

# Activities Unlimited



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## Activities Unlimited General Meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2022 12:00 Noon Ambulance Corp Building 480 Bender Court, Franklins Lakes, NJ

### Guest Speaker—Joel Farkas Topic The Declaration of Independence

The Revolutionary War, and the founding of our country. He lectures at libraries, schools, senior centers and clubs, retirement communities, national organizations, etc.

Joel is a Graduate of Ohio State University; was an Officer in the United States Army and is currently a National Park Service volunteer docent at Washington's Headquarters, Morristown, NJ.

#### HIS MISSION

To motivate you to learn more about the founding of our country. The people and events that impacted and shaped the world we live in today. I want to prove to you that HISTORY DOES MATTER.

#### HIS METHOD

Interesting, Enjoyable, Inspiring, Thought Provoking, Entertaining, "Fun" Lectures

### Obituaries

Sadly we report,

**Don Martin**, a longtime member and past president of AU, passed away on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**George H. Pitts**, a former AU member, passed away on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is upon us and we can now enjoy the outdoors and just in time. We have had a spike in covid infections and while most of us have been vaccinated we are still susceptible as evidenced by my personal experience of May 13 when I got my second booster and then on the 15<sup>th</sup> was diagnosed with Covid. The positive note is that the symptoms are like an old fashioned cold but with the inconvenience of quarantine. Lesson learned by me so enjoy being outside as much as possible both at restaurants and other activities but use caution in crowded areas.

We had a terrific turnout for the **Spring luncheon** with 126 participating. In addition, the 50/50 raffle generated \$300 shared among three winners.

The Board was asked to consider **additional insurance** for AU drivers who were carpooling to/from AU sponsored events. We were able to add an additional \$1 million of liability coverage *on top of* whatever the coverage that the AU driver has. The AU driver's insurance remains the primary and is first in the event of an accident. This coverage should be considered an additional layer of protection and is incidental. The prorated cost of the coverage for 2022 is nominal and we have secured the rider on our policy.

The objective of the increased coverage was to encourage car pooling to not only club meetings but to certain of the Trips and Tours events where a bus is no longer economically feasible. For example, those who did not feel comfortable driving to Morristown for the **Dion concert** on July 21 can possibly catch a ride with another member. This same applies to the golfers driving to the **Farmstead Golf outing** of June 29<sup>th</sup> and other events and meetings. Let's open our doors to those who are not able to drive or do not feel safe driving at night. Our clubs offer interesting opportunities to enjoy your favorite activities.

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



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GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING	GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
<a href="#">AU Guys Band</a>	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	1,3&4 Wed 9 am Midland Pk VFW	<b>Luncheon</b>	<b>John Abrahamsen</b>	john.abrahamsen.bnp@gmail.com 201-739-8589 Selected restaurants by invitation only	
<b>Bocce</b>	Walt Widmer	201-562-8666	M,W,F 1:00 pm Ramsey Courts, Oak St		<b>Mark Cohen</b>		
<a href="#">Book Club</a>	Vince Tortorelli Marty Valerio	201-447-3718 201-394-2938	4th Wed 9:30 am Larkin House	<a href="#">Membership</a>	<b>Dave Voehl</b> <b>Dick Hensch</b>	973-227-6981 201-891-1309	
<b>Database Committee</b>	<b>John Abrahamsen</b> <b>Jim Webb</b>	201-739-8589 201-337-7982		<a href="#">Newsletter</a>	<b>Lou Guarneri</b> <b>Dick Hensch</b>	201-847-1981 201-891-1309	
<b>Dup. Bridge Rub.</b>	<b>Tom Meloro</b>	201-560-0169	Every Wed 1 pm Larkin House  On Hold	<a href="#">Pickleball</a>	<b>Ken Frisco</b> <b>Tim Tracy</b>	201-848-5595 201-560-8911	Tue & Thur. 9:00 Wyckoff Public Tennis Courts
<a href="#">Care-Concern</a>	<b>Marty Valerio</b>	201-262-8966		<a href="#">Project Outreach</a>	<b>Joe Pullaro</b>	201-337-0018	
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Rev Andy Kadzban</b>	201-485-8589		<a href="#">Photography</a>	<b>Murry Perl</b> <b>Sam Ohan</b>	201-446-7357 201-825-0437	1st Tue 10:30 am Midland Pk VFW
<a href="#">Computer Technology</a>	<b>Don Kirkpatrick</b> <b>Fred Theile</b>	201-337-5666 201-825-7541	4th Tue 10:00 am Midland Pk VFW	<a href="#">Public Discussion</a>	<b>Walt Widmer</b> <b>Tom Butler</b>	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd, Wednesday 9:30 at Ambulance Corp Franklin Lake
<a href="#">Garden</a>	<b>Fred Theile</b>	201-981-1801	1st Tue 1:00 pm Midland Pk VFW	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Jim Forbes</b> <b>John Gannaway</b>	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
<a href="#">Golf</a>	<b>Bill Bryne</b> <b>Jim Webb</b>	201-447-5064 201-337-7982	Tues & Thur. 10:50 Paramus Golf Club	<a href="#">Science</a>	<b>Harry Bennett</b> <b>Jack Yurasek</b>	201-891-9527 201-337-4433	3rd Tue 1:00 pm Midland Pk VFW
<b>Long Hiking Short</b>	<b>Don Kirkpatrick</b> <b>Rick Sneyers</b>	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00 am WRC-Parking Lot	<a href="#">Skiing</a>	<b>Bud Brooks</b>	201-327-6649	Snow
	<b>Fred Theile</b>	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30 am WRC -Parking Lot	<b>Sponsor Liaison</b>	<b>Jim Mallen</b>	201-485-8589	
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Victor Pizzolato</b>	201-612-0038		<a href="#">Stock</a>	<b>Frank Nusspickel</b> <b>John Abrahamsen</b>	201-891-9099 201-848-8037	1st & 3rd Tues. 9000 am Midland Pk VFW
<a href="#">History</a>	<b>Pablo Catangay</b> <b>Tony Mastandrea</b>	201-684-1217 201-327-8832	4th Tue 1:00 pm Midland Pk VFW	<a href="#">Tennis</a>	<b>Dave Burleigh</b> <b>Bob Meyers</b>	201-762-3707 310-254-8699	M, W & F Time & Place Seasonal
<a href="#">Investment Study</a>	<b>Dennis LaBarbera</b>	201-391-0471	3rd Wed 1:00 pm Midland Pk VFW	<a href="#">Transportation</a>	<b>Frank Nusspickel</b>	201-891-9099	
				<a href="#">Trips/Tours</a>	<b>John Caikowsky</b> <b>Don Wasson</b>	973-599-1056 201-891-1873	2nd Tue 9:00 am Midland Pk VFW
				<a href="#">Web-Master</a>	<b>Don Kirkpatrick</b>	201-337-5666	



## Trips & Tours



### Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

#### Canada Cruise — The cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's "Oasis of the Seas" will leave from Port Liberty, Bayonne, NJ on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and return on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The itinerary: **Sunday**, Cape Liberty, New Jersey, Departs at 4:00 PM ; **Monday**, Cruising, Day At Sea  
**Tuesday**, Halifax, Nova Scotia, From 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM; **Wednesday**, Saint John, New Brunswick (Bay of Fundy),  
From 9:20 AM - 9:25 PM; **Thursday**, Cruising, Day At Sea; **Friday**, Cape Liberty, New Jersey, Arrives At 6:00 AM

**\*Itineraries are subject to change without notice\***

The actual rate will be based on the group rate and number of persons for the stateroom you choose at the time of your booking. As of 9/27/2021, the rate for 2 people in an ocean view balcony stateroom is about \$750.00 pp, which includes taxes and fees. Wives/significant others are invited. A deposit is required at time of booking. We strongly recommend that you consider purchasing travel insurance either from Royal Caribbean or a private insurance company. **AU assumes no liability for this trip.**

To make your reservation, call Royal Caribbean directly at **1-800-465-3595 Option 4**. Tell the agent that you are a member of the Activities Unlimited group and give them our group number: **5503842**.

Any questions, contact **John Caikowsky** at [johncaikowsky@optonline.net](mailto:johncaikowsky@optonline.net) or 973-599-1056  
Please email John when you make your reservation, include your stateroom number.

#### Friday, October 21, 2022 Straight from Broadway, "The Jersey Tenors" Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, 88 State Route 173, Hampton, NJ 08827

Enjoy the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Sinatra, Bon Jovi, Springsteen, Queen, Journey, Elton John, Billy Joel and more..... A table-served luncheon with outstanding deserts starts at 11:30am sharp and will precede the show. Please arrive a half hour earlier in order to be checked in and seated. Space is limited all checks must be received no later than October 1, 2022. Wives/Significant Others are invited. This is a self drive event. Make checks payable to **ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED** in the amount of \$77.00pp and mail to:  
John Caikowsky 26 Donna Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936. Please include cell phone number with check.

Contact John: [johncaikowsky@optonline.net](mailto:johncaikowsky@optonline.net) or 973-599-1056

### Scam information for those who use Amazon

We want to help protect you from scammers that attempt to impersonate Amazon. Remember these important clues so that you can identify scams and keep your account and information safe:

1. **Never feel pressured to give information (such as your credit card number or account password) over the phone, especially if the call was unexpected.** Scammers may try to use calls, texts, and emails to impersonate Amazon customer service. If you're ever unsure, it's safest to end the call/chat and reach out directly to customer support through the Amazon app or website.
2. **Never pay over the phone.** Amazon will never ask you to provide payment information, including gift cards (or "verification cards", as some scammers call them) for products or services over the phone.
3. **Trust Amazon-owned channels.** Always go through the Amazon mobile app or website when seeking customer support or when looking to make changes to your account.
4. **Be wary of false urgency.** Scammers may try to create a sense of urgency to persuade you to do what they're asking. Be wary any time someone tries to convince you that you must act now.

For more information on how to stay safe online, or to report suspicious communications, visit the Amazon Customer Service page, which can be found in the Help section at the bottom of the Amazon home page.

Sincerely,  
Amazon

## Upcoming Club Activities

### BOCCE

All A/U members are invited to join the group at the Ramsey Courts, Oak St  
**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** at 1:00 pm.  
Questions call: **Walt Widmer** 201-562-8666. It's easy and fun.

### Book Club

The June meeting for the Book Club will be held Wednesday June 22 at 9:30 at the Larkin House in Wyckoff. Books to be discussed are *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman and *The Ghosts of Eden Park: George Remus - King of the Bootleggers* by Karen Abbot.  
Questions call: **Vince Tortorelli** 201-447-3718 or email: [carvince@aol.com](mailto:carvince@aol.com)

### Computer Tech. Club

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 10AM as an Hybrid meeting (via Zoom and in person) at the VFW. I will send out the meeting agenda prior to the next meeting. **Please forward to me suggested topics for future meetings**  
**Donald A. Kirkpatrick** (201-759-3795) or [dakirkpt@verizon.net](mailto:dakirkpt@verizon.net)

### The Golf Club

The annual AU Golf Outing will be played at the **Farmstead Golf Club** on **June 29**  
Golfers of all abilities are welcome!  
If interested, please reply to **Jim Webb**. [jimwebb970@gmail.com](mailto:jimwebb970@gmail.com)  
home: 201 337 7982 or cell: 201 788 9085 cell

### Garden Club

On June 12 the Wyckoff Area Garden Club is hosting a tour of seven gardens in Wyckoff, Waldwick, Franklin Lakes, Mahwah and Upper Saddle River. The tour is called STEP INTO OUR GARDENS. From 10:00 am until 4:00 pm rain or shine. Cost \$25.00. Proceeds go to a scholarship fund.  
Mail a check made out to WAGC to: WAGC, 365 Voorhis Ave. ,Wyckoff NJ 07481  
Questions or feedback to **Fred Theile** [fredtheile@gmail.com](mailto:fredtheile@gmail.com)

### History Club

The History Club meeting is June 28 at 1 pm. This is a person to person meeting at VFW- Midland Park. The presenter is **Al Connelly**. The topic: "Volcanic Eruptions, Droughts, and Plagues Shape History." This is a very fascinating topic and Al will illustrate how events in nature- drive changes in our world. How the great Empires and great Men dealt with Catastrophe and inexpressible Calamity.  
**Pablo A. Catangay**: 201-394-4832; [pcata123@optimum.net](mailto:pcata123@optimum.net)

### Public Discussion

The next Discussion Group meeting is Wednesday June 8, 2022 at 9:30 am at The Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corp  
Questions call: **Walt Widmer** 201-562-8666

### Science Club

The June 2, 2022 meeting will start at 1:00 PM and be a **live meeting only** at the Midland Park VFW.  
Speaker: Gary Rosenbluth  
Topic: Addiction  
If you have any questions, please contact: **Jack Yurasek**: 201-314-0258 or **Harry Bennett**: 201-803-1475

### Trips & Tours

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If you would like to join T&T, please contact **John Caikowsky** at: [johncaikowsky@optonline.net](mailto:johncaikowsky@optonline.net) or 973-599-1056

### Pickleball

Play will start at 8:30AM every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at the Wyckoff tennis/pickleball courts. Anyone interested in playing should contact **Ken Frisco**:  
Cell # 973-919-6704, Home 201-848-5595, [kenfrisco@aol.com](mailto:kenfrisco@aol.com)

## Welcome New Members

Name(Spouse)	Address	Interests	Phones/Email/(Occupation)
<b>John C Hodge (Sue)</b>	<b>3 Minsi Place Oakland, NJ 07436</b>	<b>Golf, Pickle Ball, Tennis</b>	<b>H: 201-669-2198 C: 201-669-2198 jhodge3456@aol.com (Computer)</b>
<b>William B Howes (Mary)</b>	<b>299 Sicomac Ave #4117 Wyckoff, NJ 07481</b>	<b>Golf, History, Bocce</b>	<b>H: 828-606-4041 C: 828-606-4041 twostory88@gmail.com (Executive CEO)</b>
<b>Christopher Love (Donna)</b>	<b>645 Mountain Ave Wyckoff, NJ 07481</b>	<b>Golf, Investment, Luncheon, Membership, Photography, Re- freshment, Science, Stock Club, Transportation, Trips &amp; Tours, Bocce</b>	<b>H: 201-206-7379 C: 201-206-7379 doclove417@gmail.com (Communications)</b>
<b>John Warner (Anne)</b>	<b>312 Four Seasons Lane Montvale, NJ 07645</b>	<b>Computer, Discussion, History, Luncheon, Science, Bocce</b>	<b>H: 201-652-6754 C: 201-406-3776 jawarner@optonline.net (Advertising)</b>
<b>Robert J Filippone (Catherine)</b>	<b>220 Chickasaw Trail Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417</b>	<b>Golf, Luncheon, Stock Club</b>	<b>H: 201-891-7044 C: 201-931-6046 floppe42@optonline.net (Finance)</b>



### The Short Hiking Club



AU Short Hikers visit Laurelwood Arboretum, Wayne, NJ

