about 15 minutes on each area. I would expect that some of the more advanced members would provide assistance when required during the meeting. The meeting should be about ninety (90) minutes.

Donald A. Kirkpatrick (201-759-3795) or dakirkpt@verizon.net



YMCA's Veteran's Breakfast



Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

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

THURSDAY: June 20th, 2013 - Our Annual **SPRING FLING-SENIOR PROM** Dinner Dance will be held at SEASONS, in Washington Township from 5:30 - 9:30 PM. This will be a sit down dinner with assigned tables. It includes Hors d'oeuvres, Hot & Cold Appetizers, 3 Dinner Choices, Coffee & Dessert and 4 hour open bar. We reserved the Sky Room, which holds 100 guests, so send your check in early. Include the names of your seating guests with your check. Entertainment will be all night for your Dining & Dancing pleasure. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for \$67. pp. & mail same to: **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ. 07430. Tel: 201-825-5843

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

Other Thoughts:

Villa Roma in the Catskills



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