



## Activities Unlimited General Meeting

March 14, 2017  
1:00 PM at the WRC  
Heneveld Hall

For our **March** meeting we have invited Pat Schuber to share some Irish history with us. In particular, he will discuss the 1916 Easter Rising, examining the significance of this famous rebellion against English rule. A former Bergen County Executive, New Jersey Assemblyman, and Bogota mayor, Schuber is an assistant professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

## Note from the President

Due to the unusually mild weather, I'm already thinking about the spring. So, I want to encourage everyone to start thinking about joining in some of our outdoor activities, like tennis, golf, hiking, and walking (short hike). They offer a great way to get some healthy exercise and make new friends. Like all our clubs, every member is welcome to come out and try it. You may surprise yourself and find it's a lot of fun. Next, I want to thank those members who put suggestions in the Suggestion Box at the last meeting. The Board is not "all knowing" so having feedback from members helps us make AU even better. Not every suggestion will be implemented, but every one of them will get careful consideration by the Board. Finally and by way of update, please note that the revised By Laws will shortly be sent to all AU members for review and consideration. The formal vote to adopt the By Laws will likely take place at the May breakfast meeting. And a final, "finally," I want to recognize **Lou Guarneri** and **Dick Hensch** who edit and ensure our monthly Newsletter gets out. It's a lot of work and deserves our thanks and appreciation.

## Obituaries

It is sad to report the death of **Ann Granese**, wife of deceased AU member **George Granese**. Ann passed away on Sunday, February 19th at age 85.

At the February general meeting \$160.00 was collected for the Wyckoff Reform Church Food Pantry.

## NOTES TO MEMBERS

The Care and Concerns Committee has been reorganized to streamline the process for sending cards, making donations and ensuring continuity from year to year. **Joe Clinton** and **Don Martin** will no longer be the contact persons. **Paul Hennion** will continue making hospital visits where possible. Any member who becomes aware of a member's or a member's spouse or immediate family's passing should notify **Doug Cooper**, Assistant Treasurer at [dcoop1025@yahoo.com](mailto:dcoop1025@yahoo.com) or by telephone at 908-907-1112.

As part of this effort, we ask that all committee chairmen and member sponsors communicate directly with Doug as well.

We wish to thank **Joe Clinton** and **Don Martin** for their years of service in performing this vital task.

## Wyckoff Reform Church parking lot closing dates:

There will be no parking, no loading of tour bus, etc. in the parking lot on: Wednesday and Thursday, April 26 & 27, 2017. As always, all club chairmen are reminded that if you have any activity in the church including parking in the church lot and/or loading a tour bus to please check with Sue (and the church calendar) for any conflicts *before* arrangements are made.

General membership meetings are normally held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heneveld Hall adjacent to the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, NJ.

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



### 2017 OFFICERS



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COMMITTEES & CLUBS			
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
AU Guys	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	Wes Cheringal	201-848-8009	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	
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 973-248-6625	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 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00
Historian	Dom Manobianco Victor Pizzolato	201-891-7185 201-612-0038	
History	Pablo Catangay	201-684-1217	4th Monday 1:00 pm
Investment	Al Connelly	973-616-0755	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 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 Howard Vogel	201-825-0523 201-612-2237	
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	Don Kirkpatrick John Abrahamsen	201-337-5666 201-848-8037	2nd Tues. 9:00 am 4th Tues. 9:00 am
Tennis	Dom Manobianco Dave Burleigh	201-891-7185 201-485-8923	M,W,F
Transport.	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
Trips/Tours	Lou Guarneri Don Wasson	201-847-1981 201-891-1873	The AU General Meeting 10:30 am
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

**P**lease remember that WRC is a smoke-free environment. **This includes E-Cigarettes.**

**T**he deadline for April, 2017 Newsletter articles is 5 PM March 26, 2017. When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold).

Email: [lguarneri03@gmail.com](mailto:lguarneri03@gmail.com) and [jrhensch62@gmail.com](mailto:jrhensch62@gmail.com)

or mail to: **Lou Guarneri**, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430

## Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
William Leo (Cathie)	289 Sunset Blvd Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Executive	Transportation, Trips & Tours, Golf and Project Outreach	H: 201-891-4575 Cell: 845-263-5323 Email: williamleo@gmail.com
Joseph Tedeschi	386 Butternut Ave Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Executive	Chess, Discussion Group and Golf	H: 201-447-9605 Email: tejosephtedeschi@yahoo.com
Robert P Groesbeck	150 Juroan Rd Emerson, NJ 07630		Bridge Duplicate, Computers, Golf, Investments, Tennis and Trips & Tours	H: 201-265-8876



## Public Discussion Group

February marked another interesting and informative meeting. Our topics sparked a lively exchange of views. First, we discussed the timely issue of “political correctness.” We focused on how it should be defined, whether it has racial or ethnic dimensions (i.e. “the Polish joke”), whether it is undermining debate by closing off topics and creating “safe spaces.” Members expressed views points across the spectrum. Next we looked at the “National Debt.” This too elicited a range of views as to cause (political gridlock) and potential risks as well as to which areas warrant increased spending (social services vs. defense). One interesting comment noted that in contrast to a private company, the Government does not report any income return from its vast infrastructure investments (roads, dams, etc.), which distorts how we evaluate the deficit. Finally, the group looked at “driverless cars.” The general conclusion was that they are coming and soon and we need to focus on the job implications and broader social impact. Public Discussion will next meet on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at Larkin House. The topics will be: “Voting;” “Should College be Free?” and “US Trade Policy.” All members are welcome to attend.



### DID YOU MISS THE FEBRUARY MEETING?

If you missed the February meeting you lost the opportunity to listen to one of the most inspiring people you could ever hope to meet. Jim DeLuccia, the presenter, looks like the average guy at an AU meeting. He's a little past his 90th birthday but is still quick of wit, clear of thought and unassuming as if he is just Joe Average. But Jim DeLuccia flew 32 missions in B-17's during WWII. He sat in a small seat with a bomb bay door for a window and 500 pound bombs for travel companions. He saw France, he saw Germany. He saw lots of Western Europe but he was not there as a welcome tourist.



As Jim recalled and related the missions he was on his eyes got the faraway look of a person whose body was in front of us but also one whose mind had traveled back in time for over 70 years. The stories he told were read from memoirs written by him. But his eyes told you that he was back there. The death, the destruction, the fear, the exhilaration of the return to his base to find out how many of his friends had also been fortunate enough to make it back. And to get ready to fly again, tomorrow or whenever the call came.

His first answer to the "What did you do in the war?" question was one we have all heard from our fathers, our uncles, our brothers. "I just did my job."

If you wanted to feel pride at being an American, you should have been at that meeting. You too could have gotten a glimpse into “The Time of Hero's”.





## Duplicate Bridge Results

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2/01	NS	Bartlett/Warner	Altamuro/Page	Freimuth/Groesbeck
	EW	Meloro/Rock	Coughlin/Milcos	MacDougall/Wiest
2/08	NS	Meloro/Page	Groesbeck/ Kampschmidt/ Riccardi	Levin/Werner
	EW	Levin/Warner	Coughlin/Wiest	Rock/Sweetgall
2/15	NS	Coughlin/Lewis	Kampschmidt/ Warner	MacDougall/Smith/ Wong
	EW	Martin/Milcos	Freimuth/Zelhof	Altamuro/Wiest
2/22	NS	Kellett/Smith	Milcos/Wong	Martin/Page
	EW	Douma/Warner	Coughlin/ Sweetgall	Freimuth/Rock



## The Garden Club

The Garden Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 1st at Admin. WRC conference room.

\* "What's up" - Jasmine, crocuses, seed prices, peas - cool weather crops

\* Lady bugs

\* Frost free date - St. Patrick's Day

\* What are "Galls"? come see

\* Show & Tell

\* Unmet needs.



## Investment Study Group

Greg Makowski & John Bartlett of CFS Investment Advisory Services, LLC talked on what really matters in investing

Goals – they are the driver of everything else

Risk – even the safest investment has risk. Limit your losses and know your risks.

How We Invest – sees bonds and U.S. equities as basic to any portfolio

Expenses – advisory fees, trading fees & commissions are the overt fees. Bundled investments such as ETFs, mutual funds, hedge funds, & structured notes have hidden fees.

Taxes – what you do in taxed and non-taxed accounts matter, and tax law is protean.

In short everything matters.



## The Photography Club

Winter is here but when you are in the Photography Club winter is just an opportunity to get some fantastically different and magnificently beautiful views of some of the things that wore ordinary clothes during the hotter months. We shared some amazing pictures of wintry scenes among the Photography Club membership including the now-roaring Paterson Great Falls, views from Garrett Mountain and many landscapes containing unassuming trees and shrubs gloriously clothed in newly-laundered clothes of white.

When the day of our formal meeting was a bit cooler than we all like we took advantage of the indoor time to improve our understanding of some of the software available to us that helps to transform the "oops" photos into keepers. One thing we know is true--no matter how skilled you are at photography or how new you are to a camera no photographer is ever satisfied with the pictures he/she took. Post-processing software is like a second turn at bat. With the techniques learned in previous sessions of our Club we have all learned to make sure we have our cameras handy. We may not get vintage wine with every shot, but even the worst of us (that would be me) are now able to get grapes instead of raisins or rabbit turds and the post-processing programs are capable of biblical transformations!

If you think you can't learn to take good...no, make that "great"...pictures you have not been to a Photography Club meeting. Join us at the March meeting on Tuesday, March 7. The primary emphasis of this meeting is help at taking pictures at family events and memorable moments. It starts at 10:00 AM in the upstairs meeting room at the WRC.

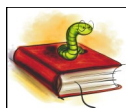


## The History Club

The subject matter for the upcoming History Club meeting will be the "The History of Medicine." Medicine is both science and an art has been one of "the greatest benefit" to mankind. The challenges to find cures to alleviate and treat diseases have engaged the minds of doctors, healers and patient since ancient times. The achievements and practices that have transformed medicine are many: Jenner and vaccination; Pasteur and Koch with their "germ theory"; Florence Nightingale and her nursing reforms; Lister and antiseptics; Roentgen and X-rays. These were but few milestone in the history of medicine. The development of modern drugs, vaccines, the arrival of antibiotics, early breakthroughs in cancer treatments to the growth of biotechnology to advances in surgery, transplantation of organs and tissues, etc. These advances are truly amazing and we can look to a very bright 21st century where life expectancy continued to grow.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Pablo A. Catangay: [pcatangay@optonline.net](mailto:pcatangay@optonline.net), -201-684-1217



## The Book Club

At the February Book Club meeting three books were discussed:

*Fail U. : the false promise of higher education*, by Charles Sykes, was reviewed by **Joe Clinton**. It is a critique of American colleges and universities that laments the fast rising cost of a college education fueled by questionable spending on lavish new buildings and expanded administrative departments, resulting in growing student debt that is becoming difficult to repay. It decries the trend of fewer tenured professors, many of whom only spend 3-6 hours a week in the classroom while assistants replace them. All this prompts Sykes to ask "Is it worth it?" while students graduate with a degree that often doesn't fulfill their expectations or marketability. A wide range of commentary followed to include the role of online studies, the preparation by high schools, and perhaps the author's oversight in not recognizing the college experience in developing social skills beyond academics.

*Settle for More*, by Megyn Kelly, was presented by **John Galvin**. This memoir describes her early home life, her rise as a journalist on Fox leading to her own program, *The Kelly File*, through her feud with Donald Trump in the presidential primary debate. She tells what helped shape her life, including her close tough-love family, obstacles and harassment she faced as her career progressed, all with the message that you can overcome a lot if you persevere. An interesting discussion followed, including what prompted someone so young with perhaps the best part of her career still ahead of her to write a memoir now.

*Death at La Fenice*, by Donna Leon, was summarized by **Vince Tortorelli**. It tells the story of the poisoning of Helmut Wellauer, a world renowned German musical director, between acts of an opera being performed at Teatro La Fenice in Venice. Commisario of police Guido Brunetti is called in to investigate and he faces numerous suspects as he follows the case to conclusion. This was the first of the author's many novels over years, and while some in the group felt maybe not one of her best, still a good whodunit.

Books for March:

*The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan  
*Ruthless* by Ron Miscavige  
*Bellevue* by David Oshinsky

Books for April:

*Einstein's Greatest Mistake* by David Bodanis  
*Grit - The Power of Perseverance* by Angela Duckworth  
*White Trash* by Nancy Isenberg

## The Science Club



The Science Club meeting agendas for the next three months are summarized below, with a recommended Reading List, and some additional possible trips.

The next SC Meeting is 10 AM, Tuesday, February 21.

Harry Bennett will return and continue his talks on packaging. This presentation will cover: Paper--Folding cartons and labels and: Metal forming, cans and metal parts.

March 21--Dr. Cauchard will return to update us on Conditions of the Eye.

His previous visits have been most informational--Note: the specific time will be indicated later based upon his schedule.

April 18 --Cyber+, Zero Day (TV Documentary)

We will view and discuss the Showtime documentary DVD 'Zero Day' It is available on Netflix, and is about the Stuxnet virus which was used to delay the Iranian Nuclear program by damaging the centrifuges.

May--Possible car pool trip to the Edison Museum or Liberty Science Center (please contact me on interest and preferences).

## Savini's Luncheon



## 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.**

**MONDAY, March 13, 2017 – “SEAMUS O'MACARONI” – The Brownstone, 351 Broadway, Paterson, NJ – 11:30am-3:30pm.** What happens when two great cultures collide? Well, you'll find out when the Irish and Italian come together to celebrate St. Patty's Day. Ace In The Hole Players and their band along with a bagpiper headline this wacky look at Irish and Italian life. It is sure to be a day full of Irish laughter and song with just the right amount of Italian flavor. \$50.00 pp. includes, Show, Luncheon, Taxes, and Tip. Luncheon is family style, 2 free drinks, warm rolls, fresh green salad, Irish pea soup, corned beef & cabbage, roasted chicken, Irish soda bread, boiled potatoes, buttered carrots, dessert, coffee & tea, and pitchers of regular/diet soda on the tables. Open to members, spouses or significant other. Please send your check for \$50.00 pp made payable to ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED to:

**Bob LaSalvia**, 80 Glasgow Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430 Tel 201-529-4784

**WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2017 — Philadelphia Flower Show.** From towering windmills, wooden shoes and delectable cheeses, to the whimsical bicycles, canals and vibrant tulip fields of the iconic Dutch landscape, the 2017 Flower Show will share the diverse stories of horticulture, innovative eco-design, and modern urban greening and sustainability efforts of the Netherlands. This will include the bus and tickets to the show. Lunch will be on your own. The cost is \$50.00 per person. This includes the bus and a discounted ticket to the show. Lunch is on your own. The bus will leave WRC parking lot at 8:00 am sharp and will leave the flower show at 3:45 pm sharp. **NOTE to AU Members, your check must be received no later than 2/15/2017.** After that date the trip will be opened to local garden clubs and the general public. If you delay you may be placed on a waiting list. Send your check made out to “Activities Unlimited” to: **Lou Guarneri**, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430. **Please include your cell phone number with your check.** Any questions call Lou at 201-847-1981

**THURSDAY, April 20, 2017 — NBC BACK STAGE TOUR.** Includes Studio visits to Jimmy Fallon Show, SNL, Late Night Seth Myers, & Lester Holt News. We also learn about TV Production, Scriptwriting & Producing. Bus leaves WRC at 9 am & arrives at NBC at 10:30 am. 2 hours for lunch on your own. We pick up our 40 tickets at 12:30. Tour starts at 1 pm, 10 people every 20 minutes. Last tour 2 pm. Each tour is 1 hour. After tour meet in the lobby at 3:30 pm for Bus ride home. Price: \$55.00 pp. Open to members, spouses or significant other. Send checks payable to AU to:

**Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430. Tel: 201-825-5843. **Please include your cell phone number.**

**TUESDAY MAY 9, 2017- ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON/DANCE AT INDIAN TRAIL CLUB, FRANKLIN LAKES, N.J.** Doors open at 12:00 noon. Buffet lunch served at 12:30pm. Music by the AU band. Please sign up as early as possible so we can set the number of tables required. Price is the same as last year, **\$25/person.** Wives/significant others invited. Checks should be made out to Activities Unlimited and mailed to:

**Joe Pullaro**, 886 Iron Latch Road, Franklin Lakes, N.J. 07417. Any questions contact Joe at 201-337-0018

**WEDNESDAY –THURSDAY, June 14-15, 2017, : Sight & Sound Millennium Theater presentation of “Jonah and the Whale”.** Fabulous Buffet at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord Restaurant (Beef Steak Night) and Overnight Accommodations lovely Country Living Inn with included Breakfast at their 1950 Diner next door (enjoy the fabulous “plate-sized Pancake”). After Breakfast we depart for home. Cost is \$234.00 per person double occupancy and \$309.00 for a single. **Sign up now and pay in full no later than March 31, 2017.** We made it an overnight because a 7 hour round trip Bus Ride is a real pain. Open to members, spouses or significant other and friends. Time TBD. The Productions at Sight & Sound are so unusual and interesting with the Stage Effects of live animals and spectacular theatrical scenes. I wonder how it will present water effects. For more information Contact: **Dick Botta**, 201-848-9001

**THURSDAY, June 22, 2017- Spirit of New Jersey Luncheon Cruise.** When Sunshine, Good Company and the NYC Sky-line views combine, there is no better place than a 2 hour cruise on the Hudson and East Rivers. Delicious Lunch Buffet, Unlimited Coffee/ Hot & Iced Tea and Onboard Entertainment with D.J. Music. A La Carte drinks (soda, beer, wine and cocktails are available). Open to members, spouses or significant other. Time TBD. We will carpool from WRC to Lincoln Harbor, Weehawken, NJ. THIRTY (30) reservations will be purchased and will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. The Cost is \$60.00 per person. Please send your check payable to “Activities Unlimited” to:

**Don Wasson**, 14 Appert Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

Any questions about this event, contact Don at 201-891-1873 or [donwas@verizon.net](mailto:donwas@verizon.net).

**THURSDAY, July 13, 2017: Summer Picnic at Krucker's Picnic Grove in Pomona, NY.** Arrive at 10:30 a.m. Biscuits & Coffee followed by Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Sausage& Peppers, Manhattan Clam Chowder, French Fries, Garden Salad and Clams on the 1/2 Shell. Watermelon and Ice Pops. Dinner at 4 pm of Sliced Roast Beef and Roast Chicken Breast, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes, Peas & Carrots & Ice Cream. Soft Drinks, Coffee, Beer & Wine until 5:00. Music & Dancing, Bocce, swimming, Horseshoes, Bingo and More. All this for \$ 52. per person. We will drive to Pomona, about a 30 minute drive from Wyckoff (directions to follow). For more information Contact: **Dick Botta**, 201-848-9001



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