

Activities Unlimited

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Activities Unlimited General Meeting June 14, 2016

1:00 PM at the WRC in Heneveld
Hall

"Our June guest will be Ms. Winnie Woll. It should be a fascinating talk. Winnie will talk about the naval nurses serving at Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack. Her mother was one such nurse and Winnie has produced a talking memoir based on her mother's experience and interviews with many other women serving at Oahu duty stations that December 7th. She will share with us a very special perspective on the Pearl Harbor attack through the eyes of the women serving there. For all of us vets and those interested in military history, it should be an exceptional presentation. Please plan to join us for Winnie's presentation."

Note from the President

They say there is no such thing as a Free Lunch. Come join us at the next AU General Meeting on June 14th. I am inviting all members to come early (12:00 noon) to enjoy a FREE PIZZA LUNCH with your fellow AU members. We haven't done this before, so let's give it a try. Hopefully, it will be successful, and we can do it again. There will also be a signup sheet at this meeting for the Men's Beefsteak Dinner. All the details are in the Trips & Tours section of this newsletter.

There is certainly not a lack of things to do and enjoy at AU. Membership seems to be increasing in all our club activities. Let's keep up the good work. I strongly recommend trying a club you have not attended before. There is a wealth of knowledge and experience among our members that is being shared at these meetings. We welcome you to join us. It is a great way to meet and socialize with your fellow members.

Have you checked out the new AU Photo Roster on the AU Website (activitiesunlimited.org)? As we continue to add new photos, it becomes more impressive every month.

I look forward to seeing you for lunch at the next General Meeting.

George Lewis, President

NOTES TO MEMBERS

WRC PARKING LOT ENTRY:

The WRC would like to remind everyone there is only one entrance into and one exit out of the church parking lot on Wyckoff Avenue. The driveway **furthest** from the building is the entrance. The driveway **closest** to the building is the exit.

Recently, there were a couple of near-accidents because people were confusing the two driveways.

Please help keep this area safe for all concerned by following these guide-

General membership meetings are normally held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heneveld Hall adjacent to the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, NJ. There is no meeting in August.

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



Dick Gattoni leads Vets in the pledge of allegiance at the YMCA Veteran's Breakfast



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



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COMMITTEES & CLUBS			
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
AU Guys	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	
Book Club	Joe Clinton Vince Tortorelli	201-447-2261 201-447-3718	Wed after the AU General Meeting 9:30
Dup. Bridge Rub. Bridge	ED Foldessy Wes Cheringal	201-327-5767 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 Andy Kadzban	201-485-8589	
Chess	Bill Schultz	973-525-0979	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 Rick Sneyers	201-327-8137 923-248-6625	1st Wed.10:00
Golf	Bruno Bissetta Bill Bryne	201-891-7567 201-447-5064	Tuesday Thursday
Hiking	Don Kirkpatrick Rick Sneyers	201-337-5666 923-248-6625	Mon 9:00
Historian	Dom Manobianco Victor Pizzolato	201-891-7185 201-612-0038	
History	Pablo Catangay	201-684-1217	
Investment	Al Connelly Herb Umland	973-616-0755 201-891-6638	Thru after the AU General Meeting 9:30
Luncheon	John Abrahamsen	201-848-8037	

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GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
Membership	Walt Widmer Dick Hensch	201-562-8666 201-891-1309	
Newsletter	Lou Guarneri	201-847-1981	
Project Outreach	Marty McGonigle Joe Pullaro	201-529-1941 201-337-0018	
Photography	Ed Trerotola Mike Hurd	201-236-1368 201-891-1374	
Public Disc.	Walt Widmer Tom Butler	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	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 Jack Yurasek	201-327-6649 201-337-4433	Snow
Sponsor Liaison	Jim Mallen	201-485-8589	
Stock Market	Don Kirkpatrick John Abrahamsen	201-337-5666 201-848-8037	2nd Tues. 9:00 4th Tues. 9:00
Tennis	Dom Manobianco Dave Burleigh	201-891-7185 201-485-8923	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	

The deadline for July, 2016 Newsletter articles is 5 PM June 27, 2016. When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold). Email: lguarneri03@gmail.com or mail to: Lou Guarneri, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430

Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
Anthony Antonelli (Maureen)	286 Barnstable Dr. Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Dentist	Care & Concern, Golf Membership, Trips & Tours Stock Market, Transportation	H:201-857-2256 C:201-280-5505 e-mail: doc1727@aol.com
John R. Gannaway	367 Pulis Ave. Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417	Engineer	Computers, Gardening, Science, Hiking, Photography	H:201-485-7881 e-mail: john.gannaway@yahoo.com
David Kampschmidt (Susie)	228 Hidden Pond Path Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417	Management	Bridge & Golf	H:201-405-2043 C:201-362-9977 e-mail: david@kampschmidt.net
Mario A. Lenzetti (Lelia)	65 Charles Street Allendale, NJ 07401	Management	Computers, Golf, Historian, Trips & Tours, Science, Photography	H:201-327-3831 C:201-895-4941 e-mail: mariolenzetti@verizon.com
Frank A. Melchior	103 Duffy Dr. Allendale, NJ 07401	Management	Book Club, Computers, Historian, Investments, Stock Market, Transportation	H:201-327-2838 C:201-819-3351 Email: fmrlchior@verizon.net



The History Club

On April 25, I presented Hiroshima and Nagasaki- Revisited. The turn out was quite large. The final eight months of the brutal War in the Pacific was presented as well as the development, testing and use of the atomic bomb. The critical decision of President Truman to use the atomic bomb was offered and scrutinized. The fundamental questions that have divided scholars and historians alike over the years are, whether the use of the atomic bomb was necessary to achieve victory in the Pacific and whether it played a role in the Japanese surrender. In my view, the atomic bombing accomplished both.

The entrance of the Soviet Union in the War in the Pacific by invading Manchuria 7 days before the Japanese announced its surrender to the Americans and its allies was also presented. At the end of the presentation, two World War II Veterans/Gentlemen; John Salmone a medic who served in the invasion of Okinawa and his ship was at Nagasaki 2 weeks after the bombing and Bob Mulligan who saw a lot of actions in the Pacific War shared their experiences with us. It was quite poignant and deeply moving. We salute them for their service to our country. This was followed by Q and A which was very informative, refreshing and very interesting, indeed. The question put forward to the group was whether the bombing was justified or not. The answer was unanimously, yes.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 27. The speaker is **Gerald Hult** and he will be presenting The Early Years of Islam and its Spread.

Pablo: 201-684-1217, pcatangay@optonline.net.



The Golf Club

2016 Annual Memorial Golf Outing

Tuesday....June 21, 2016

Apple Greens Golf Course, Highland, NY.

18 Holes of Golf with cart on a well maintained course, shotgun start at 9 AM. Continental Breakfast served before tee off. Barbecue Lunch served after golf. Prizes & Awards

Cost....\$85.00 per person

Form your own foursome or just sign up and we will put you into a group. Please note to be eligible for any of the Team scoring prizes the foursome must have at least three current AU members, only 1 guest is allowed per foursome.

Please make your checks payable to Activities Unlimited and send to: **Bruno Bissetta**, 553 Lee Court, Wyckoff, NJ 07481



Duplicate Bridge Results

		1st	2nd	3rd
5/4	NS	Douma/Sweetgall	Hulit/MacDougall	Levin/Page
	EW	Boylan/Wiest	Foldessy/ Pasquariello	Spence/Wiest Christie/Milcos
5/11	NS	Gattoni/Wiest	Smith/Sweetgall	Milcos/Page
	EW	Foldessy/Meloro	Rock/Warner	Lewis/Spence
5/18	NS	MacDougall/Yampell	Hulit/Page	Levin/Smith
	EW	Freimuth/Gilpatrick	Milcos/Warner	Foley/Lewis
5/25	NS	Freimuth/Lewis	Hulit/Sweetgall	Foley/ McDougall/ Levin
	EW	Coughlin/Spence	Page/Yampell	Meloro/Wiest



The Book Club



Investment Study Group

At the **June 16th** **Michael Manna, Esq.** will talk about **Estate Planning**

This is a brief course to equip middle and upper middle income persons with practical ways to plan accumulation of wealth while minimizing federal and especially New Jersey estate taxes. This course is designed to acquaint individuals with the value of a professionally drawn will, the necessity of a financial power of attorney and the key provisions of a living will/medical power of attorney.

About Michael Manna:

Mr. Manna is an honors graduate from Boston College, graduating 7th in his class, and Boston College Law School (cum laude). He has been practicing law for over 33 years and is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. He is admitted to practice in New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Manna lectures extensively in his areas of concentration: Elder Law, Estate Planning, Senior Scams, Medicaid, Nursing Home Assets Preservation Planning, Estates and Trusts, as well as several other topics listed below. Many of his courses have been approved for Continuing Education Units for social workers, case managers, nursing home administrators, certified public accountants and other professionals.

Al Connelly 973-616-0755 alconnelly7@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be June 29 at the Memorial Room in the Wyckoff Reformed Church, instead of June 15 at the Larkin House

Books for June:

- * THE BILLION DOLLAR SPY - David Hoffman
- * IMBECILES: THE SUPREME COURT, AMERICAN EUGENICS, AND THE STERILIZATION OF CARRIE BUCK - Adam Cohen
- * TRIED BY WAR - James McPherson

THE LOVERS (Rod Nordland) recommended by **George Ekel**, is the true story of a young Afghan couple who violate strict cultural norms by eloping. He is a Shia from a Hazara tribe, she is a Sunni from a Tajik family. In this society, a woman is considered the "property" of her father/husband and subject to his dictates. The girl's family tries to track down the couple, always on the run, so they can perform an honor killing, and thus restore "honor" to the family. The author describes in great detail the intractable problem of violence against women in this country and holds out little hope for cultural change in this regard even though theoretically it is against the law.....In THE NINE (Jeffrey Toobin) introduced by **Tom Butler**, we get an intimate look at the diverse group of justices who served on the Supreme Court from 1992 - 2007. While most justices remain true to their liberal/conservative philosophy after being appointed to the court, a fairly significant percentage veer off in totally unexpected directions. The author, who has a broad knowledge of the Court's workings and the various justices, provides a glimpse into the interplay among the justices. A very revealing and timely look at one of our most important institutions.....THE LONGEST WINTER (Alex Kershaw) recommended by **Joe Clinton**, discusses the Battle of the Bulge while focusing on one highly decorated platoon that helped stall a German Panzer attack for twelve hours, gaining critical time for the Allies in that sector to regroup. The author goes on to discuss the travails of that platoon as they become prisoners of war, detailing the horrendous conditions that POW's were subject to in the various prison camps they journeyed through.

Books for July:

- * WHEN PARIS WENT DARK - Ronald Mossbottom
- * ONCE WE WERE BROTHERS - Ronald Balson
- * WATCHING THE DARK - Peter Robinson

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Public Discussion Group

The June meeting will be held Wednesday June 15th, 9:30 AM at the Larkin House

Discussion Group, May, 2016 BRIEF SUMMARY

Before starting on the agreed topics, there was a brief discussion about the structure and role of the electoral college in selecting a president. The group then moved on to a discussion about Cuba. In general, the group felt that normalizing relations was a reasonable step but was late in coming due to the influence of the Cuban community on Florida and national politics. Issues like confiscated property and human rights remain open, but with increased tourism and external contact growing and in light of the age of Cuban leaders, change toward greater individual freedoms seems inevitable. The group then turned its attention to the question of women in the military. Here there were mixed views. Some noted the success of the Israeli military in integrating women into the fighting forces, including combat roles. Others felt that attitudes toward women were wired into the DNA of humans and women in a combat situation would be a distraction. The general consensus seemed to favor allowing women to take whatever role they were qualified whether combat or non-combat, especially since the military academies were now graduating outstanding female cadets. The third topic was a controversial one, namely transgender access to public restrooms. This became a national issue when the North Carolina legislature passed a law requiring everyone to follow their birth certificate gender with respect to bathroom use. The federal government then “doubled down” by certifying that “transgender” was a qualifying “sex category” under Title IX and therefore qualified for non-discrimination treatment. Clearly, this will end up before the Supreme Court for adjudication. In the meantime, the discussion group took up the question. Some argued that “transgender” was a mental condition that could be addressed/corrected by psychiatric treatment. Others pointed to the medical research into “nature’s mistake” of releasing the “gender” hormones into the wrong anatomy, thus creating a transgender template. Uncorrected, this mix-up leads to gender confusion, isolation and depression and a high incidence of suicide. Should “transgender” be viewed as a type of birth defect? No conclusions were reached, but the group had a chance to think about the serious questions raised.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday June 15th at 9:30 am at the Larkin House



The Hiking Club

Priceless May day started Monday morning hiking around the Franklin Lake Nature Preserve. We are definitely 1% of the 350 AU members! Since we were four in total!

Then we went to Nellies in Waldwick for a great sausage pizza and beer lunch!
We certainly enjoyed Living Large the AU way!



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.

Thursday, June 23, 2016 — “Men’s Beefsteak Dinner” — Brownstone, Patterson

Starts at 6:00 pm and ends 10:00 pm. The cost is \$48 pp and includes all food, beer, soda and gratuities. Any AU member who wants to tell GOOD jokes will have their opportunity. Drive or car pool to the Brownstone. **Your check for \$48.00 per person should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent directly to: Jack Coughlin , 187 Paterson Ave, Apt 313, Midland Park, NJ 07432**

JULY 13, 14 & 15, 2016: AMISH COUNTRY TOUR, 3 days, 2 nights. Includes the Show Samson @ the Sights & Sounds Theater in Lancaster, PA & a visit to the Strasburg Museum RR Station & a Train Ride. A guided Tour of the Amish Countryside including a Smorgasbord Dinner at the Shady Maple. 2 nights lodging, Dinners, Bus & Gratuities. Bus leaves WRC at 8:30 am on July 13. Cost \$360. pp. **Make checks payable to “Activities Unlimited” and mail to: Larry Restieri, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430, Tel: 201-825-5843**

NOTE: This trip is open to family and friends of AU members.

THURSDAY, August 18, 2016 - Viva Las Vegas at the Stony Hill Inn, Hackensack, "The King is Back and Better than Ever!" Join us for a special tribute to "Elvis", plus the Joe Zisa Band along with their great Las Vegas Review. Family style luncheon (three entries), two comp drinks, salad, dessert, coffee, tea, soda. Show starts at 11am and ends at 3pm. Your check for \$47.00 pp should be made payable to Activities Unlimited and sent to: **Don Wasson, 14 Appert Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Tel. 201-891-1873.** Dance, dine and enjoy an exciting afternoon. **Don't be left out. Send your checks in ASAP.**

Thursday September 15, 2014—Wine and Appetizer Social — Brookside Manor Club- house (Storms Drive, Mahwah), which is about 5 minutes from the WRC (Wyckoff Reformed Church). There will be some wine tasting and plenty of appetizers (Shrimp, Chicken, Pigs in a Blanket, just to name a few). No one will leave hungry. It will run from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This social will be limited to 50 people because of the size of the clubhouse. Costs will be finalized and appear in July's newsletter. Mark your calendar.

THURSDAY, October 6th- German Festival- Ehrhardt's -Hawley, Pa. Tap your toes or sing along to the Joe Lastovica Band playing a spirited mix of German music, old favorites and contemporary classics. Heidi the Bavarian Beer Girl will be back along with Marty Keller and his Alpine Horn & Bavarian act. The fun never stops. Trip includes Transportation, Dinner, Dancing and German Show. Bus leaves WRC at 8:30am and departs Ehrhardt's at 3:30pm. Coffee and Apple Streusel cake on arrival. Strudel making demo. Open Bar (beer, wine, soda). Family Style German Meal (3 entries) and Apple Strudel a la Mode. **Cost of trip is \$60 pp.** Send your check payable to Activities Unlimited to **Don Wasson, 14 Appert Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430.** Questions contact Don at 201-891-1873.

THURSDAY, November 17, 2016-Westchester Broadway Theatre Luncheon and Matinee Show-SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER. Dust off your hip-hugging flares, your platform shoes and warm up your disco dance moves! Saturday Night Fever is one of the most loved dance stories of all time. Packed with over twenty legendary hits from the Bee Gees including the classics *Stayin' Alive*, *Night Fever*, *Jive Talking*, *You Should Be Dancing* and *How Deep is Your Love*, to name a few. The cost is \$80.00 per person and includes Show, Luncheon, Bus Transportation, Tips for bus driver and waiter. We are using a 49-passenger bus, therefore, we will limit participation to 45 or 46 people. The bus will leave the Wyckoff Reformed Church at 9:45am sharp and return by approximately 5:00pm. **Last date for receipt of paid reservations is 10/15/16.** Please send your check made payable to ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED to: **Bob LaSalvia, 80 Glasgow Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430 Tel 201-529-4784**

Monday, December 12, 2016 Christmas Party Note: Reservation Forms, Checks and Seating Requests are due no later than November 25, 2016. Look for the reservation forms starting in the September, 2016 Newsletter

May Luncheon





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