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Activities Unlimited General Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014

Our Speaker for the June Meeting will be one of our own, Lou Guarneri. This will be his 4th TRAVELOGUE talk to the Membership.

Lou will do a presentation of the recently concluded AU Members' trip to Costa Rica this past March. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with and hear Lou walk us through this very unique and special Latin American Country, which hosts more than 5% of the world's biodiversity even though its landmass only takes up .03% of the planet's surface. It's a land of beautiful beaches, volcanos, tropical rain forests, plantations, tropical birds and wildlife. Watch the AU group as they glide through the tree tops.

Come early and enjoy your "brown bag" lunch with fellow AU Members and then sit back for a special photographic experience you will not soon forget.

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

Note from the President

I wanted to express our thanks, on behalf of the whole club, for the great effort put forth by the team of our 2nd VP, **George Lewis, Don and Marge Wasson, Larry Restieri and Lou Guarneri**. They provided us with a wonderful afternoon, a great meal at our annual Spring Luncheon at the beautiful Indian Trail Club. The AU Guys also deserve our thanks for another afternoon of musical pleasure, providing us with the opportunity to dance and simply enjoy their music. We had a great turnout, and we all look forward to returning next year with even more members joining us!

AU ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHEN.....TUESDAY....JUNE 17TH, 2014

WHERE.....APPLE GREENS GOLF COURSE....HIGHLANDS, NY.

18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART ON A GOLFER FRIENDLY

COURSE — SHOTGUN START AT 9:00 AM

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ...PRE GOLF

BARBECUE LUNCH ...AFTER GOLF

PRIZES....TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

COST....\$82.00 PER PERSON

FORM YOUR OWN FOURSOME, OR WE'LL ASSIGN YOU TO ONE.

SEND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED TO

BRUNO BISSETTA, 553 LEE COURT, WYCKOFF, NJ. 07481

ANY QUESTIONS CALL BRUNO AT 201-891-7567

Notice to all Members

The Roster (hard copy) will not be mailed to members this year.

An up-to-date roster can be found on the AU website:

www.ActivitiesUnlimited.Org

If a computer is not available or to request a hard copy please contact **Walter Widmer** 201 562 8666 and a hard copy will be provided.

Thursday, July 24th, 2014 Hunterdon Playhouse - An all new musical extravaganza called "**Better With a Band**" is the show that will be presented with a live orchestra featuring the music of BIG BANDS. There will be singing and dancing by talented performers and a special salute to "Old Blue Eyes" Frank Sinatra. A sit down luncheon will precede the show with entree selection of Yankee pot roast, fried shrimp platter, chicken, fish, or vegetarian dishes followed by their famous dessert buffet, coffee or tea. Time is short for this very popular event. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for **\$70.00** pp & mail to **Dick Neuman, 276 Barnstable Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Tel: 201-445-9550.**



Duplicate Bridge Results

	OFFICES		MEETING
President	Herb Umland	201-891-6638	2nd Tue 11am
1st Vice-Pres.	Ray Casaprima	201-891-3394	
2nd VicePres.	George Lewis	201-891-5883	
Secretary	Ed Chanod	201-891-1995	
Treasurer	Dick Hensch	201-891-1309	
Asst. Treas.	Fred Thiele	201-825-7541	
	COMMITTES		
AU Guys	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	
Book Club	Joe Clinton	201-447-2261	Wed after the AU General Meeting 9:30
Dup. Bridge Rub. Bridge	Joe MacDougall Wes Cheringal	201-891-4048 201-848-8009	Wed 1 pm M,F 1 pm
Care-Concern	Joe Clinton Paul Hennion Don Martin	201-447-2261 201-891-4716 201-891-2279	
Chaplain	Rev. D. Bach	201-891-1782	
Chess	Bill Schultz	201-891-5327	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	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
Historian	Dom Manobianco	201-891-7185	
Investment	Herb Umland Mike Hurd	201-891-6638	2nd Thru 9:30
Model RR	Don Cardoza	201-337-3417	Wed. 7PM
Membership	Walt Widmer	201-562-8666	
Newsletter Distribution By	Lou Guarneri Ed Schlachman	201-847-1981 973-423-1459	
Project Outreach	Marty McGonigle	201-529-1941	
Photographer	OPEN		
Public Disc.	Walt Widmer	201-562-8666	3rd Fri 9:30
Refreshments	Jim Forbes Howard Vogel	201-825-0523 201-612-2237	
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	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	2nd Tues. 9:00 4th Tues. 9:00
Tennis	Dom Manobianco	201-891-7185	MWF
Transport.	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
Trips/Tours	Lou Guarneri Don Wasson	201-847-1981 201-891-1873	2nd Tues 10:30
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

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5/7	NS EW	Freimuth/Riccardi Finn/Gilpatrick	Foley/Levin MacDougall/Smith	Christie/Milcos Gotheim/Hausman
5/14	NS EW	Finn/Riccardi Cheringal/ Mahmarian	Lewis/Wiest Foley/Lubicich	Gattoni/Hulit Gothheim/Milcos
5/21		Cheringal/Freimuth	Milcos/Reed	Lubicich/Smith
5/28	NS EW	Mahmarian/Riccardi Levin/Lubicich	Finn/Wiest Hausman/Warner	Martin/Meloro Page/Smith



The Science Club

Science

American Museum of Natural History Car Pool Trip -- Thank you to those who drove—the trip was enjoyed by fourteen people. The visit included the Planetarium –Dark Universe, and a new excellent exhibit-- ‘Pterosaurs—Flight in the Age of Dinosaurs’. Thanks also to **Dick Hensch** for his help in coordinating the expenses for this trip.

May 20, 2014— The Fabric of the Cosmos-- **JACK YURASEK** gave a talk and a DVD based upon Brian Greene’s Book and NOVA presentation on topics including Gravity (waves), and Quantum effects. These topics in modern Physics are difficult, and we are all learning.

June 17, 2014-- the Elegant Universe – at the June meeting we will continue topics from Brian Greene’s Book and NOVA DVD, including the attempts at the ‘Unification’ of all the forces in Nature (Einstein’s Dream), in our present and other universes (Multiverses). Again, we are all learning!

Thank you to all those who prepared and helped on our presentations and trips last and this year, and please contact me with suggestion for and information on, future meetings and trips.

JACK YURASEK (201-337-4433)

The deadline for the July, 2014 Newsletter articles is 5:PM June 23, 2014. 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	Home/Email
Daniel Kellett (Dorothy)	812 Stella Ct. Paramus, NJ 07652	Educator	Bridge, Computers, Golf, Investments, Trips & Tours, Stock Market & Hiking	(201) 261-1552 Daniel.kellett@ymail.com

AU Web-Site

The AU Web-Site has now been live for over a year. To access the AU Web-Site go to www.activitiesunlimited.org

The AU Web-Site contains the following sections:

Home Page – consists of a message from the president and highlights some key organizational updates and interested items on our members.

Activities Pages – there is a summary page of all AU activities with links to each individual activity where the details of each activity have been highlighted.

Calendar – a full annual calendar is maintained that highlights when each activity meets.

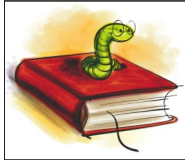
Newsletter – a copy of each newsletter is available back to January 2012

Trips and Tours – an updated list of all planned trips and functions is maintained.

Membership – this section contains About Us, Officers, Membership (including the Roster (user ID and Password required) and Constitution information.

Contact Us – this page allows members and non-members a way to contact the Web-Master ... the response is acted upon immediately.

Several new sections have been added or has information posted that all should take a look at ... this includes a new Page “In Memoriam” that provides information on AU Members that passed away during 2013 that includes a link to their obituary. Also, the new Computer Technology Club Page has a section of reference material from their monthly meetings ... in particular interest is a section that includes 20 training videos on Microsoft Excel. Please visit our web-site and let **Donald A. Kirkpatrick** know about the things you like or dislike and items that should be added in the future ... he can be reached through the “Contact Us Page” or via email at dakirkpt@verizon.com or by cell phone 201-759-3795.



The Book Club

- Books for June:
- * ONE SUMMER - Bill Bryson
 - * BAILOUT - Neil Barofsky
 - * CUT ME LOOSE - Leah Vincent

Ed Morris gave an interesting review of *THE MAN WHO MADE VERMEERS* (Jonathan Lopez), a captivating story about Han Van Meegeren, Dutch art forger, who made a fortune painting and selling fake Vermeers, mostly during pre-WW2. Those were not copies, but "originals" which just happened to come to light at this time. The book goes into what motivated Van Meegeren, how he was able to foil the art experts, and how he marketed his fakes. Lopez also discusses Van Meegeren's pro-Nazi leanings, even though he was not above selling a fake Vermeer to none other than Number Two Nazi, Herman Goring. Van Meegeren died of a heart attack in 1947 just before he was to serve a brief sentence for collaborating with the Nazi..... **Vince Tortorelli** described the plot of *KILLSHOT* (Elmore Leonard), an action-filled crime novel about an extortion scheme that went awry and the ensuing hunt by two killers for the married couple that inadvertently foiled their plot. Leonard is strong on character development and dialogue.....**Joe Clinton** gave a summary of *WILSON'S WAR* (Jim Powell), a book that blames President Woodrow Wilson's leading us into WW1 for the rise of Hitler, Lenin and Stalin, which in turn brought about WW2, and the Cold War, with all its ramifications. The author is a strong isolationist which colors much of his negative views of Wilson. He dismisses Germany's policy of unrestricted submarine warfare as equivalent to Great Britain's "starvation" naval blockade of Germany. He emphasized that the US had no vital national interest in going to war. Powell raises a lot of questions about Wilson, and when we should not go to war. Many of his arguments are debatable, but worthwhile discussing.

- Books for July:
- * OFFICER AND A SPY - Robert Harris
 - * INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE - Ronald Kessler
 - * GIRLS OF ATOMIC CITY - Denise Keiman

Our next meeting is June 11 at 9:30 am at the Larkin House (380 Godwin Ave., Wyckoff) We welcome new members.
Joe Clinton

AU -- CAP ACCOUNT

The AU -- CAP (Community Alliance Program) Account at the Boiling Springs Savings Bank (BSSB) has now reached the required minimum 20 assigned member accounts as of February 15th. We will now begin receiving donations from the bank as of April 1st. Our goal now is to continue to increase the number of AU member accounts so that we maximize the donation from BSSB. This will allow us to maintain our dues structure by offsetting future increases in expenses. We encourage each of you who haven't assigned your existing account at BSSB to stop at a branch and do so. For those of you who do not have any accounts at the BSS Bank, we encourage you to consider opening one. In either case you should request that your account should be assigned to Activities Unlimited CAP # 287. Contact **Dick Hensch** at 201-891-1309 for detailed information on the CAP program or if you have further questions. Thank you for your participation in this innovative program. Remember- no one at AU will ever know anything about your personal banking relationship with BSSB.

Investment Study Group



Thursday, June 12, 2014
***** 10 AM *****

At the Investment Study Group Meeting this month our speaker will be Tim Brunnock, Wealth Advisor, Partner at the Private Advisor Group, located in Morristown, NJ

The title of his presentation is “Putting It All Together –Investing, Retiring and Not Having to Move in with Your Kids”

Our speaker, Tim Brunnock, is a Registered Securities Representative and Investment Advisor Representative in the State of New Jersey. Tim holds the Series 7 and Series 66 securities registrations through LPL Financial, which enables him to buy and sell securities for his clients. He is also licensed to sell life, disability, long term care and variable life insurance products. Tim earned his law degree from Suffolk University in Boston and his BA from Villanova University. He was admitted to the bar in both New Jersey and New York in 1991. In his dual role as a financial advisor and attorney Tim works to help his clients maximize their retirement income during their lifetimes and then plan to successfully transfer their wealth to their heirs while working to minimize estate taxes.

Questions call **Herb Umland** 201-891-6638

Public Discussion Group



As per agreement from our previous meeting, the topics up for discussion had already been chosen. Our first topic dealt with the Keystone pipeline and why it has not been, as yet, approved by the president. Approvals from all other involved parties, including the State Department, have been received. This pipeline would take oil from the Alberta Sand Pits and ship it to the United States where it could then be shipped throughout the US. However, there is strong disapproval for the pipeline from environmentalists for several reasons. The first being the “dirty” nature associated with obtaining the fuel from the Canadian Sand Pits. Next are the fuels high sulfur content and the potential deleterious effects it may have on moving to renewable power sources. As in almost everything we discuss, there is big money taking sides. On one side is multi billionaire environmentalist, Tom Steyer. He has pledged \$100 million to Democrats in the midterm election that help defeat the project. On the other side are the Koch brothers who have the refining ability to process the “dirty” fuel. It was pointed out during our discussions that this fuel is already being shipped to the United States via railroads. Our next subject was whether it is still even possible to “Buy American”. One member stated that had we made a pledge to attend the meeting in clothes only made in America, we would be sitting around naked. It was pointed out that China is now outsourcing textile manufacturing to Africa because of the high costs associated with textile production in China. Capital and production moves to the least cost provider. We discussed the building of cars in the United States and quickly came to the conclusion that it would be extremely difficult to determine what is an American car based on all the foreign parts that are used. We also discussed the issue of foreign car manufacturers building their cars in the United States, especially, in the Southern states. There seemed to be general agreement that foreign car manufacturers are moving to Southern states because those states have right to work laws and a lack of union strength. As always, the discussions were lively and many points of view were expressed. Our next meeting will be on June 20th and the group has again selected two topics for discussion. The topics are the 28th Amendment and “Has a new cold war been started? As always all are welcome.

All AU Members are welcome. For more information contact **Walt Widmer** (201) 562-8666

The Hiking



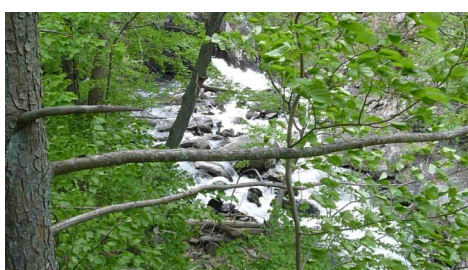
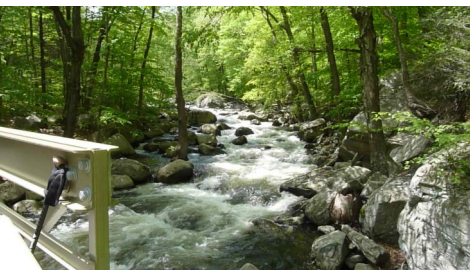
The AU Hikers

The AU hikers are active September - June. Hikes are planned for every Monday ... unless it is a special hike we have a shorter and a longer hike to accommodate the level of hikers that participate on a weekly basis. Our meeting place is the Wyckoff Reformed Church parking lot at 8:45 AM. We leave the WRC Parking area by 9 AM (the hikes are within an hour drive) by carpools for each hike. The average shorter hike is a maximum of 4 miles and is rated easy to moderate. The longer hike has an average distance of 6 miles and is rated moderate to strenuous. Appropriate dress for the season, hiking boots, a day pack, lunch, and fluids are necessary equipment. A walking stick or trekking pole(s) can be a welcome addition. Most of our hikes offer exceptional views making cameras and binoculars a welcome addition.

The two hikes for Monday, May 19th were the Ramapo Lake Loop for the shorter hike ... this hike was rated easy and was 3.8 miles. The hike started out from the lower parking lot off of Skyline Drive in Oakland and proceeded up a trail along a stream to the Ramapo Lake. The hikers ate lunch after their walk around Ramapo Lake and then proceeded down the original trail to the cars in the lower parking lot off of Skyline Drive.

As for the longer hike it was the Popolopen Gorge Loop trail off of 9W just past the Bear Mountain Bridge. This hike was rated strenuous and was 5 miles in length. The hike started out by Fort Montgomery and after hiking about 2 plus miles began to climb the Popolopen Torne which afforded the hikers some wonderful views of the Hudson River and the Bear Mountain Bridge. The hikers ate lunch on the top of Popolopen Torne and then proceeded down the Popolopen Torne to a magnificent hike along the river that runs through the Gorge back to our cars. Pictures of the hike are posted below and on the AU Web-Site (hiking Page) at www.activitiesunlimited.org along with two videos of the stream that we hiked along.

All AU Members are welcome ... contact **Donald A. Kirkpatrick** for questions at (201) 759-3795 or by email at da-kirkpt@verizon.net.



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 till it's too late.

Monday, June 9th, 2014 - Our Annual AU PROM to be held at **THE VENETIAN**, located at 546 River Drive, Garfield, NJ from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. This will be a Sit Down Dinner with Assigned Tables. The VENETIAN is co-owned with Seasons, so the menu's are the same. An outstanding Cocktail Hour, lots of Lamb Chops, 3 choices for the Entree's. Includes Prime Ribs, Sword Fish or Chicken, a Generous Samplers Dessert, Plus a 4 Hour Open Bar. Music by Peter Lieberman for your dining & dancing pleasure. The VENETIAN is about 14 miles from the WRC. Take Rte. 80 to Exit 61 South onto River Drive, about 2 miles South to The VENETIAN. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for **\$70.00** pp & mail to **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430. Tel: 201-825-5843. Include the names of your seating guests with your check.

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Thursday, August 14th 2014; YANKEE STADIUM TOUR & LUNCH ON ARTHUR AVE. AU reserved 35 Tickets for the Tour, which includes; The Museum, Monument Park, Dug Out, Batting Cages & Locker Rm, Then we will BUS to Arthur Ave for Lunch at Emilia's. After Lunch take a walk & have a Cappuccino at a Sidewalk cafe. Make checks payable to AU for \$74. pp & mail to **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd., Mahwah, NJ. 07430. (201-825-5843).

The BUS will leave WRC at 8:15 am for the 10 am Tour & return by 5 pm. No Yankee game schedule for this date.

Sept—Wine Tasting Party — Sept 11, 2014 Save the date.

Thursday, October 23rd- German Festival Put on your Lederhosen and join us for a German Festival at **Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort** in Hawley, Pa. Trip includes Bus transportation, Dinner, Dancing and a German Show. Bus will leave WRC at 8:45am and depart Ehrhardt's at 3:30pm. The cost of the trip is \$55.00 pp, includes:
-Coffee and Apple Streusel upon arrival - Strudel making demonstration by Ehrhardt's Chefs - Music and Dancing
- Open Bar with Draft Beer, Wine and Soda - Family Style German Festival Meal - Apple Strudel a la Mode - Coffee and Tea - Snacks before departure. The Joe Lastovica Band will play a spirited mix of German music and Heidi the Bavarian Beer Garden Girl will be back along with Marty Keller and his Alpine Horn & Bavarian Act. Send your check payable to Activities Unlimited - \$55.00 pp- to **Mike Hurd**, 470 Wyckoff Ave. Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Any questions call Mike at 201-891-1374 or **Don Wasson** at 201-891-1873.

Nov—Brandywine Valley Tour. November 5, 2014 (Wednesday) to November 7 (Friday).
Three days - Two nights. Visit Winterthur Gardens, Longwood Gardens, de Nemours Mansion and Gardens, Brandywine Museum and Gardens and Chaddsford Winery. Two Breakfast and Dinners, 2 nights lodging and Motor coach transportation. **\$390.** per person double occupancy. Contact **Dick Botta**; 413-D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. (201) 848-9001

Dec—Christmas Party December 15, 2014



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