

Activities Unlimited

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Activities Unlimited General Meeting Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Annual Spring Luncheon/Dance at Indian Trail Club, Franklin Lakes, N.J. Doors open at 12:00 noon. Tables will not be reserved for the Luncheon

Buffet lunch will be served at 12:30pm. Music by the AU Guys Band.

Wives/significant others are invited. The cost is \$27.00 pp. If you have not sent your money in yet, get your check payable to "Activities Unlimited" to: **Bob Dauer**, 15 Birchwood Lane, Ramsey NJ 0746.

Any questions contact Bob at 201-327-9247 or bobdauer@gmail.com.

The upcoming Speaker Program for the general membership meetings has been set through October and promises to provide a wide and entertaining array of performers and subject matter. We try to vary subject matter and talent, recognizing the wide interests and backgrounds of the AU membership and we believe we've done so thus far in setting up the 2019 program. Send such information to **Vince Tortorelli** at carvince@aol.com.

Here is what we have scheduled thus far, recognizing that there are no general membership meetings in **May** and **August**.

June: The Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra. The Orchestra has been performing for almost 80 years and is a regional, all volunteer intergenerational orchestra.

July: A presentation of the history of Paterson by Tom DeStefano. His engaging presentation traces the city's origin from its start and includes its many noted and surprising historical contributions and because of native Lou Costello, the popular "Who's on first" film clip.

September: Brian Saxton, the former New York Giant linebacker. Brian is now a local resident and successful business executive and can give good insight into the world of professional football.

October: Scott Drukker, or "Great Scott" as he is professionally known, an illusionist/magician. He will be the feature attraction at the October breakfast and has a confounding act that will entertain us all.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you know there will be no monthly meeting on May 14th as we will be having our annual luncheon at the Indian Trail club in Franklin Lakes.

Regarding clubs I have been attending many of them and have noted if you do not get there early you might not get a good seat. Our attendance is way up due to the great efforts of our club chairman and the enthusiasm of our members. For those who have not participated try one or two clubs, you will be impressed with the programs.

A note about trips and tours: A bunch of us were on the trip to Branch Brook Park in Newark to see the Cherry Blossoms in bloom. We filled the bus and had a great time. Many thanks to the trips and tours people who put in a lot of effort into planning these trips. They have more exciting places for us including the trip to High Point. See the description on page 3.

I ran across these three truths about getting older and thought you might find some wisdom in them:

1. I talk to myself, because there are times I need expert .
2. Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth!"
3. The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

Joe Pullaro, President, 201-337-0018, josephpullaro@hotmail.com

At the **April** meeting \$139.00 was collected for the Wyckoff Reformed Church Food Pantry.

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

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



2019 OFFICERS



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COMMITTEES & C LUBS			
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. 9:30am WRC-Memorial Rm
Dup. Bridge	ED Foldessy	201-327-5767	Wed 1:00pm Larkin House
Rub. Bridge	Bob Mulligan Dave Kampschmidt	201-447-8837 201-405-2043	M & F 1:00pm Franklin Lakes Ambulance Building
Care-Concern	Jeff Mohn Paul Hennion	201-261-1219 201-891-4716	
Chaplain	Rev Andy Kadzban	201-485-8589	
Computer	Don Kirkpatrick Ed Schlachman Fred Theile	201-337-5666 973-423-1459 201-825-7541	3rd Wed 10:00am WRC-2nd Floor
Gardening	Joe Lamela Rick Sneyers	201-327-8137 973-248-6625	1st Wed.10:00am WRC-Memorial Room
Golf	Bill Bryne Jim Webb	201-447-5064 201-337-7982	Tues & Thur. Paramus Golf Club
Hiking	Long Don Kirkpatrick Rick Sneyers	201-337-5666 973-248-6625	Mon 9:00am WRC-Parking Lot
	Short Fred Theile	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30am WRC-Parking Lot
Historian	Victor Pizzolato	201-612-0038	
History	Pablo Catangay Tony Mastandrea	201-684-1217 201-327-8832	4th Mon 1:00pm WRC-2nd Floor
Investment	Al Connelly	973-616-0755	2nd Thur. 9:30 to 10:30am WRC-Memorial Rm Exp. July & August
Luncheon	John Abrahamsen	john.abrahamsen.bnp.gmail.com	
	Mark Cohen	201-337-4198	

COMMITTEES & CLUBS			
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	
Pickleball	Tim Tracy Tom Martin	201-560-8911 201-891-3185	Tue & Thur. 9:00 Wyckoff Public Tennis Courts
Project Outreach	Marty McGonigle Joe Pullaro	201-529-1941 201-337-0018	
Photography	Murry Perl Sam Ohan	201-446-7357 201-825-0437	1st Tue 10:00am WRC-2nd Floor
Public Disc.	Walt Widmer Tom Butler	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd Wed 9:30am Larkin House
Refreshments	Jim Forbes John Gannaway	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
Science	Jack Yurasek Harry Bennet	201-337-4433 201-891-9527	3rd Tue 10.00am WRC-2nd Floor
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. 9:00am 4th Tues. 9:00am WRC-2nd Floor
Tennis	Dave Burleigh Bob Meyers	201-762-3707 310-254-8699	M, W & F Time & Place Seasonal
Transport.	Frank Nusspickel	201-891-9099	
Trips/Tours	John Caikowsky Don Wasson	973-599-1056 201-891-1873	2nd Tue 10:15am Heneveld Hall
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

The deadline for the June, 2019 Newsletter articles is 5 PM, Tuesday, May 27, 2019. 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

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.**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 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 Guys Band. Please sign up as early as possible so we can set the number of tables required. The price, **\$27.00 per person**. Wives/significant others are invited. Make checks out to Activities Unlimited and mail to: **Bob Dauer, 15 Birchwood Lane, Ramsey, NJ 07446. Please note:** Tables will not be reserved for the Luncheon. Any questions contact Bob at 201-327-9247 or bobdauer@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday, May 28th, 2019 - NEW EVENT - AU WINE TASTING

We will hold a new AU WINE TASTING event on Tuesday, May 28th, from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM . It will be held at Total Wine, 1001 Main Street, River Edge, NJ, (right off Route 4). It will be a fun AU social gathering with pizzas being served (soda & water is also available). Wives/significant others are invited. We only have room for 40 people, so send in your checks for \$15 pp ASAP payable to Activities Unlimited to:

George Lewis, 45 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, NJ 07430

If you are attending the AU Annual Luncheon at the Indian Trail Club on May 14th, you can give your check to George at this affair.

Tuesday, June 4th, 2019 at 12:30 pm; FINO ITALIAN RESTAURANT, Located

at 114 W. Allendale Ave, Allendale, NJ. Lunch will include; Appetizers Hot Family Style, Pasta, Salad, Choice of Chicken, Veal, or Fish, Coffee or Tea, and Strawberry Sheet Cake for Dessert. Wives/significant others are invited. BYOB --Mail your check of \$33.pp payable to Activities Unlimited to:

Larry Restieri, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430. Questions call Larry at 201-825-5843.

Thursday, July 11, 2019: Bus trip to Banquet & Event Center at the

High Point Golf Club in Montague, NJ. within site of the High Point Tower and Monument. **The bus will leave the Wyckoff Reformed Church parking lot at 8:15 am.** The event will include a full breakfast, followed by an Activity Hour and ending with a full course dinner prior to boarding the bus for home. A 4-hour "Open Bar" is included.

There will be double featured entertainment which includes a comedian and a 12 piece Jazz Band. In addition, the facility has a Putting Green, Driving Range and Golf course. Some of their listed activities are Bingo, Giant Jenga and Horse Racing for Dollars. There are scenic views and nature walking paths.

THIS IS A NEW VENUE.....SOUNDS INTERESTING.....LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!

Wives/Significant others are invited!.

Cost is \$ 70. 00 per person and all checks need to be received no later than May 15, 2019. Mail checks payable to Activities Unlimited to:

Dick Botta, 413D. Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Questions call Dick: 201-848-9001

Tuesday-August 6, 2019 HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE

"I DO! I DO!" starring Rex Smith and Broadway legend Andrea McArdle. Ms. McArdle credits include original "Annie"; "Les Misérables" and "Beauty and the Beast". This musical comedy which follows Michael and Agnes thru the whirlwind journey of their wedding day thru fifty years of marriage. A sit down luncheon starts at 11am sharp will precede the show.

Wives/significant others are invited. Space is limited and all checks must be received no later than July 5, 2019. This is a carpool event. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited for \$65.00pp and mail to: **John Caikowsky, 26 Donna Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936.**

Any questions contact John @ johncaikowsky@optonline.net or call 973-599-1056

Notice of Proposed Changes to Article VI (Nominating Committee) of the AU By-Laws

Explanation:

The Executive Committee is recommending some timing changes to Article VI of the club's by-laws in order to move up the election of officers from December to November. The reason for the change is to ensure that the election takes place before the annual December Holiday Dinner Dance. The club has often presented the new officers and "passed the gavel" before formal voting for new officers took place. The recommended changes will avoid this situation. New officers will still enter into their office on January 1st.

Approval of the changes noted below will be by majority vote of members at the General meeting on June 11th.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1. *No changes to the existing text.*

Section 2.

The Committee shall select a slate of officers to be presented at the October meeting. Members may make additional nominations from the floor at this meeting.

Section 3.

The nominated slate of officers shall be presented again at the November meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at this time, after which nominations will be closed. The election of new officers by voice vote shall proceed. However, if there is more than one nominee for a particular office, voting shall be done by ballot.

Section 4.

The slate of duly elected officers shall be presented at the December meeting (the Annual Meeting) and will take up office effective January 1.

Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Phone/Email
Robert A Bowman (Janice)	400 Maple Hill Dr Hackensack, NJ 07601	Computers	Computers, History Club, Science and Trips & Tours	Home: 201-487-2649 Cell: 201-310-1812 Email: rabowman@verizon.net
Kenneth J DeGraw (Hellen)	48 Hupp Terr Montvale, NJ 07645	Mechanical Engineer	Computers, History Club and Investments	Home: 201-391-8944 Email: KJDSR@optonline.net
Theodore C Sanzo (Jeannie)	9 Kennedy Dr Waldwick, NJ 07463	Electrician	Hiking—Short	Home: 201-445-8730 Email: 99woodlites@gmail.com
John J Nunziata (Chris)	608B Sugarbush Ct Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Executive	Hiking—Short, Discussion Group and Golf	Home: 201-825-9643 Cell: 201-988-6988 Email: jjnunziata@verizon.net
Richard C. Bergor (Laurie)	464 George Place Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Attorney	Computers, Investments, Trips & Tours, Golf, Science, Stock Club, Hiking Short, Tennis	Home: 201-847-0688 Cell: 201-741-9233 Email: rgb4649@gmail.com



The Bridge Club

		1st	2nd	3rd
3/27	NS	Anand/Hulit	Barbera/Milcos	Altamuro/Warner
	EW	Freimuth/Lewis	Spence/Yampell	Groesbeck/Page
4/3	NS	Bidwell/Warner	Freimuth/Spence	Altamuro/Meloro
	EW	Hulit/Milcos	Lewis/Randolph	Foldessy/Page
4/10	NS	Warner/Yampell	Bidwell/Zelhof	Foldessy/Meloro
	EW	Altamuro/Martin	Cheeseman/Milcos	Kampschmidt/Lewis
4/17	NS	Foldessy/Warner	Martin/Peck	Bartlett/Yampell
	EW	Desrosiers/Lewis	Anand/Altamuro	Freimuth/Wong
4/24	NS	Bidwell/Foldessy	Freimuth/Meloro	Lewis/Page
	EW	Anand/ Kampschmidt	Altamuro/Groesbeck	Peck/Yampell

Obituaries

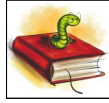
Sad to report that **Alvin Seligson**, a long time member of Activities Unlimited, passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

Erna McQuilken passed away on Sunday April 7, 2019. Erna was the wife of long time AU member **Ed McQuilken**. Ed passed away in 2018.

TO AU WYCKOFF MEMBERS;

Please consider donating a bag of groceries for the **USPS LETTER CARRIERS ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY FOOD DRIVE BENEFITING OASIS CHARITY** on Saturday, May 11. You can leave a filled bag by your mailbox for pick-up by your letter carrier. For cash donations & charity information, please see the OASIS (Paterson, NJ) web site. THANK YOU for your consideration to support the poor in our local area.

Joe Meighan



The Book Club

The first book to be discussed was *Hiroshima*, by John Hersey, and **Marty Valerio** began with some background regarding the atomic bomb and ensuing destruction of the blast. Published in 1985 the book itself traces the lives of 6 Japanese survivors of the explosion. Originally published in 1946 as a piece in *The New Yorker* magazine that took up the entire issue, it is often considered the best known work the magazine ever published. Hersey had interviewed dozens of people and chose six from different walks of life for the piece and years later returned to Hiroshima and wove the story of each of those survivors intermittently through the chapters of the book which had the effect of reading a novel with a main cast of characters as he traced their lives. The survivors were quite different and each in their own way fascinating, often demonstrating a certain stoicism through their ordeal. The book never gets into the debate about the dropping of the bomb itself; that crept into the following discussion which also included some interesting personal experiences.

Up next was *The Perfect Weapon* by David E. Sanger. The theme of this book is how cyberwarfare has become the biggest threat for world chaos and destruction since the atomic bomb, which by chance turned out to be an interesting book pairing for the session. **Jack Yurasek** began the discussion by giving us some background on the workings of the technology and how the United States itself used cyberwarfare to undercut other nations' security with engineered attacks against the Iranian centrifuges under the Stuxnet operation and its destruction of launched North Korean missiles. By citing other examples the book explains how great and small powers alike have moved into an era of constant sabotage, misinformation and fear where everyone is a target and it seems that defenses against such attacks, at least at present, are difficult to maintain.

Books for May

His Final Battle-The Last Month of Franklin D. Roosevelt by Joseph Lelyvel

Chronicles the last year of FDR's life and his reluctance to run for reelection in 1944

Educated by Tara Westover

A memoir that tells the author's own story of a child who grew up in the mountains of Idaho under the parenting of a survivalist and fundamentalist Mormon father

Tell Your children-The truth about marijuana, mental illness and violence by Alex Berensen

The author discusses the link between marijuana use and mental illness and a hidden epidemic of violence caused by it.

Books for June

Sixkill by Robert Parker

A typical Parker novel – concise, plain and filled with humor and tough guy logic

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

A novel circa 1932 about star-crossed lovers and an elephant in the circus

The Book Club is held every 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30 in the Memorial Room of the Wyckoff Reformed Church and we encourage any AU member to attend and enjoy the session.

The AU Guys Band



at River Dell HS 04/10/2019



The History Club



On April 22, **Fred Theile** presented "Civil War- Battle of Petersburg." His narrative started with a brief introduction of General U.S. Grant and General Robert Lee. The battles and siege of Petersburg involved more than 180,000 soldiers and produced more than 60,000 casualties. This was the last of the great battles and the end of the Civil War with tremendous loss of lives on both sides as well as financial loss amounting to \$ 6 billion dollars by 1879 estimate. The armies at Petersburg were in almost constant transition, making the determination of troop strength a moving target. In general, Union troops exceeded that of the Confederates by better than 2:1 for most of the campaign. At the end of the campaign, on April 2, 1865, General Lee evacuated more than 50, 000 men out of Petersburg and Richmond, while General Grant combined armies were greater than 110,000 by that time. The best estimates of casualties on the Union Army- 42,000 and the Confederates Army- 28,000.

This presentation also included a one hour video-depicting the battle of the 2 opposing Armies. A very interesting and informative video.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 20 at 1 PM. The topic is "Ham Radio- Amateur Radio Communications." The speaker is Carver Washburn who is expert in this "technology."

Pablo A. Catangay, Chairman

Tony Mastandrea, Co-Chairman





The Science Club

Thank you **Gene Ingrassia** for your excellent PPT presentation at the April Meeting on Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors, and fire prevention and control.

At the April Meeting, we also viewed a portion of a NOVA DVD on Cyberwarfare.

The May 21, (10 AM) meeting will include a short PPT review of 'The Code Book' by Simon Sing, as an introduction to the remaining portion the NOVA DVD on Cyberwarfare. This DVD presents recent updated information on Cyberwarfare that is included in David Sanger's book: 'The Perfect Weapon' (as well as other sources). Cyberwarfare is transforming from a Defensive to an Offensive Stage where 'Malware' programs that are embedded into computer controlled equipment, and can be use to damage or disable them.

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

Jack Yurasek (201-337-4433) Email--Jyurasek@aol.com

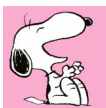


Public Discussion Group

Our lead topic at the April meeting was: "What will life be like in 50 years?" This subject elicited a broad discussion and a lot of participation. The group looked at developments in automation and Artificial Intelligence (AI) and what impact it will have on labor. It's likely that even within the next 10 years self-driving vehicles will dramatically change the labor market and "driving," the single largest type of employment will shrivel. Similar changes will occur in manufacturing, perhaps more slowly, but inevitably. One comment was that infrastructure build-out and maintenance would always need human labor. Others raised issues around population growth and food production and distribution. Big challenges identified were climate change-already having an impact along some US shorelines- and wealth disparity. There was a concern that if the wealth gap continued to widen, social unrest and conflict might intensify. Another potential challenge noted was the social implications of the changing media where actual human contact is becoming less and less; and finally, what will people do when work as we know it is no longer a necessity. Many questions, few answers, but an engaging discussion over much of our meeting. The next topic of the NJ budget largely encountered silence and the group turned to a final topic, namely "Joe Biden." Most seemed to feel that as a centrist he would be attractive, but the main difficulty might be his age and his association with Obama. Time will tell whether he even joins the race for President.

The next meeting will take place at Larkin House on Wednesday, May 8th at 9:30 am. The topics will be: "the pro's and con's of Trump after 2 years;" and "dealing with the challenges of aging and potential need for assisted living." All members are welcome to come.

Tom Butler



In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes.

The final question was: How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand?

Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

Here is his astute answer:

"When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!!!"

He won a trip around the world and a case of 25-year old Scotch.

The Lighter Side

AU's Cherry Blossom Trip

Branch Brook Park, Newark, NJ

April 11, 2019

