



Activities Unlimited General Meeting
TUESDAY MAY 8, 2018

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

If you have not signed up for the luncheon and want to attend, please contact **Vincent Tortorelli** at 201-447-3718 now, don't wait. He will advise you where to send your check. The price is: **\$27.00 per person**. Wives/significant others are invited. Make checks out to: **Activities Unlimited**

Note from the President

The Spring Luncheon is our next major social event, May 8 at the Indian Trail Club. It has always proven to be a very enjoyable way to usher in the new season. Special thanks to Vince Tortorelli for all of his efforts in planning and organizing this year's event. We owe the Trail Club a final count by May 3! Please let Vince know if you are coming no later than May 3.

This year, as always, we feature the AU Band at the Luncheon for our musical enjoyment. The AU Guys Band was formed 25 years ago, consisting of club members with various instrumental talents. The band maintains a weekly rehearsal schedule at the Larkin House, Wyckoff, NJ on Wednesdays from 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon. Music is provided to band members from the band's library of over 400 songs compiled by the late Wid Crawford. They perform a variety of music from Big Band to Sing-Along to Old Time Favorites. (Sorry, no Rock 'n Roll.) The Band presently consists of 12 members:

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| John DeSantis | - Tenor Sax – Chairman, over 16 years |
| Frank Altomare | - Guitar, Assistant Chairman |
| Bill Byrne | - Guitar & Vocalist |
| Ed Skurna | - Trombone |
| Jim Mallen | - Drums |
| Barry Glick | - Accordion |
| Grandon Voorhis | - Vibraphone & Drums |
| Harvey Feldman | - Trumpet |
| Jimmy Yu | - Base Guitar |
| Don Cardoza | - Guitar |
| Burt Lerner | - Trumpet |
| Don Becan | - Guitar |



Besides performing at our Monthly Meetings, They also entertain at various senior functions, including Veterans Memorial Home, Paramus, NJ; River Dell High School "Seniors Prom"; Bergen County Senior's Annual Picnic, Van Saun Park; Woodcliff Lake Seniors Club. Name Badges. All members are strongly encouraged to wear their name badge at our meetings. We want to know each other on a first name basis. To this end, please add your profession and/or personal interest under your printed name. This will facilitate conversation when chatting with a member that you do not know. I am going to add "Engineer with Con Edison and volunteer fireman".

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



2018 OFFICERS



Jim Webb
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201-337-7982



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201-612-2237



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COMMITTEES & CLUBS			
GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
AU Guys Band	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	Bob Mulligan Dave Kampschmidt	201-447-8837 201-405-2043	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 201-825-7541	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	Thursday
Hiking	Long Don Kirkpatrick Rick Sneyers	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00
	Short Fred Theile	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30 WRC
Historian	Victor Pizzolato	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

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GROUP	CONTACT	PHONE	MEETING
Luncheon	John Abrahamsen	201-848-8037	
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 John Gannaway	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
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	Mark Cohen John Abrahamsen	201-337-4198 201-848-8037	2nd Tues. 9:00 am 4th Tues. 9:00 am
Tennis	Dave Burleigh Bob Meyers	201-762-3707 310-254-8699	M,W,F
Transport.	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
Trips/Tours	Lou Guarneri Don Wasson	201-847-1981 201-891-1873	Morning of AU General Meeting 10:30 am
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

At the April meeting \$152 was collected for the Wyckoff Reform Church Food Pantry.

Please remember that WRC is a smoke-free environment. This includes E-Cigarettes.

The deadline for June 2018 Newsletter articles is 5 PM Monday, May 28, 2018. When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold). Email: lguarneri03@gmail.com and jrhensch62@gmail.com or mail to: Lou Guarneri, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430

Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
Ryan Doenges (Ann)	542 Shirley Ave Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417	Educator NYC	Computers, Discussion Group and Trips & Tours	Phone: 201-891-8995 Email: ryanandann@aol.com
John L Penny (Janet)	240 Morse Ave Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Cardiologist	Book Club and History Club	Phone: 201-891-4557 Cell Phone: 201-783-4277 Email: jwpjlp@gmail.com



Duplicate Bridge Results

		1st	2nd	3rd
4/4	NS	Freimuth/Lewis	Anand/ MacDougall	Desrosiers/Smith
	EW	Spence/Yampell	Peck/Warner	Bartlett/Foldessy
4/11	NS	MacDougall/Meloro	Altamuro/Milcos/ Spence	Barbera/Page
	EW	Anand/Freimuth	Lewis/Warner	Desrosiers/Peck
4/18	NS	Lewis/MacDougall	Smith/Warner	Kampschmidt/Page
	EW	Altamuro/Spence	Meloro/Milcos	Bartlett/Desrosiers
4/25	NS	Groesbeck/Spence	Desrosiers/ Altamuro/Meloro	Warner/Yampell
	EW	Freimuth/Peck	Anand/Zelhof	Barbera/Milcos

There has been an increased interest in our AU members to start playing Bridge.

Some haven't played Bridge in years, but want to play in AU Bridge Groups. They would like a refresher course. Some have never played Bridge before, but enjoy playing cards.

Bridge is a very challenging game that keeps the mind sharp. AU has 2 Bridge groups: 1) A Duplicate Bridge game that plays on Wednesdays at the Larkin House at 12:30 PM, for the more advanced players, and 2) A social game that plays on Mondays & Fridays at the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Building at 1:00 PM, for all levels.

To accommodate those interested members, we will begin some new **Bridge Lessons** starting next Friday, April 27th, 2018 at 12:30 PM, at the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Building located on Bender Court, right off

Franklin Ave.

If enough members show up and are interested, we will continue these classes for as long as you like, i.e., every Friday at 12:30 PM.

Please contact **George Lewis** at 201-891-5883 or geolewis2@gmail.com, if you intend to join us, or have any questions.



Public Discussion Group

At our April meeting, our topics were: 1) the proposed changes to NJ tax code; and 2) war powers and whether the President on his own could authorize a military strike. Since a tax code is a taxing topic, there was not a lot of commentary around this topic. Nonetheless, members raised issues around the fairness of the proposed changes to the "millionaires' tax" and the risk it posed to increasing the emigration of NJ residents to states like Florida. We also discussed the rationale of taxing e-cigarettes since they are linked to increased use of tobacco cigarettes. Since local school tax is a much bigger burden on members than the state tax, we looked at the rising costs of schools against benefits to students. There was also a lively discussion about whether armed guards should be on school grounds. From a seemingly mundane topic several interesting points arose. Our second topic stimulated a fascinating discussion about Presidential power. There was a general level of comfort around the idea of limited power, such as the recent missile strike on Syria. However, most members were less comfortable the nuclear button in the hands of a single person. There was discussion of the Mutually Assured Destruction policy of the Cold War era and the fact that the nature of warfare had changed radically since Vietnam. This gave rise to the question of the legality and justification for "pre-emptive strikes" when a potential threat is identified, e.g., ICBM's and nuclear bombs in the hands of the N. Koreans. All in all, the group had an informative and interesting exchange of viewpoints.

Our next meeting is on May 9th at Larkin House at 9:30. Topics are: "Facebook;" and "Pre-emptive War." All members are welcome and participation is not required!



The Book Club

APRIL 25, 2018 BOOK CLUB MEETING

The meeting opened with **Lee Warner** reviewing *I Was Told To Come Alone*, by Souad Mekhennet. Ms. Mekhennet is a national security correspondent for the Washington Post and has also written for the New York Times and other news organizations. Born and educated in Germany, as a Muslim with a Sunni father and Shia mother, her memoir traces her quest for a greater understanding of the differences between the West and radical Islam. She details her interviews with noted ISIS commanders including Abu Yusuf who at the time was in charge of the ISIS hostage program which included torturing and killing of certain hostages, and later one with the infamous Jihadi John. Other interviews she was able to conduct were with detainees who related torture methods they endured conducted by the West. She describes her role as not taking sides, but trying to understand and challenge. A compelling book that had the group also raising questions and hypotheses.

Leaving Berlin, by Joseph Kanon, summarized by **John O' Brien**, was next. This is a spy novel that takes place in East Berlin during the city's partition in the late 1940's after the war when the western part is barely surviving under the blockade and the east is under the thumb of Russia. Alex Meyer, a Jewish writer from the U. S, who fled the Nazis before the war, makes a bargain with the CIA to ferret out information on the Russians in his native Berlin in exchange for dropping the threat of deportation from the U. S. Laced with terse dialogue, murder, romance, and deception, you may wonder who are the good guys and who are bad? A question that some could equate to the previously described selection albeit a different context.

The last selection, *What Made Maddy Run*, by Kate Fagan, and sensitively described by **Frank Schwarz**, is the tragic story of Maddy Holleran, a very talented high school student and athlete from Allendale and Northern Highlands High School who committed suicide in 2014 in Philadelphia after her first semester at the University of Pennsylvania. Fagan describes the pressures Maddy shouldered facing the high standards she set for herself, especially as a member of Penn's track team, and perhaps the insidious pressure of social media to exacerbate the conflict she experienced regarding her expectations of performance versus what she achieved, which in itself was highly commendable.. Struggling about whether or not to return to Penn for her second semester, Maddy made the trip back, but it ended tragically. If there is any silver lining to this story, it may be that subsequent discussion offered that today more colleges offer wider and more extensive assistance to students than was available for Maddy.

Books for May:

The Line Becomes A River, by Francisco Cantu

At the Existential Café: Freedom, Being, and Apricot

Cocktails, by Sarah Bakewell

The Locals, by Jonathan Dee

Books for June

Darwin Comes To Town, by Menno Schilthuizen

The Immortal Irishman by Timothy Fagan

Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward



Science

The Science Club

At the April 17 meeting, **Al Coldon** gave us an excellent presentation on Prostate issues. Thank you Al !!. Al is a member of the Hackensack, Cancer Support Group and has advised many men over many years.

At the May 15 Meeting - to be held in the 3rd floor room on Tuesday at 10 AM, **Fred Theil** will lead a discussion of the book 'Lights Out' by Ted Kopple). It reviews the problems associated with Cyberwarfare, the threats to us, and the results of a possible severe attack.

On Tuesday (10AM), June 19, we will continue our DVD presentations of Great Courses. The Hubble Program is the topic, and includes the rationale, development and outstanding pictures of Galaxies. Anyone with an interest in Astronomy (including those who joined the recent Liberty Planetarium trip will definitely enjoy the DVD).

Thanks to those who gave talks this past year. We are always trying to have additional people making presentations, and suggestions to improve our group are always welcome.

Jack Yurasek (201-337-4433) Email--JYURASEK@AOL.COM

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.

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FRIDAY- JUNE 15, 2018- ROCKLAND BOULDERS BASEBALL GAME

A limited number of tickets will be available for this event. The game will start at 6:30pm at the Stadium located in Pomona, NY. Directions are Exit 12 off the Palisades Parkway or take Route 202 N from Suffern. We plan to car pool from the WRC leaving 5:30pm sharp. Wives/significant others are invited. The cost is \$13pp, which includes the ticket, hotdog/soda voucher and tax. Send check payable to Activities Unlimited to....

Don Wasson 14 Appert Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Any questions, call me at 210-891-1873. Please note that I will be out of the country from May7th thru May19th. I would like to wrap this up before I leave..

Tuesday— July 24th, 2014 Hunterdon Hills Playhouse - An all new musical extravaganza called “Nunesense” starring Joyce DeWitt (from the TV sitcom, Three’s Company).

Nunsense is a hysterical musical comedy filled with fun and frolic! Featuring amusing songs, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz, and comic surprises. The Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters. In dire need of funds for the burials, the remaining delightfully wacky sisters decide the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show. A sit down luncheon at 11:00 am sharp will precede the show. Wives/significant others are invited. Seating is limited and all checks must be received by John no later than June 25, 2018. This is a carpool event. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for **\$61.00 pp & mail to:**

John Caikowsky, 26 Donna Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936

Other trips and events in the planning stage for 2018:

NYC tour
Multi-day trip
Wine Tasting
Oktoberfest
Christmas Dinner/Dance



The Short Hikers Club



A DIVIDEND IS LIKE A GLASS OF WINE



IT FEELS GOOD TO HAVE SOME!