

# Activities Unlimited

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## Activities Unlimited General Meeting

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014**

Our speaker for this monthly meeting will be Glenn LeBoeuf, a partner in the public speaking firm of "Let History Live".

A passionate student of history, Glenn is a member of the "Abraham Lincoln Association" with more than 25 years of participation in the many activities associated with our 16<sup>th</sup> President, including speaking at the prestigious civil war institute at "Gettysburg College". The subject of his talk, "10 Moral Moments In The Life Of Abraham Lincoln: His Lifelong Quest For The Better Angels Of His Nature", is a presentation that will show how throughout his life, Abraham Lincoln was a powerful living example of kindness, dedication to the truth, generosity, restraint, humility, compassion and resolve. As Glenn weaves many humorous stories about "Old Abe" into his lecture, we are certain that Lincoln enthusiasts will enjoy these ten stories of our greatest President, stories that are not in our text books.

Come and listen to this fascinating Lincoln story.

**Please remember that WRC is a smoke-free environment. This includes not using E-Cigarettes.**

## Food Pantry

At the Feb. meeting, \$240.00 was given as donations to the Food Pantry.

## Note from the President

We are two months into 2014 and while we have seen our Valentines Day event disrupted by the weather, our other activities are ongoing. Our Hiking Group continues to walk over and around mountains and thru the woods, our Bridge Groups are as busy as ever and all of our members continue to benefit from the wide variety of clubs and events that AU offers. Our first two General Meetings have been well attended and both Speakers were very well received. We, your Officers, look forward to seeing everyone again on March 11<sup>th</sup> at our next General Meeting.

Please feel free to email me at anytime with ideas or suggestions on how we can make our group even better. Thanks for your support and ongoing participation. Your Officers, Directors and Club Chairman are working hard to keep AU a great club. **Herb Umland**



Terry Gilly, long time quintessential AU member died after a prolonged illness. Despite the periodic medical treatments he endured, his commitment to our association remained steady. He was a contributing member for the entire Activities Unlimited Club.

Terry organized and arranged dinner dances and field trips for the full AU membership, and readily volunteered to assist with other special activities and events. He initiated, planned and researched learning experiences for our Garden Club as well.

All of his contributions were accompanied by his caring interest in the well-being of his fellow AU members. Terry genuinely empathized with the struggles of others, while dealing with his own medical challenges.

Terry set the "gold standard" for AU membership..... We look to his exemplary contributions and are grateful that he was part of our lives.

Our Club will miss him as a colleague and a caring good friend.

We extend our condolences to his wife, Mary, and his entire family.

**Joe Lamela**

	OFFICES		MEETING
<b>President</b>	Herb Umland	201-891-6638	2nd Tue 11am
<b>1st Vice-Pres.</b>	Ray Casaprima	201-891-3394	
<b>2nd VicePres.</b>	George Lewis	201-891-5883	
<b>Secretary</b>	Ed Chanod	201-891-1995	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dick Hensch	201-891-1309	
<b>Asst. Treas.</b>	Fred Thiele	201-825-7541	
	COMMITTEES		
<b>AU Guys</b>	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	
<b>Book Club</b>	Joe Clinton	201-447-2261	Wed after the AU General Meeting 9:30
<b>Dup. Bridge Rub. Bridge</b>	Joe MacDougall Wes Cheringal	201-891-4048 201-848-8009	Wed 1 pm M,F 1 pm
<b>Care-Concern</b>	Joe Clinton Paul Hennion Don Martin	201-447-2261 201-891-4716 201-891-2279	
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. D. Bach	201-891-1782	
<b>Chess</b>	Bill Schultz	201-891-5327	3rd Thru 9:30
<b>Computer</b>	Don Kirkpatrick Ed Schlachman Fred Theile	201-337-5666 973-423-1459 201-625-7541	3rd Wed. 10:00
<b>Gardening</b>	Joe Lamela	201-327-8137	1st Wed.10:00
<b>Golf</b>	Bruno Bissetta Guy Cappello	201-891-7567 201-891-0617	Tuesday Thursday
<b>Hiking</b>	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	Mon 9:00
<b>Historian</b>	Dom Manobianco	201-891-7185	
<b>Investment</b>	Herb Umland Mike Hurd	201-891-6638	2nd Thru 9:30
<b>Model RR</b>	Don Cardoza	201-337-3417	Wed. 7PM
<b>Membership</b>	Walt Widmer Dick Gattoni	201-562-8666 201-652-0064	
<b>Newsletter Distribution By</b>	Lou Guarneri Ed Schlachman	201-847-1981 973-423-1459	
<b>Project Outreach</b>	Marty McGonigle	201-529-1941	
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>OPEN</b>		
<b>Public Disc.</b>	Walt Widmer	201-562-8666	3rd Fri 9:30
<b>Refreshments</b>	Jim Forbes Howard Vogel	201-825-0523 201-612-2237	
<b>Science</b>	Jack Yurasek	201-337-4433	3rd Tues 10.00
<b>Skiing</b>	Bud Brooks	201-327-6649	Snow
<b>Sponsor Liaison</b>	Mike Wolff	201-891-4426	
<b>Stock Market</b>	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	2nd Tues. 9:00 4th Tues. 9:00
<b>Tennis</b>	Dom Manobianco	201-891-7185	MWF
<b>Transport.</b>	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
<b>Trips/Tours</b>	Lou Guarneri Don Wasson	201-847-1981 201-891-1873	2nd Tues 10:30
<b>Web-Master</b>	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	



## Duplicate Bridge Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
2/12	Finn/Meloro	Reed/Smith	Page/Wiest
2/19	Finn/Freimuth	Levin/Milcos	Gottheim/Martin
2/26	Coughlin/Page	Gattoni/Martin	Freimuth/Levin

## ANNUAL MAY LUNCHEON

**TUESDAY MAY 13th, at 12 NOON  
AT INDIAN TRAIL CLUB IN FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ**

We have put together a wonderful afternoon for all of our members, spouses and significant others to enjoy.

The Indian Trail staff will provide us with great food, in a wonderful environment, where our band "THE AU GUYS" will be playing for our listening and dancing pleasure. There is a cash bar! (Beer \$5, Wine \$6, Mixed Drinks \$7) Open Seating or make your own arrangements with other members! Doors open at 12 Noon with the buffet starting at 12:30!

Please come join your fellow AU members for a terrific afternoon. It's a wonderful opportunity for everyone to meet and mingle in a very relaxing atmosphere.

You need to hurry since we need your check of \$24 per person payable to Activities Unlimited to be mailed to **George Lewis** 45 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, NJ 07430 by May 1st. George can be reached at 201- 891- 5883.

COME JOIN US !

### Obituary

**Ruth Gattoni** died on Feb 3, 2014. She was 90. Married to **Dick Gattoni** for 67 years, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She is survived by her husband, 3 sons and their wives, 2 daughters and their husbands, 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

**The deadline for Mar., 2014 Newsletter articles is 5:PM Feb 25, 2013. 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



## Investment Study Group

WRC MARCH 13, 2014  
9:30AM THIRD FLOOR

**D**ebra Taylor, a lifetime area resident, is the principal of this local wealth management firm. She graduated, magna cum laude, from Drew University where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She went on to Cornell Law School where she also received many awards and honors and served as a teaching assistant. After graduation she served as a law clerk for the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

She practiced law with one of the largest law firms in NJ, Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland and Perretti and engaged in a wide variety of practice areas. After several years of practicing law Debra left to join her family's tax and accounting practice, Azarian and Company and eventually became the sole principal. She advised clients on all types of tax matters and represented clients before the IRS. During that time Debra earned her CPA license, a financial planning license and obtained her insurance licenses from the State of N.J..

Taylor Financial Group is affiliated with LPL Financial which is headquartered in San Diego, California. Debra focuses exclusively on wealth management for high net worth individuals, corporations and tax exempt organizations. She incorporates her legal expertise and tax background to provide integrated solutions to her clients offering ideas on investment management, insurance solutions, tax planning, retirement planning and estate planning. Wives are always invited to the Investment Study Group mtgs.

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



## Public Discussion Group

**W**alter **Widmer** was unable to moderate the group's meeting and **Tom Butler** substituted this one time. In Walter's absence, the group enjoyed a smorgasbord of topics, excluding for a change many of the political issues that usually dominate. We began with a lively discussion about "the French and why they dislike Americans." Many members shared personal experiences- and most of those were fond memories of good times in France. By the end, the negative topic transformed into a broad view that the French, despite some peculiarities like tolerance for mistresses, were not so different from other Europeans as far as friendliness was concerned.

There was a brief discussion around the Olympics and the security cordon around the events: little or no tolerance by the Russian authorities for any sign of dissent.

Getting back to politics, there was lively discussion about the extent and validity of "executive orders." The general view was that President's use of executive orders was not any more numerous than predecessors' use of them and approval or condemnation of them was probably more dependent on the political leanings of the viewer than the constitutionality of the practice. There was also a short discussion about gerrymandering and its impact on the electoral process. There was a general sense that "government by the people" was slipping away.

Finally, we talked about curriculum in the schools and whether the country was over-focused on just preparing students for a job and spending enough time on the arts and humanities, in short, not providing a really well-rounded education. No conclusions drawn and lots of room for future debate..

The next meeting will be on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. In a change to the usual format, the group voted to invite a guest to address the group about the "Tea Party." Many participants have lamented the fact the group debates important issues, but doesn't have a clear idea of how to bring ideas to a wider audience or to elected officials. The purpose of the invitation is to get a better idea of how a "movement" organizes and pushes an agenda forward. This will not be a partisan presentation of Tea Party views, but will focus on how a civic organization is formed and becomes effective.



## The Science Club

Unfortunately, the February 18, 2014 Meeting was cancelled because of the SNOW. **George Becker's** talk is rescheduled to March 18—see below.

The Science Club (with support of AU Trips and Tours) is planning a Bus Trip to the NY Museum of Natural History on Wed April 23, 2014. All AU Friends and Family are encouraged to join us on this trip, with a minimum of 30 people required to support the Bus expense. The Cost is \$54 (per person), which includes Admission to all regular Museum Exhibits, as well as the following special events: Planetarium –Dark Universe, narrated by Tyson, IMAX—Mysteries of the Unseen World, and the Power of Poison. Lunch is available in the Museum (on your own). Based upon the response to last year's trip, a most enjoyable day is anticipated.

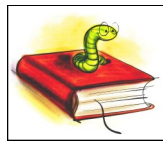
Thanks to **Walt Widmer** for his excellent talk on 'Genetics' at the January 21, 2014 meeting. He discussed the role that DNA plays in our make-up and structure, and tried to help us to a better understanding of these important concepts.

March 18, 2014—George Becker will give highlights of the LAMONT-DOHERTY Earth Institute research on Antarctica.

May 20, 2014—**Bob Saletta** will discuss two major scientific and timely topics: (a) Is there life elsewhere in the Universe which can communicate with us? New discoveries are changing the probabilities to 'maybe yes'. (b) The Higgs Boson particle which is the fundamental particle in the universe. It has been theorized since 1964 and 'partially' discovered this year, and has been called the 'God Particle', since without it, the universe would not exist.

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

**JACK YURASEK** (201-337-4433)



## The Book Club

### Books for March:

- \* PRESUMED INNOCENT - Scott Turow
- \* AFTER THE MUSIC STOPPED - Alan Blinder
- \* NEWS FROM HEAVEN - Jennifer Haigh

**Vince Tortorelli** briefed us on Zbigniew Brzezinski's latest book, STRATEGIC VISION: America and the Crisis of Global Power. Brzezinski sees a shifting of world power from the West to the East, abetted by a weakened European Union and America's domestic economic and political problems. This dispersal of power will see Russia, China, India and Japan all maneuvering for position. He holds out hope that the U.S. will regain its footing and help promote a more vital West, one embracing Turkey and a more democratized Russia. This analysis led to a lively discussion.....**John Oates** gave a spirited review of THE ART FORGER (B.A. Shapiro), a novel based on a real-life 1990 theft of art work by Rembrandt, Degas and Vermeer. The plot involves a Faustian bargain made by a struggling, but talented, painter, who agrees to make a forgery of a Degas painting for money and, more importantly, an opportunity to have a one-woman show of her paintings at an art gallery whose nefarious owner is the one offering her this "deal." This is a light read, but most fascinating about the book is its description of art copyists and forgers and how, possibly, countless forgeries hang in the world's most prestigious art museums. Who knew?.....**Ed O'Keefe** outlined Paul Theroux's latest novel, THE LOWER RIVER. Ellis Hock, the central character, following a divorce and other unhappy circumstances, decides to return to a rural village in Malawi, Africa, where he served in the Peace Corps forty years earlier. However, it is no longer the ideal place he remembered. It is now a corrupt and hellish place where he eventually finds himself a "prisoner" of sorts. The story telling is full of descriptive details and makes Hock's predicament seem quite scary, although one our members, who has visited Malawi, took issue with the author's heavy handed description of the country.

### Books for April:

- \* THE BOYS IN THE BOAT - Daniel James Brown
- \* THE TIPPER AND THE GIPPER - Chris Matthews
- \* THE SKEPTIC - A Life of H. L. Mencken - Terry Teachout

Our next meeting is March 12 at 9:30 am at the Larkin House (380 Godwin Ave, Wyckoff). We welcome new members.

## 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.**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 - Costa Rica** This is a 13 day private motor coach guided tour of the natural wonders of the most biologically diverse countries in the world. From powerful volcanoes and black sand beaches to tropical dry forests and mangrove jungles. The cost is **\$2,395** pp. which includes airfare from Newark, all accommodations, 22 meals, 9 included tours. This trip is very popular and we are **very limited** on the number travelers we can take. There are a few single spots open at the same price. If you are interested in going, please contact **Don Wasson 201-891-1873** ([donwas@verizon.net](mailto:donwas@verizon.net)) as soon as possible for details and booking instructions. **SOLD OUT**

**Monday, March 17th 2014 - St Patrick's Day** to be held at **The Royal Manor**, 454 Midland Ave, Garfield, NJ from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. It will be a family style menu with soup, salad, chicken, corned beef, dessert and coffee/tea including 2 complimentary drinks and "Wearing of the Green" show by Ace In The Hole. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for **\$44.00** pp and mail to: **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430. Tel: 201-825-5843.

**Wednesday, April 23, 2014** The Science Club is planning a Bus Trip to the NY Museum of Natural History on . All AU Friends and Family are encouraged to join us on this trip, with a minimum of 30 people is required to support the bus expense. The Cost is \$ 54 (per person), which includes Admission to all regular Museum Exhibits, as well as the following special events: Planetarium –Dark Universe, narrated by Tyson, IMAX—Mysteries of the Unseen World, and the Power of Poison. Lunch is available in the Museum (on your own). Send your check for **\$54** pp payable to Activities Unlimited to **Jack Yurasek**, 136 Manito Ave, Oakland, NJ 07436

**Thursday, May 22, 2014:** Kykuit: The Rockefeller Estate near Tarrytown, NY. This magnificent mansion and estate has been the home of several generations of the Rockefeller family. We will tour the main rooms of beautiful stone mansion, the terraced gardens along with Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's sculpture collection. Following the tour we will have lunch at the Sunset Cove Restaurant which is located overlooking the Hudson River. The menu includes mixed green salad, choice of Pasta, Chicken or Seafood followed by dessert, coffee & Tea. Soda and adult beverages are on your own. **\$74**. Bus leaves Wyckoff Reformed Church at 8:15.

**Dick Botta**, 413D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. 201-848-9001

**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.

**Sept—Wine Tasting Party**

**Oct—Oktoberfest**

**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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