Activities





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ANNUAL MAY LUNCHEON TUESDAY MAY 14th Starts at 12 NOON AT INDIAN TRAIL CLUB IN FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ

amon Casaprima and his team of AU members have put together a wonderful afternoon for all of our members, spouses and significant others.

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! 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. A wonderful opportunity 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 Ramon Casaprima at 40 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, NJ 07430 by May 4th. Ramon can be reached at 201-891-3394.

COME JOIN US!

Food Pantry

t the April meeting, \$252.00 was given as donations to the Food Pantry.

Note from the President

his month of April we welcomed back our many snowbirds who were fortunate to have the ability to escape the wet, cold and snow blown winters of the Northeast. It good to see their well suntanned faces. As for those of us who stayed the winter mostly sheltered at home, and our returning snowbirds, May brings us the opportunity to greet our many AU friends at the annual May Luncheon meeting held, as usual, on the second Tuesday of the month at Indian Trails Club in Franklin Lakes. It is also an opportunity to treat our wives / significant others to a great lunch and dancing to the music of our own band, the AU Guys. If you have not done so already, get you money and reservation into Ramon Casaprima.

We have started on a project to upgrade the program portion of the monthly membership meeting. Many of you may have seen and enjoyed the 18 piece Jazz band from William Patterson at the March Meeting. Herb Umland, our 1st VP, has lined up several very interesting programs for this year. See the meeting notice in the monthly newsletter for specifics on the meeting that month.

Thanks to the effort of many of our members, we have been attracting more new members. The monthly Dick Gattoni "tell me about yourself" show has had many new and interesting new members introduced to the membership. Take the time to introduce yourself to a new member. It will make them feel more welcome and you may develop a new friendship

WWII Vets

Yes Cheringal is in the process of compiling a list of AU members who are veterans of World War II. If you are such a veteran, please call Wes Cheringal at 201-848-8009

June 2013 Newsletter deadline May 20, 2013

The Deadline for June 2013 Newsletter articles is May 20, 2013.

Send to:

Email: lguarneri03@gmail.com Or mail to: Lou Guarneri 128 MacLeish Court Mahwah, NJ 07430

Visit AU website: www.activitiesunlimited.org

	OFFICES		MEETING
President	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	2nd Tue 11am
1st Vice-Pres.	Herb Umland	201-891-6638	
2nd VicePres.	Ray Casaprima	201-891-3394	
Secretary	Ed Chanod	201-891-1995	
Treasurer	Dick Hensch	201-891-1309	
Asst. Treas.	Ed McGuirk	201-445-5729	
	COMMITTES		
AU Guys	John DeSantis	201-447-0256	
Book Club	Joe Clinton Joe Infosino	201-447-2261 201-337-5442	Wed after the AU General Meeting 9:30
Dup. Bridge Rub. Bridge	Joe MacDougall Wes Cheringal	201-891-4048 201-848-8009	Wed 1 pm M,F 1 pm
Digital Camera	Ed Trerotola	201-236-1368	
Care-Concern	Joe Clinton Paul Hennion Don Martin	201-447-2261 201-891-4716 201-891-2279	
Chaplain	Rev. D. Bach	201-891-1782	
Chess	Bill Schultz	201-891-5327	3rd Thru 9:30
Gardening	Joe Lamela	201-327-8137	1st Wed.10:00
Golf	Bruno Bissetta Guy Cappello	201-891-7567 201-891-0617	Tuesday Thursday
Hiking	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	Mon 9:00
Historian	Dom Manobianco	201-891-7185	
Investment	Herb Umland	201-891-6638	2nd Thru 9:30
Model RR	Lou Guarneri	201-847-1981	Wed. 7PM
Membership	Dick Gattoni Walt Widmer	201-652-0064 201-562-8666	
Newsletter Distribution By	Lou Guarneri Ed Schlachman	201-847-1981 973-423-1459	
Project Outreach	Marty McGonigle	201-529-1941	
Photographer	Chuck Bainbridge	201-447-2910	
Public Disc.	Walt Widmer	201-562-8666	4th Fri 9:30
Refreshments	Hank Boucher Jim Forbes Howard Vogel	201-445-2633 201-825-0523 201-612-2237	
Science	Jack Yurasek	201-337-4433	3rd Tues 10.00
Skiing	Bud Brooks	201-327-6649	Snow
Sponsor Liaison	Mike Wolff	201-891-4426	
Stock Market	Ramon Casaprima	201-891-3394	2nd Tues. 9:00 4th Tues. 9:00
Tennis	Dom Manobianco	201-891-7185	MWF
Transport.	Ron Miller	201-891-5734	
Trips/Tours	Lou Guarneri George Lewis	201-847-1981 201-891-5883	2nd Tues 10:30
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	



Duplicate Bridge Results

		1st	2nd	3rd
4/3	NS	Green/Warner	Cheringal/Freimuth	Hausman/MacDougall Gattoni/Martin
	EW	Hulit/Page	Crawford/Lewis	Gilpatrick/Verdi
4/10	NS	Milcos/Reed	Cheringal/Finn	Riccardi/Warner
	EW	Levin/Lewis	Coughlin/ Gilpatrick	Smith/Verdi
4/17	NS	Meloro/Warner	Crawford/Wiest	Freimuth/McAdam
	EW	Green/Reed	Coughlin/Lewis	Hausman/Martin
4/24		Gattoni/Hausman	Gilpatrick/Green Christie/Reed	

AU -- CAP ACCOUNT

he AU -- CAP (Community Alliance Program) Ac-L count at the Boiling Springs Savings Bank (BSSB) has now reached the required minimum 20 assigned member accounts as of February 15th. We will now begin receiving donations from the bank as of April 1st. Our goal now is to continue to increase the number of AU member accounts so that we maximize the donation from BSSB. This will allow us to maintain our dues structure by offsetting future increases in expenses. We encourage each of you who haven't assigned your existing account at BSSB to stop at a branch and do so. For those of you who do not have any accounts at the BSS Bank, we encourage you to consider opening one. In either case you should request that your account should be assigned to Activities Unlimited CAP # 287. Contact Dick Hensch at 201-891-1309 for detailed information on the CAP program or if you have further questions. Thank you for your participation in this innovative program. Remember - no one at AU will ever know anything about your personal banking relationship with BSSB.

COLOR COPIES AVAILABLE AT WRC

opy facilities for AU Activities at the Wyckoff Reformed Church now include COLOR capabilities with a new machine that has been recently acquired. The assistance of the church staff will be required and AU will be charged for copies made as in the past. This new machine can also produce color transparencies.

Welcome New Members							
Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Home/Email			
Mark Cohen (Patricia)	26 Winding Ridge Oakland, NJ 07436	Management Atlas Copco NA LLC	Golf, Investments, Stock Market and Trips&Tours	H: (201) 337-4198 C: (201) 315-5483 markcohen@att.net			
Robert G. Schildhorn (Joyce)	525 Birchtree Lane Ordell, NJ 07649	Batt. Chief NYC Fire Dept	Trips & Tours	H: (201) 262-7986 C: (201) 696-2290 chiefbob@optonline.net			
Robert Fern (Lucy)	15 Van Mullen Street Mahwah, NJ 07430	Marketing Sales	Book Club, Computers, Digital Cameras, Hiking, Science and Trips & Tours	(201) 848-1530 allzwell.65@gmail.com			
Vincent J. Tortorelli	39 Princeton Avenue Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Advertising McCann-Erickson	Book Club, Gardening and Model RR	(201) 447-3718 carvince@AOL.com			



Science

The Science Club

pril 16, 2013—**Bob Talan's** Talk on the History and Construction of the 2nd Avenue Subway was most interesting to many of us who have lived in the area and used the subways when we were younger. Bob included a DVD which traced the history of the subway back to the 1800s. His explanation and experience on many NYC building projects brought memories to many of us. Thank you Bob.

In May, we will visit the Liberty Science Museum. This trip was planned for November, but cancelled because of Hurricane Sandy. The Date for the trip is the first Thursday in May (May 2), leaving the WRC Parking lot at 8:30 AM. The trip will be by Car. Save the date, and all member's family and friends are invited. Cost is \$18 per person, plus \$5 car transportation. The May meeting is replaced by the Liberty Science Museum trip.

June 18, 2013-- **Bob Saletta** - Astronomy. Bob's presentation will review the 10 most important developments in astronomy during 2012. Bob has discussed Astronomy in previous meetings—all of which have been excellent

Note that we continue to need volunteers to give S/C talks. Please contact me to discuss ideas for future talks and suggestions to improve the Science Club, as well as information on future meetings and trips.

JACK YURASEK (201-337-4433)

Computer Technology Club

April 17, 2013 Meeting

The initial meeting for the new Computer Technology Club was held on April 17th with 24 AU Members in attendance. Also, 5+ AU Members indicated an interest in attending but were not able to attend due to previous commitments.

The first half of the meeting was a presentation on the AU Web-Site. The presentation provided a look at the various section of the web-site and then went into a review of how the web-site was built.

The second half of the meeting was a review of computer technical capabilities of those in attendance so that future meetings can be structured to meet the needs of the club's members. Also, about 16 questionnaires were collected ... the remainder of the members took blank questionnaires to be completed by our next meeting in May 2013.

Based on a review of the questionnaires and the comments during the initial meeting it has been decided that the next meeting should provide some basic computer skills and knowledge so that before we tackle some of the more advanced areas all feel comfortable with working with the computer. Also, we will cover an area that many indicated in the questionnaires they were interest in while learning some basic skills.

Highlighted below will be our agenda for the Wednesday, May 15th meeting;

- 1. Moving around the Desktop (use of the mouse, icons, favorites, etc.)
- 2. Loading pictures into a computer from a digital camera and/or cell phone.
- 3. Storage, moving and editing pictures with Microsoft Office Picture Manager
- 4. Backup of a hard Disk unto an external hard disk General question and answer period (if time available we will look at Google Analytics which is a tool that is used to analyze access to a website)

We will spend about 15 minutes on each area. I would expect that some of the more advanced members would provide assistance when required during the meeting. The meeting should be about ninety (90) minutes.

Donald A. Kirkpatrick (201-759-3795) or dakirkpt@verizon.net



The Book Club

The AU Book Group met on April 10 to discuss 3 books. We had one new attendee, **Vince Tortorelli**.

Tom Butler led off with a report on Thomas Jefferson by Jon Meachem. Jefferson was a person of many accomplishments that ranged from the Declaration of Independence to the Louisiana Purchase as President to founding the University of Virginia.

Joe Pullaro followed with comments on The World America Made by Robert Kagen. The book's topics included how America came to be country number one, the situation if America is no longer number one and if our country is in decline.

Gerry Hulit then covered Assassins of the Tourquoise Palace by Roya Hakkaklah. This book detailed how a group of Kurds were killed in Europe and the role of Iran. There was a lively discussion on each of the 3 books.

The books for our <u>May</u> meeting are: Mary's Mosaic by Peter Janney Killing Kennedy by Bill O'Reilly Brideshead Revisited by Evlyn Waugh.

Looking to June, the books selected were: The Party Is Over by Michael Lofgren Know It All by A.J. Jacobs The Jungle, a novel by Upton Sinclair.

The May meeting should be on May 15 at the Larkin House (380 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff)

BILL, BLANCHE and FIFTY BUCKS

Bill and his wife Blanche go to the state fair every year, and every year Bill would say "Blanche, I'd like to ride in that helicopter "Blanche always replied, "I know Bill, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, And fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

One year Bill and Blanche went to the fair, and Bill said, "Blanche, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance "To this, Blanche replied, Bill that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks"

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word it's fifty bucks."

Bill and Blanche agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word... When they landed, the pilot turned to Bill and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Bill replied, "Well, to tell you the truth I almost said something when Blanche fell out, But you know, Fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"



Public Discussion Group

he Public Discussion Group meets the 4th Friday at 9:30 am of each month at the Larkin House. We are a congenial group of individuals who enjoy exchanging their views on selected topics from current events. The opinions range sufficiently to stimulate very broad views on any and all topics. Join us for good discussions or just listen and observe. All are welcome.

Topics to be covered May 24th are:

- 1. Austerity or Spending
- 2. Possible religious war with Islam
- 3. Cost to USA in policing the world.

Obituaries

Gary Grochowsky. Age 78, of Mahwah, died April 8. Survived by wife, Terri, children and grandchildren. Gary was active in the Hiking, Book and Discussion Clubs. Retired from Dow Chemicals.

Andy Grace. Age 83, of Oakland, died April 3. Andy was a widower. Survived by son Kevin and his wife. Andy retired as General Mgr for Garden State Farms in Midland Park. He had been very active in AU, including Refreshments Committee.

Murray Socolof. Age 98, of Pompton Plains, died April 7. Survived by wife, Joan, children and grandchildren. Had an illustrious career in the supermarket industry.

Murray was an exceptional tennis player. He was active in the AU Bridge Club

Betty MacCallum. Age 78, of Wyckoff, died April 14. Survived by husband, Doug, and three daughters and eight grandchildren. Betty had been an elementary teacher and later worked in real estate. She was active in her church and was a volunteer for the Sisters of the Poor, in Totowa.



The Chess Club

he AU Chess Club meets monthly on the third Thursday from 9:30—12 Noon. Due to the small group of chess players we meet at **Bill Schultz's** home 9/10ths of a mile from the WRC. The games are played on an informal social basis and are unhurried and congenial. Unlike bridge, backgammon or gin, the factor of chance or the luck of the draw are not issues in chess. It purely exercises the mind and the cerebellum resulting in improving memory retention thus eliminating the necessity of prescription medicines to counter memory loss and Alzheimer problems. Games are played in front of the fireplace, at the kitchen table in view of several bird feeders or in the family room overlooking the green acres forest trees. Players need not be professional and most are in need rehabilitation and refresher courses. For more information or to schedule a game contact Bill Schultz (201) 891-5327.



Investment Study Group

INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP MAY 9, 2013-- 9:30AM -WRC (top floor)

ur speak for the month is John Coumarianos, Managing Member of Hamilton Research and Management, LLC located in Bergen County.

John started at Fidelity Investments, was a Senor Mutual Fund and Equity Analyst at Morningstar for almost six years and then worked as the Director of Research and Investments at a \$400 million family office in Southern California.

John graduated from Columbia University, earned a Master's degree in political science at the University of Virginia and completed all the coursework toward a PhD in political science at Boston College.

John has appeared on CNBC, Bloomberg TV and on Fox Business News.

We look forward to hearing John's ideas on investments and the economy. All are welcome. Please call **Herb Umland** with questions 201-891-6638



The Golf Club

U Golfers started their season on April 2nd. A dedicated group of 8 players tried to ignore the weather but a picture is worth a thousand words. It'll warm up any minute now.



Opportunity to Play Racquetball

I ired of paying an outrageous price for a minimal amount of tennis in the winter? Join us and play racquetball! We're a group of 10 (when everyone is there, not injured, snowboarding, or traveling) congenial players that play at the Odyssey Athletic Club in Waldwick. We play year round on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8 a.m. There is no structure and whoever shows up, plays. If it's been a while since you've played, that's ok. We'll help you get up to speed. Also, there is a fair difference in playing ability and so we usually mix it up to make the game challenging and fun for all.

The club offers a senior rate which allows you to play an unlimited amount of racquetball and the use of their extensive fitness equipment. To find out more please contact AU members:

Chuck Dye – 201-891-5173 c.dye@verizon.net or

Ed Finn – 201-825-1350 e.finn@verizon.net or

Herb Steiner – 201-543-7809 thesteinersnj@yahoo.com



The Ski Club

AU SKIING 2013

ur AU skiers celebrated another successful season on April 24th with a dinner at RoCCa Restaurant in Glen Rock attended by twenty-seven members, wives, and special invitees.

Our season began in January with weekly trips to Belleayre Mountain Ski Center located in the Catskill Mountains; approximately two hours driving time. The area is operated by the State of New York. Excellent snow making and grooming allows us to negotiate all terrain including the expert trails and slopes. New management prevailed for the first time this season. As a result, our gold passes were no longer recognized. However, senior lift prices remained at a reasonable rate.

Weather and driving conditions allowed us to make 8 trips with 12 skiers compiling a total of 40 skier days.

For the first time, six of our members attended the annual outing held by the 70+ Ski Club and hosted by Hunter Mt., also in the Catskills, on the first Wednesday in March. The day included races by 5-year age groups, awards, skiing, and socializing. It concluded with an outstanding lunch provided by Hunter Mt. The fastest racer was 72 and the oldest 90. All were serious competitors both men and women. Reminded me of all our AU members. We plan to return for the event again next season.

In addition to our weekly trips, 10 of our members traveled on skiing vacations adding an additional 95 skier days. Fifty of the 95 days were compiled by **Arthur Cappello** our skier and certified instructor working with the Okemo, VT ski school. Areas visited included Jimminy Peak, MA, Bromley, VT, Okemo, VT, Steamboat Springs, CO, Heavenly Valley, Lake Tahoe, CA, Breckenridge, CO, Park City, UT, Brighton, UT, and Mountain Creek, NJ. This brought us to a total of 135 skier days for the season.

This was a banner season for our AU skiers increasing our numbers with the addition of three new and two returning members. No major injuries added to our success. We continue to conquer the groomed black diamonds with skill and confidence.

We look forward to the 2014 Ski season. All members and new members of AU are welcome to join our activity.

AU ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY.... JUNE 18TH, 2013

APPLE GREENS GOLF COURSE HIGHLAND, NY

18 HOLES OF GOLF, WITH CART

SHOTGUN START AT 9:00 AM
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
PRE GOLF

BARBECUE LUNCH AFTER GOLF

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL

AWARDS AND PRIZES

COST - \$82.00 PER PERSON

Form Your own foursome, or be assigned to one.

Send your check payable to Activities Unlimited to: **Bruno Bissetta** - 553 Lee Court, Wyckoff, NJ
07481

Any Questions Contact Bruno at 201-891-7567











Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

Checks for these events, payable to Activities Unlimited accepted at the monthly meeting.

May 21-23, 2013: Finger Lakes Trip. Three day, 2 night bus tour of the Finger Lakes of New York, includes: 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, Finger Lakes Winery Tour, Scenic Lake Cruise and much more. \$365.00pp, (\$99.00 single supplement). Price drops to \$349.00pp with 40+ participants. NOTE: A \$100 refundable deposit per person is necessary for your reservation. Information flyers will be available at our monthly meeting. Make your check payable to AU and send to: **Dick Botta**, 413-D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481, (201) 848-9001

THURSDAY: June 20th, 2013 - Our Annual **SPRING FLING-SENIOR PROM** Dinner Dance will be held at SEASONS, in Washington Township from 5:30 - 9:30 PM. This will be a sit down dinner with assigned tables. It includes Hors d'oeuvres, Hot & Cold Appetizers, 3 Dinner Choices, Coffee & Dessert and 4 hour open bar. We reserved the Sky Room, which holds 100 guests, so send your check in early. Include the names of your seating quests with your check. Entertainment will be all night for your Dining & Dancing pleasure. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for \$67. pp & mail same to: **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ. 07430. Tel: 201-825-5843

Tuesday July 30,2013 Sterling Hill Mine Tour

Thursday, August 8, 2013 - Westchester Broadway Theatre - Because of popular demand, the Theatre's run of the Rogers & Hammerstein musical THE SOUND OF MUSIC has been extended for an additional two weeks. We have been offered our same preferred seating but for the Thursday, August 8th performance of the Sound of Music, which we accepted at the same price with no other changes. Bus transportation is included, with departure from the Wyckoff Reformed Church parking lot at 9:30 AM on Thursday, August 8, 2013. Meal selections will be at the Theatre, with five different food offerings available. We shall return about 4:00 PM. Standby reservations are currently being accepted, as the trip is presently "sold out". Contact Ramon Casaprima at 201-891-3394 for additional information.

Thursday September 5, 2013 AU's Annual Wine Tasting Party. Wine and Appetizer Social at the Brookside Manor Clubhouse, which is about 5 minutes from the Wyckoff Reformed Church. There will be wine tasting and plenty of appetizers (Shrimp, Chicken, Swedish Meat Balls, Pigs in a Blanket, just to name a few, plus beer & soda). No one will leave hungry. It will run from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The cost is \$35.00 pp. This social will be limited to 50 people because of the size of the clubhouse which is perfect for everyone to mix and socialize in a nice atmosphere. Please sign up ASAP to reserve your place for this party. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited no later than August 15th, and send them to **George Lewis**, 45 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, NJ 07430. (201) 891-5883

Thursday September 26, 2013 San Gennaro NYC Trip- The 87th Annual Feast of San Gennaro will take place for 11 days, on the streets of historic Little Italy, the lower Manhattan neighborhood which served as the first home in America for hundreds of thousands of Italian immigrants. Experience the "Taste of Italy" with street food delicacies, charming restaurants or just sample delightful Italian pastries and desserts at one of the many cafes **on your own.** The cost will be \$16.00 pp, which covers the bus transportation. Bus leaves WRC at 4:00 PM sharp and departs N.Y.C. at 9:00 PM. Send check to **Don Wasson,** 14 Appert Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 201-891-1873 payable to Activities Unlimited.

Thursday October 10, 2013-- OKTOBERFEST, at The Royal Manor, 454 Midland Ave. Garfield, NJ,-- Driving directions Rte 17S to Essex St W. 2 miles to Midland Ave. South 2 miles to Royal Manor. 8 miles from GS Mall. Show starts at 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. Includes a German Band, Dancers & Bell Ringers. The menu starts with Salad, Soup, Knockwurst, Chicken, Vegetables, Coffee & Dessert. 2 Complimentary Drinks & Free Soda. Beer & Wine \$1. per glass. Cost \$45. pp. Make checks payable to AU & mail same to **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ. Tel: 201-825-5843

Tuesday December 17, 2013 Christmas Party at The Seasons

Other Thoughts:

Villa Roma in the Catskills



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