

**Activities Unlimited**  
**Due to the Coronavirus, AU General Meetings will be held via Zoom**

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**General Meeting For June is**  
**CANCELED**

**AU IS ON THE ROAD BACK TO NORMALCY!!**

The Hikers are hiking, the Golfer are golfing and the Band is back to practicing in person. The Discussion Group, Bridge, History and Stock Clubs have held in person meetings at the Midland Park VFW. And, Trips and Tours will begin meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, starting this June.

The June General Meeting will be replaced by the AU/ YMCA Barbecue on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Hybrid General Meeting in July at the VFW. As usual, there will be no General Meeting in August.

See page 4 for an update of AU's come back.

**Obituaries**

I am sorry to inform you that **Ray Podendorf** passed away of pancreatic cancer. Ray was a long time member of AU. May he rest in peace.

**NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Ahhh! The Summer has finally arrived. And, we will get to meet physically once again at the Barbeque at the Wyckoff YMCA on scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm. I am really looking forward to seeing you there.

Reflecting back since this year began, quite a lot has happened. When it started, we had all heard about the Covid vaccines that were approved in December, but only a rare few of us were able to receive even an appointment until February or March. That has changed entirely, and you can just walk into places now without having to wait at all.

As we return to the new normal, I think of the fact that our club currently has some 300 members which represents more than 2,000 man years of knowledge, skills, and life's experiences. It is through our many clubs and activities, we aim and strive to share all of this wealth amongst us all.

Remember, with the weather improving, AU has a number of outside activities available (golf and hiking to mention a few). Take a look in the Newsletter to see what is offered. Please don't hold back, join in.

Make sure you read the entirety of this Newsletter. Don't stop on page one. There are many items of interest as well valuable information about upcoming events.

Remember, we can all succeed if we all participate.

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 For the Home page, click here: <http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/index.html>  
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# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



### 2021 OFFICERS



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### The Hiking Club

AU Short Hikers at Laurelwood Arboretum in Wayne!!



**For current club information and monthly activities, click on the link below.**

<u><i>Sports &amp; Games</i></u>	<u><i>Personal Interests</i></u>	<u><i>Social Activities</i></u>
<b>Bridge</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page28.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page28.html</a>	<b>Book Club</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page18.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page18.html</a>	<b>AU Guys Band</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page25.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page25.html</a>
<b>Golf</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page12.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page12.html</a>	<b>History Club</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page64.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page64.html</a>	<b>Care &amp; Concerns</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page26.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page26.html</a>
<b>Hiking</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page13.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page13.html</a>	<b>Gardening Club</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page20.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page20.html</a>	<b>Project Outreach</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page40.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page40.html</a>
<b>Skiing</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page17.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page17.html</a>	<b>Computer Technology Club</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page45.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page45.html</a>	<b>Dinner/Dances</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page38.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page38.html</a>
<b>Tennis</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page16.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page16.html</a>	<b>Investment Study Club</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page19.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page19.html</a>	<b>Transportation</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page27.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page27.html</a>
<b>Pickle Ball</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page16.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page16.html</a>	<b>Photography Club</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page61.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page61.html</a>	<b>Trips and Tours</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page29.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page29.html</a>
<b>Chess</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page59.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page59.html</a>	<b>Public Discussion Group</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page23.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page23.html</a>	
	<b>Stock Club</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page22.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page22.html</a>	
	<b>Science Club</b> <a href="http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page24.html">http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/page24.html</a>	



## Trips & Tours



### Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

#### 2021

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 4:00 pm to 7:00pm; AU/YMCA BBQ.** Located at Wyckoff YMCA, 691 Wyckoff Ave, Wyckoff, NJ. Outdoors under Tents: Masks and social distancing in accordance with state mandates will be observed. Typical BBQ menu, bottle water included, BYOB. There will be Corn Hole, Bocce, Ping Pong, Pickleball and Music by the AU Band.

**Wives/significant others are invited.** Rain date is Thursday, June 17, 2021.

Cost \$20 pp. Make checks payable to "Activities Unlimited" and mail to:

**JOHN CAIKOWSKY**, 26 Donna Drive, East Hanover, N J 07936. Please include Cell Phone #.

Any question contact John at 973-599-1056 or email: [JOHNCAIKOWSKY@OPTONLINE.NET](mailto:JOHNCAIKOWSKY@OPTONLINE.NET)

**THIS IS OUR FIRST GATHERING IN A VERY LONG TIME.  
HOPE ALL CAN ATTEND. IT WILL BE A GREAT EVENT.**

**Monday, July 12, 2021 at 1:00 pm; Portobello Italian Restaurant** Located at 175 Ramapo Valley Rd. Oakland, NJ. Lunch will include your choice of 10 entrees (something for everyone) plus a special desert. Coffee, tea and soda will be served. A cash bar is available. **Wives/significant others are invited.**

Cost \$20 pp (Incredible Price). Make checks payable to "Activities Unlimited" and mail to:

**Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd, Mahwah NJ, 07430. Please include your Cell Phone #

Any question contact Larry at 201-825-5843.

#### 2022

### **Sunday June 5, 2022; AU is planning a 5 day cruise to Canada.**

Travel on Royal Caribbean's "Oasis of the Seas", their latest class of ships. It will depart from Cape Liberty Terminal at Bayonne, N.J. sailing to Halifax and St John's Canada. The cost will be finalized when we complete the group booking with-in the next 2 months. However, the current costs for an inside cabin is from \$684 pp and an outside balcony from \$879 pp based on dual occupancy. All costs include port fees and taxes and may be different depending on the cabin location you choose. We strongly recommend that you choose an outside balcony cabin. Once we complete the group set up process, you will deal directly with Royal Caribbean using the group ID. A \$200 pp refundable deposit is required at time of booking and balance is due 90 days before sailing. After final payment is made, refunds are reduced; we recommend that you purchase travel insurance which would cover refunding of fare and medical charges should you need it. Royal Caribbean will adhere to CDC Covid recommendations at the time of sailing.

Continue to check the newsletter each month for updates on this trip.

Any question contact **Lou Guarneri**, [lguarneri03@gmail.com](mailto:lguarneri03@gmail.com) or 201-847-1981

If you have an interest in this trip (no commitment required) please email Lou.

## *Activities Unlimited Comes to Life*

As vaccinations for the Covid virus become more widely distributed, the AU clubs are starting to come back to live meetings.

We see a light at the end of the tunnel, and it is not a train. Many of our members have now completed their second vaccination for the Covid virus. We are now opening, cautiously, our club meetings to face to face gatherings. Hybrid meetings (live plus Zoom) are the first step in defining our new normal. The Science Club held its first hybrid meeting on April 20. 12 members attended the meeting live, and 11 members joined the meeting via zoom. The History Club held their May meeting as a hybrid meeting. Trips & Tours will hold its June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting live.

Future live events will include an outdoor barbeque with the Wyckoff Y senior group on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Our traditional spring luncheon at the Franklin Lakes Indian Trails Club has now been scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>. Our fall breakfast at the Brick House is on schedule for October 12<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for updates on our Christmas event.

**VFW, located at 28 Fanner Road in Midland Park, is our new meeting Venue.**

During this down time, we have been addressing the safety, convenience, and economic needs of our membership. To that end, arrangements have been made with the VFW of Midland Park to use their facility for our club meetings. We have use of the building on all Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The facility has a large meeting room on a walk-in first floor, with a kitchen and internet plus WIFI projection capability. The normal capacity of the room is 160. Even at 50% capacity limits we can easily accommodate our club meetings.

### **New Club Meeting Schedule.**

Moving club meetings into one venue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays has necessitated some adjustment to meeting schedules. Appreciation is extended to all club chairmen for accommodating these changes. Individual club chairmen will determine when live meetings resume.

The following chart shows our revised schedule of club meetings. Planned meeting start dates are shown in parenthesis.

<b>Monthly Club Meeting Schedule</b>		
	VFW	VFW
Week	Tuesday (start date)	Wednesday (start date)
<b>1st</b>	8:30 Stock Club (6/1) 10:30 Photo Club (TBD) 1:00 - Garden Club (TBD)	9:00 - 12:00 Au Band (current) 1:00 Dup. Bridge (6/2)
<b>2nd</b>	10:00 Trips & Tours (6/8) 12:00 - Gen Meeting at WRC	9:00 - 12:00 Au Band (current) 1:00 Public Discussion Club (5/12)
<b>3rd</b>	8:30 Stock Club (6/15) 10:30 Science Club (4/20) 1:00 Investment Club (TBD)	9:00 -12:00 AU Band (current) 1:00 Dup. Bridge (5/19)
<b>4th</b>	10:00 Computer Club (TBD) 1:00 History Club (5/25)	9:00 - 12:00 AU Band (current) 1:00 Dup. Bridge (5/26)

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While we await the WRC to reopen, there will be alternate arrangements of other functions:

Book Club and Computer Club will remain Zoom meetings.

The July General Meeting will be a hybrid meeting from the VFW.

The Board May meeting was a hybrid meeting from the VFW.

### Access to VFW Building

AU has two keys to the VFW. **Harry Bennett** is responsible for opening and closing on Tuesdays. And, **John DeSantis** is responsible for opening and closing on Wednesdays.

### Timing and Rules for Live (Hybrid) Meetings.

As noted, several of our clubs have already started live meetings. All other club chairmen will set their individual starting dates.

All members who decide to attend live meetings must have completed their Covid vaccination and be prepared to produce their vaccination card.

For further information contact: **Harry Bennett**, [harry.bennett@bennett.com](mailto:harry.bennett@bennett.com)

**Directions to VFW, 28 Faner Rd, Midland Park, NJ (enter address into your navigation system and go).. Or see maps below and on next page.**



