

Activities Unlimited



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Activities Unlimited General Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018

1:00 PM at the WRC Heneveld Hall

We have a great program for our June meeting. **The Wonderful World of Laurel and Hardy: Another Nice Mess.**



As individual vaudeville and film actors, they were adequate; but as on screen partners, they were comic geniuses. From silent films to full length feature films, these two clowns learned how to play off each other to repeatedly invent yet "another nice mess." Using film clips, biographical anecdotes, this presentation will explore the unique cinematic chemistry of these lovable "overgrown playmates" and what makes their films such a popular and critical success.

The presenter is Dan Rose, a graduate of Lake Forest College and Stevens Institute of Technology. Dan has taught English to elementary, secondary, and college students in New England, NJ, and the UK. His poems and short stories have appeared in *Alaska Quarterly*, *Lips*, *Portage*, *Perspectives*, and *Little Patuxent Review*. A poet, editor, and instructor, Dan Rose teaches and writes on a variety of subjects.

Be sure to invite your wife/significant other as this is a great program for everyone

As has been our procedure the last couple of months the entertainment will be first with a very short business meeting to follow.

Try to arrive at noon to join and talk to your fellow members and listen to our own AU band who will play from noon to 1pm

Our speakers for the next four meetings will be:

July: Al Doblin, former Editorial Chief of the Bergen Record and currently Communications Director for the N.J. State Senate Majority Office

August: No meeting

September: Chief Pezzutti and Chief Murphy of the Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff Police Departments.

October: Annual Breakfast. State Senator Jerry Cardinale

November: Jeff Tittle, Senior Chapter Director, N.J. Sierra Club

Note from the President

First of all, I want to thank **Vince Tortorelli** for his efforts in making the Spring Luncheon a big success.

The July meeting will be a week later than normal. It will be July 17, the third Tuesday in July.

The AU Board members have met with the Hobbyists to discuss areas of mutual concern. Perhaps we can share in activities in the future. I will be telling you more as we progress forward.

AU will have a booth at Wyckoff Day at the "Y" on June 2. Stop by anytime in the afternoon.

The Coordination Committee has been very active in their efforts to start programs to engage more members, ensure that new members are welcomed and comfortable in clubs, plan activities during lunch before a General Meeting, and revive clubs that are not too active.

Look for an announcement on the new Bowling Club.

NOTE:

The Wyckoff Reform Church will be unavailable for all AU activities from Monday July 9, 2018 through Friday July 13, 2018. Please plan your meetings accordingly.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



2018 OFFICERS



Jim Webb
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COMMITTEES & CLUBS				
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING	
AU Guys Band	John DeSantis	201-447-0256		
Book Club	Vince Tortorelli Joe Clinton	201-447-3718 201-447-2261	4th Wed. 9:30	
Dup. Bridge	ED Foldessy	201-327-5767	Wed 1 pm Larkin House	
Rub. Bridge	Bob Mulligan Dave Kampschmidt	201-447-8837 201-405-2043	M,F 1:00 pm Franklin Lakes Ambulance Building	
Care-Concern	Doug Cooper Paul Hennion	908-907-1112 201-891-4716		
Chaplain	Rev Andy Kadzban	201-485-8589		
Computer	Don Kirkpatrick Ed Schlachman Fred Theile	201-337-5666 973-423-1459 201-825-7541	3rd Wed. 10:00	
Gardening	Joe Lamela Rick Sneyers	201-327-8137 973-248-6625	1st Wed.10:00	
Golf	Bill Bryne Jim Webb	201-447-5064 201337-7982	Thursday	
Hiking	Long	Don Kirkpatrick Rick Sneyers	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00
	Short	Fred Theile	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30 WRC
Historian	Victor Pizzolato	201-612-0038		
History	Pablo Catangay Tony Mastandrea	201-684-1217 201-327-8832	4th Monday 1:00 pm	
Investment	Al Connelly	973-616-0755	Thru after the AU General Meeting 9:30	

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GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
Luncheon	John Abrahamsen Mark Cohen	201-848-8037 201-337-4198	
Membership	Walt Widmer Dick Hensch	201-562-8666 201-891-1309	
Newsletter	Lou Guarneri Dick Hensch	201-847-1981 201-891-1309	
Project Outreach	Marty McGonigle Joe Pullaro	201-529-1941 201-337-0018	
Photography	Murry Perl Sam Ohan	201-261-7276 201-825-0437	1st Tuesday 10:00 am
Public Disc.	Walt Widmer Tom Butler	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd Wednesday 9:30 am
Refreshments	Jim Forbes John Gannaway	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
Science	Jack Yurasek	201-337-4433	3rd Tuesday 10.00 am
Skiing	Bud Brooks Jack Yurasek	201-327-6649 201-337-4433	Snow
Sponsor Liaison	Jim Mallen	201-485-8589	
Stock Market	Mark Cohen John Abrahamsen	201-337-4198 201-848-8037	2nd Tues. 9:00 am 4th Tues. 9:00 am
Tennis	Dave Burleigh Bob Meyers	201-762-3707 310-254-8699	M,W,F
Transport.	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
Trips/Tours	Lou Guarneri Don Wasson	201-847-1981 201-891-1873	Morning of AU General Meeting 10:30 am
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

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

The deadline for July 2018 Newsletter articles is 5 PM Saturday, June 30, 2018. When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold). Email: lguarneri03@gmail.com and jrhensch62@gmail.com or mail to: **Lou Guarneri**, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430

Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
Howard Danziger (Maria)	473 Canterbury Drive Ramsey, NJ 07446	President Daburn Elec- tronics & Cable	Computers, Photography, Science, Tennis and Trips & Tours	H: 201-768-8813 C: 201-889-7764 Email: howard@danzigers.org



Duplicate Bridge Re-

The Bridge Club luncheon at Ossy's is on Wednesday, June 13 at noon. Following lunch we will have our usual bridge game. Cost is \$10 a person, Payable to **Dick Freimuth**.

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5/9	NS	Mahmarian/Warner	Desrosiers/Foldessy	Barbera/Freimuth
	EW	Martin/Wong	Altamuro/Yampell	Boylan/Lewis
5/16	NS	Barbera/Peck	Randolph/Smith Freimuth/Mahmarian	---
	EW	Anand/Meloro	Groesbeck/Warner	MacDougall/Martin
5/23	NS	Smith/Groesbeck	Zelhof/Meloro	Yampell/Desrosiers
	EW	Anand/Mahmarian	Levin/Gilpatrick	Peck/Lewis
5/30	NS	Mahmarian/Boylan	Altamuro/Randolph/ MacDougal	Page/Peck
	EW	Anand/Desrosiers	Yampell/Bartlett	Spence/Rock

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The Golf Club

AU AND HOBBYISTS SET DATE FOR ANNUAL GOLF MATCH

The annual match between the golfers from Ridgewood's Hobbyists and Wyckoff's Activities Unlimited will be played on Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 at Apple Greens Golf Course in Highland, NY. Two man teams from each group will compete against each other in a Match Play Format. The winner is determined by whichever group wins the most matches.

Ridgewood has prevailed in the last two matches, so the AU golfers need to sharpen their game. If you wish to participate in this match, please send your check for **\$52.00** payable to Activities Unlimited to: **Bruno Bissetta, 553 Lee Court, Wyckoff, NJ 07481**. Refreshments will be served after the match Teams and pairings will be announced before the match.



AU Thursday Golfers



The History Club



On April 23, **George Lewis** presented "How Muslim immigration affected Europe and the rest of the world." At the beginning of the presentation, George recognized the accomplishments of the Islamic world in mathematics, science, economic development and culture from the 8th to the 14th century. The magnitude of his talk was concentrated on the last 100 years of Muslim immigration to Europe. He proposed the following questions:

- 1) Is immigration a problem today?
- 2) Is radical Islam a problem today? and;
- 3) Is immigration a bigger problem today than it was 100 years ago? In recent years, Europe experienced a record number of asylum seekers fleeing the civil war in Syria and other immigrants from predominantly Muslim countries in the Middle East as well as Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Africa. They came to Europe for other reasons such as finding job and better economic opportunities and education seekers as well. The wave of Muslim immigration prompted debate about immigration and security policies in the European Union and the future number of Muslims in Europe. It is believe that if one stop the immigration today, the Muslim population will continue to grow outpacing the white Europeans because they were younger and bore more children compared to the former.

A very important question was pertaining to the "radicalization" of the Muslim immigrants. It is estimated that there are some 25 million Muslims in Europe. France, Germany, Norway and Switzerland has the largest Muslim immigrants in proportion to its population but the United Kingdom has the biggest Muslim population. After the presentation, Q and A followed. The burning question is what percentage of the Muslim immigrants are radicalized? Few people in the audience gave their thoughts and estimates but no body knows for sure the actual percentage, but what ever it might be, it is small. Vast majority of Muslims are good people and law abiding citizens. Sharia law was briefly discussed. It is the Islamic canonical law based on the teachings of the Koran prescribing both religious and secular duties and sometimes retributive penalties for law breaking.

The next History Club meeting is June 25 at 1 PM- 3rd fl. WRC. The topic: "Asian American- A Saga."

Pablo A. Catangay (chairman) 201-684-1217; **Tony Mastandrea** (co-chairman) 201-327-8832

The Lighter Side



TODAY'S HOUSEKEEPING TIP:

"Always keep several get well cards on the mantel. That way, if unexpected guests arrive, they'll think you've been sick and unable to clean."





The Book Club

The first book on the agenda was *The Locals*, by Jonathan Dee. Introduced by Vince Tortorelli it is the story of the residents who live in the fictional small town of Howland located in the Berkshires in Massachusetts. Populated by largely middleclass, traditional citizens, who nonetheless possess individual personalities, the town finds itself altered when a wealthy hedge fund manager who owns a rental property there moves his family from New York city into it right after the World Trade Center attack. Following the loss of a large tax rateable, the fund manager begins subsidizing town expenses to try to maintain his idea of tranquil life, but to little satisfaction of the citizenry. In a somewhat inverted twist, the personalities as described by the author in the book seem to be more entertaining than the storyline.

Up next was *The Line Becomes A River* by Francisco Cantu and presented by George Lewis. The author describes his work as an agent in the U. S. Border Patrol tracking down migrants that cross the border from Mexico, discovering bodies that didn't survive the blistering sun and rounding up others into detention centers that did. A rather straightforward account of the difficulties managing the U.S. southern border, with the book ending with a poignant account of the deportation court hearing of Jose, an illegal immigrant who befriended the author while working productively for years in the U. S. Commentary regarding the book itself was tepid mostly due to the routine nature of Cantu's job which took most of the story, but as expected, the subsequent discussion regarding the overall illegal immigrant situation and possible resolutions was lively.

At *The Existential Café: Freedom, Being, and Apricot Cocktails*, by Sarah Bakewell was up next, summarized by Tom Butler. In this work the author delves into existentialism, the philosophical view that is based on the doctrine that concrete, individual existence takes precedence over abstract, conceptual essence and that humans are totally free and responsible for their acts. And it is this responsibility that is the source of their dread and anguish. Bakewell traces the lives, influences and thoughts of the more notable philosophers of the movement, focusing on its chief proponents Jean-Paul Sarte and Simone de Beauvoir. The title refers to the cafes in Paris where many of them endlessly discussed their philosophy. Not the easiest read, but very provocative.

Books for June

The Rule of Nobody by Philip Howard

The Immortal Irishman by Timothy Fagan

Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

Books for July

Darwin Comes To Town by Menno Schilthuizen

The Road To Valor by Aili McConnon

Origins by Dan Brown



The Science Club

At the May 15 Meeting - **Fred Theile** led a discussion of the book 'Lights Out' by (Ted Kopple).

Vince Tortorelli presented a review of the book, and gave excellent answers to many questions. The group was arranged in a Semicircle which made the meeting interactive. The book reviews the problems associated with Cyberwarfare, the threats to us, and the results of a possible severe attack. Thank you Fred and Vince!!

On Tuesday (10AM), June 19, we will continue our DVD presentations of Great Courses. The Hubble Program is the topic, and includes the rationale, development and outstanding pictures of Galaxies. Anyone with an interest in Astronomy (including those who joined the recent Liberty Planetarium trip will definitely enjoy the DVD).

No Science Club meetings will take place in July or August.

Thanks to those whose gave talks this past year. We are always trying to have additional people making presentations, and suggestions to improve our group are always welcome.

Jack Yurasek (201-337-4433) Email--JYURASEK@AOL.COM

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.

FRIDAY- JUNE 15, 2018- ROCKLAND BOULDERS BASEBALL GAME

A limited number of tickets will be available for this event. The game will start at 6:30pm at the Stadium located in Pomona, NY. Directions are Exit 12 off the Palisades Parkway or take Route 202 N from Suffern. We plan to car pool from the WRC leaving 5:30pm sharp. Wives/significant others are invited. The cost is \$13pp, which includes the ticket, hotdog/soda voucher and tax. Send check payable to Activities Unlimited to....

Don Wasson 14 Appert Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Any questions, call me at 210-891-1873.

Tuesday— July 24th, 2018 Hunterdon Hills Playhouse - An all new musical extravaganza called “Nunesense” starring Joyce DeWitt (from the TV sitcom, Three’s Company).

Nunesense is a hysterical musical comedy filled with fun and frolic! Featuring amusing songs, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz, and comic surprises. The Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters. In dire need of funds for the burials, the remaining delightfully wacky sisters decide the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show. A sit down luncheon at 11:00 am sharp will precede the show. Wives/significant others are invited. Seating is limited and all checks must be received by John no later than June 25, 2018. This is a carpool event. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for **\$61.00** pp & mail to:

John Caikowsky, 26 Donna Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936

Any questions contact John at: magnjohn@optonline.net or call 973-599-1056

Other trips and events in the planning stage for 2018:

Hudson River Boat Ride or Lake Hopatcong

Wine Tasting

Beefsteak Dinner

Oktoberfest

Christmas Dinner/Dance

May Luncheon at Indian Trails Club

