



Activities Unlimited General Meeting

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General Meeting
November 12, 2013

Our entertainment for this monthly meeting will be a husband and wife combination, Tom Doyle and Sandy Cory Doyle. who will provide us with a musical tribute to "**Les Paul and Mary Ford**" They will perform immediately after the General Meeting. Please come enjoy their performance of many old favorites ! Wives are invited !

Questions –call Herb Umland 201-891-6638



The Chess Club

The 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.

Note from the President

At the Monthly Membership meeting this month, notice of a proposed amendment to the AU By Laws will be presented to the members. Members will be asked to vote on this proposed amendment at the December Monthly Membership meeting. The amendment has been approved by the Executive Board and requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, provided that a quorum, defined as thirty percent of the membership, is present. With a current membership of approximately 350 men, a quorum would be 105 members

The proposed amendment would provide an option to both the current officer and the Nominating Committee to accept and nominate the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and the Secretary to serve a second consecutive term of one year in office. Under Article II to the By Laws, the Secretary currently can be elected to a second consecutive term. By providing the option for a second consecutive term to the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer, both AU and the individual officer would benefit from the experience learned in that position during the first year.

The text of the proposed amendment is published in this newsletter.

Speaking of meeting attendance, recently we have had between 100 and 125 members at the monthly meeting. We did have 151 at the October Breakfast meeting. To encourage greater attendance we have improved the presentations /entertainment by adding more musical content. **In November a couple will perform Les Paul and Mary Ford music . In December we will have the NJ Choral Society present holiday music. We have also highlighted several of the different AU activities so as to better inform members of the various options available. These, together with our brown bag lunch hour provides a great early afternoon of activity. If there is anything we could add or change to improve the meeting, please contact one of the Officers or drop a note in the suggestion box.**

NOTICE 2014 DUES

Remember that your 2014 dues must be paid by Dec 31, 2013.
Please send your check for \$50.00 to:

Dick Hensch
41 Appert Terrace
Mahwah, NJ 7430

	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	201-447-2261	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
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
Computer	Don Kirkpatrick Ed Schlachman Fred Theile	201-337-5666 973-423-1459 201-625-7541	3rd Wed. 10:00
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	Don Cardoza	201-337-3417	Wed. 7PM
Membership	Walt Widmer Dick Gattoni	201-562-8666 201-652-0064	
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	3rd 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 Guameri 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
10/2	NS	Reed/Warner	Meloro/Milcos	Freimuth/Smith
	EW	Finn/Wiest	Crawford/ Mahmarian	Coughlin/ MacDougall
10/9		Coughlin/Martin MacDougall/ Riccardi	---	Gilpatrick/Reed
10/16		Coughlin/ Mahmarian	Foley/Gattoni	Gilpatrick/Lubicich
10/23		Foley/Martin	Coughlin/ Gilpatrick	Lewis/Warner
10/30		Foley/Levin	Lewis/Meloro	Smith/Warner Finn/Page



The Garden Club

The October Garden Club meeting activity was a field trip to "Eagles Lair". Our host was our own garden club member, **Dan Yandrsevich**. He and his wife, Julie, escorted us around their alpine-like plantings. Incorporated within the landscape were model historic buildings that our host had constructed in his workshop. There were many other fanciful touches on this beautiful landscaped property.

As a longtime resident, Dan provided interesting antidotes of former residents of this area. He also shared his observations on the changing behaviors of the diverse wildlife that inhabits this location.

Following the visit, some group members enjoyed lunch at a local establishment.

Any AU member is invited to join us. Our next meeting is Nov. 6th, at 10:00 AM at the WRC meeting room.

TIP: Fall is the time for bulb planting, before the ground freezes.

Joe Lamela

The deadline for Dec., 2013 Newsletter articles is 5:PM Nov 26, 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

Welcome New Members

Name (Spouse)	Address	Employment	Interests	Home/Email
Eugene Ingrassia (Patricia)	8 Tomahawk Drive Wayne, NJ 07470	Vice President Siemens Building Tech.	Computers, Hiking, Invest- ments, Science, Trips and Tours and Public Discus- sion	(473)248-6988 eingrassia@alum.mit.edu
Dennis Keane (Maureen)	482 Berkeley Drive Wyckoff, NJ 07481	President Bergen Int.	Book Club, Gardening, Golf and Tennis	(201)891-3376 bicden@aol.com

AU Web-Site

The AU Web-Site has now been live for over a year. To access the AU Web-Site go to www.activitiesunlimited.org

The AU Web-Site contains the following sections:

Home Page – consists of a message from the president and highlights some key organizational updates and interested items on our members.

Activities Pages – there is a summary page of all AU activities with links to each individual activity where the details of each activity have been highlighted.

Calendar – a full annual calendar is maintained that highlights when each activity meets.

Newsletter – a copy of each newsletter is available back to January 2012

Trips and Tours – an updated list of all planned trips and functions is maintained.

Membership – this section contains About Us, Officers, Membership (including the Roster (user ID and Password required) and Constitution information.

Contact Us – this page allows members and non-members a way to contact the Web-Master ... the response is acted upon immediately.

Several new sections have been added or has information posted that all should take a look at ... this includes a new Page “In Memoriam” that provides information on AU Members that passed away during 2013 that includes a link to their obituary. Also, the new Computer Technology Club Page has a section of reference material from their monthly meetings ... in particular interest is a section that includes 20 training videos on Microsoft Excel. Please visit our web-site and let Donald A. Kirkpatrick know about the things you like or dislike and items that should be added in the future ... he can be reached through the “Contact Us Page” or via email at dakirkpt@verizon.com or by cell phone 201-759-3795.



Public Discussion Group

The group enjoyed another lively exchange of views. Once again, the topic of the Government shutdown and Congressional impasse dominated much of our discussion time. Many views were presented, but at the end most members felt the “debt ceiling” should automatically be increased to cover debts already incurred and approved by Congress so as not to jeopardize the “full faith and credit” of the country. Congress should instead be focusing on the budget and ways to contain its growth, especially around entitlement programs. There was also some discussion around whether “gerrymandering” and the limited number of contested House seats was sharpening ideological divides and undermining the legislative process. Several other topics came up in the remaining time, including: “Where is the Republican Party going?” (Unclear, but had moved significantly to the right over the last 30-40 years.) “The impact of Obamacare on Medicare Advantage insurance;” (Fewer doctors, higher premiums?) “Should the Bergen County and Bergen Sheriff’s police departments be merged?” (Yes!) and finally, “Should children be playing impact sports like football?” (Clear evidence of brain damage, but solutions still to be debated.) The club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30AM. The goal is to be better informed and to have fun; and we’re generally successful on both counts. All AU members are welcome to join in.

The Golf Club



RAMSEY DUFFERS CAPTURE THE FIRST ANNUAL AU GOLF TOURNAMENT

By a 5 1/2 to 4 1/2 victory, the Ramsey Duffers carried off the first annual golfer trophy. Opening ceremonies at Wallkill Golf Course presented captain Pete Fisher, the symbolic statue for his team.

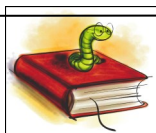
Activities team players put on a strong defense winning four of the first five matches but could not prevail the strong surge by the Duffers, taking the final four and a half matches. Captain **Guy Cappello** of the AU team said to the opposing team at the luncheon, as they say in Brooklyn, "WAIT TIL NEXT YEAR".

Guy Cappello

AU BESTS HOBBYISTS AGAIN!

On a misty/rainy seventh day of October the sixth annual golf match with the Hobbyists of Ridgewood took place on their home course the Meadows Golf Club in Lincoln Park. Fourteen two-man matches began a shotgun start at 9AM.....only twelve matches were concluded as two of the foursomes mutually agreed to leave the course after only nine holes. The remaining 18 hole matches resulted in 6-1/2 points for AU and 5-1/2 for the Hobbyists. They did not accept this result and we offered to submit the facts to the US governing body of golf the USGA for resolution. Their decision was that the two foursomes that jointly chose to leave the course were automatically disqualified and their matches declared null and void thereby awarding the overall match to AU based on the twelve finishing foursomes. Our friends from Ridgewood, unfortunately, have not accepted the USGA ruling and have advised us that their golf committee has unanimously voted not to continue the series. If this decision on their part is not rescinded the series will end with five victories for AU to but one for the Hobbyists. Winning teams for AU were: **Joe Luongo/John Campi, John Gornell /Jim Mallen** (shot an 83 his lowest score EVER!), **Frank Nusspickel/Wes Cheringal, Guy Cappello/Bert Haring, Pat McGuire/Tom McGinnis and John Weingartner/Jack Di Piazza** with the team of **Joe Coyle/Denis Trum** battling to a draw which actually clinched the win for AU. Our sincere hope is that the Hobbyists will reconsider and allow this excellent tournament to continue for years to come.

- **Marty McGonigle**



The Book Club

Books for November: * WHAT THE DOG SAW - Malcolm Gladwell
 * THE HOUR OF PERIL - Daniel Stashower
 * THE MEMORY CHALET - Tony Judt

The meeting started with a concise summary of THE SHADOW FACTORY (James Bamford) submitted by Tom Butler. The author used the 9/11 attack as the context to review the history of the National Security Agency and its transformation after 9/11. He reveals how the NSA pressured the CEO's at AT&T and Western Union and, more recently, the major internet companies in order to gain access to communications. The breadth of NSA's mining data contained elements of "1984." The group agreed that the biggest challenge to these efforts is the legal protection of individual privacy.....**Joe Clinton** led the discussion of THE BOYS OF POINTE du HOC (Douglas Brinkley). The first half of this book discusses the intense training of the 2d Ranger Battalion and their suicidal, but successful, mission on D-Day to climb the 100 foot cliffs at Pointe du Hoc and disable a battery of German heavy guns. The second part of the book describes the famous speech President Reagan gave at this site on the 40th anniversary of D-Day. Reagan reminded us of the heroic efforts of our servicemen during WW2 and why they were known as the "Greatest Generation.".....John Oates introduced the classic novel THINGS FALL APART (Chinua Achebe) which takes place in Nigeria around 1900. The story centers around the trials and tribulations of Okonkwo, a staunch, but eventually self-destructive member of an Ibo tribal community. The turning point in the narrative is when British missionaries make inroads into the community, followed by the reach of the imperial government, and what had been a structured, cohesive community becomes permanently fractured. The book is simply and honestly written, without taking sides.

Lee Warner came out on top as having read the most books (25) in this past book club year. Runner-ups were **Joe Pullaro** (20) and **Ed O'Keefe** (20). Book-of-the-Year (Fiction) was Brideshead Revisited. Book-of-the-Year (Non-Fiction) was a tie: Ike's Bluff and Physics of the Future.

Books for December: * WONDER GIRL - Don Van Natta
 * BOSS TWEED - Kenneth Ackerman
 * TWO AMERICANS - William Miller

Our next meeting is November 13 at 9:30 am at the Larkin House. We welcome new members. **Joe Clinton**



The Computer Technology Club—October 16, 2013

The October 16, 2013 meeting for the Computer Technology Club had about 25 AU Members in attendance which included some new members. The net is that we have over 40 now involved with this new AU Activity.

The meeting started with a review of how to access the series of 2+ minute videos on the basics of using Excel which are now out in the AU Web-site. Also, 6 additional 2+ minute videos on more advanced use of Excel have been placed out on the AU Web-site. The second part of our September 18th meeting was then covered ... this was a presentation by Don Rubin on the use of Excel in a financial analysis problem thus providing our attendees with a use of Excel in a practical situation. We will conclude with a general question and answer period.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 27th which is the fourth Wednesday of the month ... this change in the date for our meeting was prompted by WRC activity during the third week of November. The topic for this meeting will be "Pictures" ... it will cover many aspects of manipulation of our digital photos.

As mentioned previously the series of 2 minute videos on Excel are now available on the Computer Technology Pages of the AU Web-Site. These videos will provide AU members with a reference source for using Excel ... take a look at them as they are very helpful.

As mentioned at our last meeting I am available to provide on a limited basis assistance to individual AU Members regarding help regarding their technical computer questions ... this will be done on a one-to-one basis either after our monthly meetings or by telephone (I have setup remote dial-in capability) to facilitate my effort to assist members if required.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 27th at 10AM which is the fourth Wednesday of the month.** The meeting should be about ninety (90) minutes long.

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

AARP TAX-AIDE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR 2013 TAX SEASON

We are again seeking the aide of AU members who are willing to serve as volunteers in the AARP Tax Aide Program.

The AARP Tax-Aide Volunteer Program provides tax preparation services and is seeking volunteers to help primarily low income New Jersey taxpayers who need assistance in preparing and filing their 2013 tax returns. Volunteers do not need to be an AARP member to participate. Computer proficiency is necessary. Willingness to use your own personal laptop in the preparation of tax returns would be helpful and appreciated. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers receive free tax training and are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program related expenses. They help taxpayers at various sites in the Passaic County area. This service could not be provided without the help of volunteers who make an indelible mark in those communities that they help. You will find the work of assisting people of limited means to be rewarding and fulfilling.

If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile program, please contact **Ed Schlachman** at 973-423-1459 or e-mail edandjune@aol.com for further information.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED BY LAWS:

The Executive Board has approved the below amendments to Article II to the AU By Laws and will ask for an affirmative vote of the members at the December meeting. We believe that the experience a member received during the first year in office as the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary would benefit AU and the member during the second consecutive term. Accordingly both the member in office and the Nominating Committee should have the option to benefit from such experience. Below is the current Sections 1 and 2 to Article II with the proposed changes marked and an amended Article II, Sections 1 and 2. **ARTICLE II TERMS OF OFFICE, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION** – With proposed changes marked (**RED will be deleted** — **GREEN will be added**)

Article II, Section 1.

For the President, First Vice President and Second Vice President, the Terms of office shall be one year. **for all officers except the Secretary.** (see **Section 2**) **See Section 2 for terms of office for the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary**

Article II, Section 2.

Officers shall serve one term in the office to which they have been elected. However, **at the option of the then member in office and the Nominating Committee,** the **Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and** Secretary may be elected for a second consecutive term. **Except as otherwise provided herein,** **a m**Member(s) may again be elected to the same office provided that at least one term has elapsed. This does not restrict **a member from** being elected **to other offices to a different office** in the interim.

Food Pantry

At the Oct meeting, \$180.00 was given as donations to the Food Pantry.

The Science Club



Science

October 15—Thanks to Dr. Ron Cauchard (a Doctor of Optometry whose Office is in Wyckoff) for his most interesting talk updating us on eye related issues which are of special importance for seniors. This year he spoke about a new improved procedure to remove cataracts called “Laser Assisted Cataract Surgery”. Additionally, his talk again emphasized annual eye testing to permit early detection of glaucoma and macular degeneration eye problems.

November 19—John Dyksen of the ‘United Water’, our local (and now global) Company will speak to us about water technology including desalinization and other recent developments.

NOTE: The location of November meeting has not been finalized, but is planned to be in a Meeting Room in the Wyckoff Library.

December 17— George Becker will give highlights of the LAMONT-DOHERTY Earth Institute research on Antarctica. George is a Board Member, with his presentation on their Antarctica Gamburtsev Province (AGAP) Program.

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

JACK YURASEK (201-337-4433)

AU -- CAP ACCOUNT

The AU -- CAP (Community Alliance Program) Account 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.

October Breakfast Monthly Meeting

Our annual October breakfast meeting, at the Brick House, was a rousing success, with 151 members attending and a terrific presentation by our speaker, the Bergen County Sheriff, Michael Saudino.

He provided our members with detailed and interesting insights into the inner workings of his law enforcement organization. He also stressed the need for increased, ongoing communication between his department and all of the Bergen County municipal police departments. He stated that cooperation and coordination makes every officer much more effective and the communities they served safer.



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.

Nov—No Events Scheduled

Saturday December 7, 2013—Come see the **West Point Army Concert Band's Christmas Gala** Followed by Dinner at the Hotel Thayer. Cost \$65.00 pp. Our bus will leave WRC parking at 12.00 Noon sharp and return about 7:30 PM. **PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.** Make checks payable to AU & send to **Dick Botta**, 413D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481, 201-848-9001

Tuesday December 17, 2013 Christmas Party at The Seasons again this year. It will run from 5:30 – 9:30 PM and cost \$58.00 pp. The reservation forms will be available in this Newsletter and the November Newsletter. Checks should be made payable to AU and sent directly to **Terry Gilly**, 709 Highview Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481

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Jan—Beefsteak Dinner at the Brownstone

Feb—Valentine's Day Party with the Hobbyists

March 10th 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)** as soon as possible for details and booking instructions.

Mar—St Patrick's Day Party

April—Mystery Dinner Theater

May—Intrepid visit NYC

June-Monday, June 9th, 2014 AU Prom to be held at The Venetian in Garfield. Save the date. Details to follow.

July—Clam Bake

Aug—

Sept—Wine Tasting Party

Oct—Oktoberfest

Nov—

Dec—Christmas Party



ACTIVITIES



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Twenty-Seventh Annual Christmas Dinner Dance

Location: Seasons

644 Pascack Road (corner of Washington Ave.), Washington Township

Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 (5:30 to 9:30)

Cocktail Hour: Starting at 5:30PM.

Hors D'oeuvres: A variety of tempting taste treats.

Choice of Entrée: Selection of Beef, Chicken or Fish to be made at the table.

Four hour open bar (5:30 to 9:30 PM)

Valet and self parking are available (your choice)

Dance to Music by Peter Lieberman

Price: \$58.00 per person. Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited.

Name card reserve seating will be provided for everyone (round tables seat 10 or 12).

Seating is limited to 300 people.

Detach and return reservation form below to: **Terry Gilly**

709 Highview Dr.

Wyckoff, NJ 07481 Phone: (201) 8914055

Reservations ASAP, cancellable up to December 10th.

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Reservations \$58.00 per person. Make check payable to **Activities Unlimited.**

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

List Table Guests Here:

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

If you wish to be seated with others, whether it be only one other couple or a full table; PLEASE CONFIRM with those couple(s) that there is room at their table.

Then list their names above (under "List Table Guests Here:~") before sending in the form.

Check this box for random seating.



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