

Activities Unlimited

Activities Unlimited General Meeting October 10, 2017

Breakfast meeting at The Brick House

Anthony DePalma spent 22 years as a reporter and foreign correspondent for *The New York Times*, serving as Bureau Chief in Mexico and Canada. He has focused his journalism on Latin America, especially Mexico and Cuba, but he has also travelled widely and reported from places as diverse as Albania, Montenegro, Guyana and Suriname.

His interest in Cuba is both professional and personal. He is married to Miriam Rodriguez, who was born in Cuba and came to the United States after the 1959 Revolution. He first visited Cuba in 1979 during the brief thaw in U.S.-Cuba relations during the administration of Jimmy Carter, and has been back many times since then to report and to visit family.

His second book, published in 2006, was "The Man Who Invented Fidel," about the rise of Fidel Castro and the impact that Castro, and journalism, have had on U.S.-Cuba relations. In the aftermath of the 9/11 attack, he wrote nearly 100 of the "Portraits of Grief" that won a Pulitzer for The Times in 2001.

He left The Times in 2008 to become writer-in-residence at Seton Hall University.

DePalma also is an adjunct professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

He continues to write and lecture about Latin America and the environment, while also reporting on many other subjects.

See Photo on page 4

Note from the President

As we enter the last quarter of the year, AU continues to be vibrant and in a strong financial position. This is due to our members who actively participate, volunteer and foster a sense of fellowship. Let's each of us set a goal of introducing a new member so that AU continues to grow and remain strong.

On the activities side, please note that our October meeting is the annual breakfast meeting at Brick House at 9am on Oct. 10th.

There is a "fish and chip dinner" scheduled for Oct. 17th.

Finally, be sure to get your check in for the Dec. 11th Christmas Dinner Dance before the early deadline. It fills up quickly.

NOTES TO MEMBERS

Fish and Chips Dinner October 17th, 2017

If you have not indicated your choice of entrée on your check, you will be served a Fish and Chips dinner.

Membership Dues

Membership dues, **\$50.00**, for 2018 are due no later than **December 31, 2017.**

Please send your check for \$50.00 payable to "Activities Unlimited" to:
Douglas Cooper, 15 David Alan Way, Montville, NJ 07045

WRC PARKING LOT ENTRY:

The WRC would like to remind everyone there is only one entrance into and one exit out of the church parking lot on Wyckoff Avenue. The driveway *furthest* from the building is the entrance. The driveway *closest* to the building is the exit.



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



2017 OFFICERS



Tom Butler
President
201-934-8161



Jim Webb
1st Vice President
201-337-7982



Joe Pullaro
2nd Vice President
201-337-0018



Howard Vogel
Secretary
201-612-2237



Mark Cohen
Treasurer
201-337-4198



Doug Cooper
Asst. Treas.
908-907-1112

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	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 201-625-7541	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	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
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	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	

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

At the Sept. general meeting \$258.00 was collected for the Wyckoff Reform Church Food Pantry.

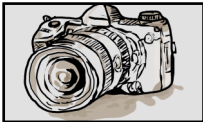
The deadline for November Newsletter articles is 5 PM Monday October 30, 2017. When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold). Email: lguarneri03@gmail.com and jrhensch62@gmail.com or mail to: **Lou Guarneri**, 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430



Duplicate Bridge Results

		1st	2nd	3rd
8/30	NS	Smith/Levin	Riccardi/Warner	Martin/Altamuro
	EW	Lewis/Milcos	Zelhof/Boylan	Anand/Freimuth
9/6	NS	Anand/Yampell Lavin/Mahmarian	---	Smith/Desrosiers/ Kampschmidt
	EW	Freimuth/Warner	Zelhof/ MacDougall	Spence/Kellett
9/13	NS	Anand/Riccardi	Meloro/Warner	Desrosiers/Zelhof
	EW	Freimuth/Spence	Altamuro/Boylan	Mahmarian/Milcos
9/20	No Play			
9/27	NS	Barbera/Spence	Foldessy/ Sweetgall	Boylan/Levin
	EW	Mahmarian/Meloro	Anand/Warner	Lewis/Martin

Our Guest Speaker Anthony De Palma



The Photography Club

This is a reminder that the next Photo Club Meeting will be on Tuesday October 3rd at 10:00 AM in the third floor meeting room.

The agenda for the meeting includes:

- Barry Glick will show us tips for taking better travel photos.
- Murray Perl will demonstrate how to take images that capture the flavor of a travel destination.
- Sam Ohan will explain how simple changes in your technique can improve your photography.
- A gallery displaying member travel photos.

Photos from monthly club activities and outings

Photo taken by Gerrit White a member of the AU Photography Club





The Science Club

The October meeting will be a carpool trip to Lamont-Doherty Labs in Alpine on Saturday, October 7, 2017. The Lab conducts earth science research; lectures and demonstrations on various aspects will be presented. We enjoyed this trip twice previously, and as of this date, 7 people have indicated interest. We will leave the WRC lot at 9 AM, drive to their parking lot, and be bussed to the Lab. A \$5 donation is requested, and lunch can be purchased. The Lab is open from 10AM to around 4 PM. We plan to leave for WRC around 2 PM.

Also at 10 AM, Tuesday, October 17 the first of a DVD series called 'Modern Physics for Non-Scientists', course by Professor Richard Wolfson of Middlebury College will be shown. This program from the Great Courses Series, reviews the fundamental ideas of physics starting in the year 1900 and leads to relativity and quantum physics. Each of the 24 Lectures is 30 minutes with the first entitled 'Time Travel, Tunneling, and Tennis'. The plan is to use the DVDs at several meetings during the year when other activities are not scheduled. While the lectures build on one another, they will be presented such that continuity is maintained.

On Tuesday November 21 at 10 AM, DR. Cauchard will return and update us on conditions of the eye. He will explain the operation of the new Digital Camera system which is now being used as part of his testing procedure.

Later in the Fall or Winter we may plan a Carpool trip to either the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ or the American Museum of Natural History in NYC (which includes the Planetarium-updates on Dark Matter and Dark Energy).

Thanks to those whose 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

The History Club



On September 25, I presented "The Louisiana Purchase." The Louisiana Purchase was the third greatest event in American history, ranking directly behind the Declaration of Independence and the framing of the United States Constitution. There were many obstacles encountered during the negotiation; in the United States, France and Spain as well. Thanks to the vision, courage and persistence of Robert Livingston, Foreign Minister to France and the remarkable diplomacy of President Jefferson, the greatest real estate deal in history was accomplished at the cost of 42 cents per acre-the United States acquired the Louisiana Territory (828,000 square miles) which doubled the size of US overnight and propelled this country to a world power.

The slave-revolution in St. Domingue (Haiti) inspired by French revolution was presented as well as the largest expedition with 50,000 men-army sent by Napoleon (largest ever seen in the Americas in man-power) to put down the rebellion and restore slavery in Haiti but it failed. The legality and constitutionality of the Louisiana Purchase were questioned by both Federalists and Republican-Democratic as well as President Jefferson.

Although there was no actual provision in the constitution that the government or the president can acquire territory, it was the "Implied Powers" in the constitution that allow the president to negotiate treaties and under this provision, James Madison, his Secretary of State and Father of the Constitution assured President Jefferson that the Louisiana Purchase was well within even the strictest interpretation of the Constitution. The reasons why Napoleon sold Louisiana Territory to the United States was also explored.

Pablo A. Catangay- 201-684-1217; pcatangay@optonline.net

Obituary

Clare Orsini, the wife of former AU member, **Tony Orsini**, passed away over the summer. Her family has finalized plans for a memorial service in our sanctuary on Wednesday 10/4 at 11:30am. As per Clare's wishes, there are to be no flowers.

AARP TAX-AIDE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR 2017 TAX SEASON

We are again seeking the aide of AU members who are willing to serve as volunteers in the AARP Tax Aide Program which is a nation wide program.

The AARP Tax-Aide volunteer tax preparation and assistance service is seeking volunteers to help primarily low income New Jersey taxpayers in preparing and filing their Federal and State 2017 tax returns which is provided at no cost to the taxpayers..

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. This program is provided at various sites (Hawthorne, Wayne, Ringwood, West Milford, Clifton, Paterson, and Passaic) in the Passaic County area. This could not be done without the help of volunteers who make an indelible mark on those communities that they help. You will find the work of assisting people of limited means to be rewarding and fulfilling and deeply appreciated by those who we serve.

For more information on how you can join the Tax-Aide program as a volunteer and be of assistance to taxpayers, contact **Ed Schlachman** at 973-423-1459 or at edandjune@aol.com

PROJECT OUTREACH NEEDS YOU!

Just like the Marines....the AU Project Outreach group is looking for a "few good men" to augment their current roster (shown below). Our purpose is to provide manual support to the Wyckoff Reformed Church's food contributions to the Northside Food Pantry of Paterson, NJ. We don't have regular meetings, however, you are asked to spend an hour and one-half every two months or so serving as a "Bagger" or as an "Unloader" at Heneveld Hall. Naturally, the more members we have the better we can stretch out the "every two months" to perhaps three or four. You may ask "what's in it for me?". Which is only natural. What you receive in return for your service is the satisfaction that you are giving of yourself to help those less fortunate. Gratification is your reward and believe me there is no better feeling (at least at our age).

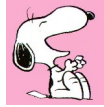
Basically, the process is to unload food supplies once a month and the woman of the WRC pack up food bags every Thursday and we put them on shelves for pick up and delivery to the needy of Paterson. So what do you say? I encourage you to talk to one or more of the AU men listed below and to see if this club organization is something you might like to do and to gain further info to ascertain if Project Outreach is something you'd be interested in. And if you decide to join us please contact me at mmbmcg@optonline.net or reach me on my cell 201-887-1585. Come join our team!!

Marty McGonigle

Project Outreach Chairman

MEMBERS

**Jerry Berlinger...Jay Bouton...Bud Brooks...Tom Butler...Frank Calabrese...John Campi...
Frank Conte...Ed Finn...Hank Fisher...Hank Hansen...Rich Hensch...Ron Hutchison...
Tom Laird...George Lewis...Jerry Lynch...Dom Manobianco...Bob Peneno...George Pitts...
Victor Pizzolato...Joe Pullaro...Peter Sausville...Rick Sneyers...Walt Steffen...Frank Tanki...
Fred Theile...Vince Tortorelli...Tim Tracey...Denis Trum...Walt Widmer and Ted Wolff**



The Lighter Side

I never really liked the terminology "Old Person" but this makes me feel better about it. And if you isn't one, I bet ya, you know one!

I got this from an "Old Personal friend of mine"! Actually, it's not a bad thing to be called, as you will see.

- Old People are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. Old People remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.
- Old People remember World War II, Pearl Harbor , Guadalcanal , Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peace-keeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam .
- If you bump into an Old Person on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Person on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women.
- Old People hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.
- Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.
- Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.

It's the Old People who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

We need them now more than ever.

AIDS WARNING!

SENIOR CITIZENS ARE THE NATION'S LEADING CARRIERS OF AIDS!

***HEARING AIDS
BAND AIDS
ROLL AIDS
WALKING AIDS
MEDICAL AIDS
GOVERNMENT AIDS***

***MOST OF ALL,
MONETARY AID TO THEIR KIDS!***

***Not forgetting HIV
(Hair is Vanishing)***

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, October 10, 2017—Our annual breakfast meeting will be held on Tuesday October 10, 2017, starting at 9am at the Brick House, 179 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff NJ. Our speaker will be Anthony De Palma an expert on Cuba. He will talk about the ever changing politics of our relationship with our neighboring country.
**The cost is \$12 pp. Please send your checks made out to Activities Unlimited as soon as possible to:
Joe Pullaro, 886 Iron Latch Road, Franklin Lakes, N.J. 07417. Questions call Joe, home 201-337-0018 or cell 201-378-8378.**

TUESDAY, October 17, 2017 — Fish and Chips Dinner at La Neve's Catering Hall, 376 Belmont Ave in Haledon NJ. The dinner consists of Salad, choice of Fish & Chips, Chicken or Beef, Cole Slaw, Desert, Wine, Beer, Soda, Coffee & Tea. This will be a self-drive dinner from 4/7 pm so driving home should not be a problem. Wives and significant others are invited. This is an open seating venue. Sit with someone you don't know. Please send your check for \$34.00 pp payable to Activities Unlimited to: **Dick Botta**; 413D Bromley Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Question, call Dick at 201-848-9001

The Christmas Party is on MONDAY, December 11, 2017 at The Seasons.
There will be no valet parking. It will run from 5:30 – 9:30 PM and cost \$67.00 pp. The reservation form is on the next page of this Newsletter. **All checks must be RECEIVED (NOT POST MARKED) no later than Saturday November 18, 2017 - NO EXCEPTIONS.** Checks received after this date automatically go on a waiting list - NO EXCEPTIONS. The registration form is on the next page. For group table reservations of 8 or more please include all names and checks for the table on one form. Any questions call: **Bill Mastellon 201-447-1417 or John Murphy 201-447-0921.**

**Print and send your form and checks for \$67.00 pp made payable to Activities Unlimited directly to:
Bill Mastellon, 101 East Oak Street, Unit G-6, Oakland, NJ 07436**

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THURSDAY, January 18th, 2018---LUNCH AT SAVINI'S. Join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. A four course lunch will be served with pasta, soup or salad. choice of veal, chicken or fish, dessert. coffee, tea and soda. A cash bar is available. Cost \$26,00 pp. Open to all members, spouses and guests. Time 12:30 pm. Mail checks payable to Activities Unlimited to:
Larry Restieri, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430.
Tel: 201-825-5843 NOTE: Snow date, Jan 25, 2018

