

Activities Unlimited



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October, 2019

Activities Unlimited General Meeting

**Tuesday, October 8, 2018
9:00 am Breakfast
at The Brick House**

79 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ.

We will be entertained at our annual breakfast on October 8 by the illusionist/magician Scott Drucker, also known as Great Scott. Scott will be assisted by his longtime sidekick



Thurston, a blue and gold macaw. Scott and Thurston have appeared and performed in many venues, including the television shows David Letterman, Conan O'Brian and Ellen. He has received the coveted "Magician of the Year" award from Independent Magical Performers Society. So be prepared to be amazed and laugh out loud during the performance. It alone will be well worth the price of admission.

Note: The October General meeting will be held at the Brick House at 9:00am. Starting with the November General meeting access to WRC Heneveld Hall will be changed to 12:15pm.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are now enjoying some fine weather and with the onset of fall, AU is back in full force.

If you attended our monthly meeting in September you heard the great talk by Brian Saxton, former New York Giants football player and Rhett Elisan, #85, current tight end for the Giants. They both told us about life in pro football. By the extent of the questions we could have kept them there for many more hours. If you like this type of program, notably sports figures let us know and we will arrange for more of them in the future

On September 19th we had our AU Annual Social at the Ridgewood Tennis Club. It was a spectacular evening as evidenced by over 70 people attending. The food and wine was outstanding but more important the three hours allowed us to talk to many of our fellow members. Special thanks to **George Lewis** for putting this great event together.

I have noticed an explosion of interest in many of our clubs in September. Just to name a few, the Discussion Group had its usual great turnout and the Computer Club and History Club filled the 3rd floor to capacity. Other clubs are also doing extremely well so if you have not attended clubs in a while come and check them out. You will be impressed.

We have our annual breakfast at the Brick House on October 8th. I hope many of you can make it. Like the Annual Social it is a great time to meet and talk to your fellow AU members. Coming up soon is our annual Christmas Party on December 9th at Seasons. This is our signature event of the year so send your check in early so **Bill Mastellon** can work out the multitude of arrangements needed for this event to be successful.

Finally we heard from **Marty McGonigle** at our September meeting about the need for more volunteers for Project Outreach. See Marty's article in this newsletter. He needs more volunteers so please contact Marty for more information.

Hope to see you all at the Brick House on October 8th.

Joe Pullaro josephpullaro@hotmail.com

Membership Dues

Membership dues, \$50.00, for 2020 are due no later than **December 31, 2019**. Please send your check for \$50.00 payable to "Activities Unlimited" to: **Douglas Cooper**, 15 David Alan Way, Montville, NJ 07045

At the September meeting \$181.00 was collected for the Wyckoff Reformed Church Food Pantry.

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

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



2019 OFFICERS



Joe Pullaro
President
201-337-0018



Bob Dauer
1st Vice President
201-327-9247



Dave Voehl
Secretary
973-227-6981



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Treasurer
908-907-1112



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Asst. Treas.
201-261-1219

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. 9:30 am WRC-Memorial Rm	
Dup. Bridge	ED Foldessy	201-327-5767	Wed 1:00 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	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 10:00 am WRC-2nd Floor	
Gardening	Joe Lamela Rick Sneyers	201-327-8137 973-248-6625	1st Wed. 10:00 am 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 9:00 am WRC-Parking Lot
	Short	Fred Theile	201-981-1801	Mon 9:30 am WRC-Parking Lot
Historian	Victor Pizzolato	201-612-0038		
History	Pablo Catangay Tony Mastandrea	201-684-1217 201-327-8832	4th Mon 1:00 pm WRC-2nd Floor	
Investment	Al Connelly	973-616-0755	2nd Thur. 9:30 to 10:30 am 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 10:00 am WRC-2nd Floor
Public Disc.	Walt Widmer Tom Butler	201-562-8666 201-934-8161	2nd Wed 9:30 am Larkin House
Refreshments	Jim Forbes John Gannaway	201-825-0523 201-485-7881	
Science	Jack Yurasek Harry Bennett	201-337-4433 201-891-9527	3rd Tue 10:00 am 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. 9:00 am 4th Tues. 9:00 am 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 10:15 am Heneveld Hall
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

The deadline for November, 2019 Newsletter articles is 5 PM, Monday, October 28, 2019. When submitting articles, please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold). Email: jrhensch62@gmail.com or mail to: **Richard Hensch, 41 Appert Terrace, 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, October 8, 2019 AU Breakfast

At the Brick House, 179 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ starting at 9 AM. Our speaker will be The Great Scott, Magician/Illusionist. **Cost is \$13 per person.** Please send in your check, payable to Activities Unlimited, to **Bob Dauer**, 15 Birchwood Lane, Ramsey, NJ 07446. Any questions call Bob at 201-327-9247

Monday - October 21, 2019 Taste of the Big Apple Food Tour **Sold Out**

This is a full day tour offered by Stage Right Tours of Waldwick, NJ. We will be riding by bus through NYC, starting in the Bronx and ending in Lower Manhattan, where we will sample various Foods of the World. We'll see mozzarella & bread being made on Arthur Ave., taste Dim Sum in Chinatown, enjoy pastries in the East Village and knishes on the Lower East Side. The trip will end at Economy Candy, where you can blast to the past with candies from the good old days. Candy Buttons, Pixie Sticks and Wax Lips. Our Guide will be Art Zuckerman (radio host) who will tell funny stories of food and the neighborhoods you will visit. **SPACE IS LIMITED** This trip is on a first come, first serve basis. Bus will depart Wyckoff Reform Church at 9:00AM sharp and return at 6:00PM. The cost is \$79 pp and includes sample food equal to two meals, motor coach and guide. **Wives/significant others are invited.** Please send your check for \$79 payable to "Activities Unlimited" to: **Lou Guarneri** 128 MacLeish Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Any questions call Lou at 201-847-1981 or **Don Wasson** at 201-891-1873. Please include your cell phone number with your check.

Monday, **December 9, 2019** Christmas Dinner/Dance at Seasons.

There will be no valet parking. It will run from 5:30 – 9:30 PM and cost **\$71.00** pp. The reservation form is on the last page of this Newsletter. All checks must be RECEIVED (NOT POST MARKED) no later than **Saturday, November 16, 2019 - NO EXCEPTIONS.** Checks received after this date automatically go on a waiting list. If you plan to sit with a group, please send **only** one form and **include** all names and everyone's check. Any questions call: **Bill Mastellon** 201-447-1417 or **John Murphy** 201-447-0921. Print and send your form with checks for **\$71.00** pp made payable to "Activities Unlimited" directly to:

**Bill Mastellon,
101 East Oak Street, Unit G-6,
Oakland, NJ 07436**

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 --LUNCH AT SAVINI IN ALLENDALE, NJ

Join us for an afternoon of good food & fellowship. A four course lunch served with pasta, soup or salad, choice of Veal, Chicken or Fish. Dessert includes an Italian Vanilla Gelato Nut Log. Cash Bar Available. Cost \$30.00 pp. Wives/significant others are invited. Time 12:30 pm. Please send your check for \$30.00 pp made payable to ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED and send to: **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ, 07430, 201-825-5843. Please include your cell phone number on your check.

In the event of a snow storm the snow date is Thursday, Jan 23, 2020 at 12:30 pm.

FRIDAY, February 14, 2020, VALENTINES DAY - "Love Is In The Air"

Lunch at Stony Hill Inn 11:00am-3:00 pm.

It will be a very special holiday show. Wives and significant others are invited. Listen and dance to some beautiful songs by Joe Zisa & Friends. A highlight of the luncheon will be a performance by one of our favorites, the sensational **Dan Yates**. Delicious Stony Hill cuisine. Menu: pasta & salad, rolls & butter, Roast Turkey w/stuffing, Roast Beef, vegetable & potato and dessert, all served family style. Coffee, tea, soda. 1 drink per person included. Please send your check for \$55.00 pp made payable to ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED and send to **Bob LaSalvia**, 80 Glasgow Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430

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 Club, Trips & Tours	H: 201-487-2649 C: 201-310-1812 Email: rabowman@verizon.net
Donald Reeds (Elizabeth)	122 Vreeland Ave. Mahwah, NJ 07430	Attorney	Luncheon, Bridge Social, Bridge Duplicate, Trips & Tours	H:201-891-4690 Email:dreeds179@gmail.com
Roy Peppard (Maria)	14 Madison Ct. Montville, NJ 07045	Sales	Book Club, Discussion Group, Golf, Hiking-Short, Investments	C: 201-926-4528 Email: roy_peppard@hotmail.com



Duplicate Bridge Club

		1st	2nd	3rd
9/4	NS	Bartlett/Mahmarian	Martin/Spence	Bidwell/Boylan
	EW	Warner/Meloro	Steffen/Lewis	Zelhof/Barbera
9/11	NS	Altamuro/Barbera	Bidwell/Mahmarian	Spence/Groesbeck
	EW	Freimuth/Steffen	Anand/Meloro	Desrosiers, Milcos/ Wong
9/18	NS	Barbera/Peck	Mahmarian/Spence	Bidwell/Steffen
	EW	Gilpatrick/Warner	Altamuro/Lewis	Anand/Desrosiers
9/25	NS	Anand/Freimuth	Gilpatrick/Lewis	Bidwell/Martin
	EW	Meloro/Milcos	Altamuro/Peck	Barbera/Yampell



Public Discussion Group

Our September meeting began with a discussion of “electric scooters.” The discussion focused on the growing use of scooters for urban transportation, much like the ubiquitous “Citi bikes” seen around NYC. Comments largely centered on public safety, both for pedestrians, cars and users of the scooters. Members told of their own experiences of “close encounters” dealing with bikes on heavily travelled streets. Additionally, there has been a rising number of scooter users dying in accidents. Suggestions included licensing requirements for scooter use. One comments noted that potential revenue from licensing fees was a motive behind cities’ encouraging scooter use. It was an interesting exchange about an emerging issue.

The group then turned to an always thorny subject, health care. Issues discussed included: whether access to health care is a basic right that the government should guarantee; whether the cost of emergency room care for the uninsured was costing more than government provided insurance would cost; and whether lower life expectancy, higher infant mortality and generally poorer health outcomes than in other industrialized countries in terms of economic cost and quality of life mattered at all. Overall, there was consensus that the cost of health care in the US was both out of control and way out of line with costs in other industrialized countries.

Coming close to the end of our allotted time, the group decided to push discussion of “the Squad” to the October meeting. Other topics will be: Expansion of Presidential Authority and Proposed NJ gun legislation. The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 9th at 9:30 at Larkin House. All AU members are welcome to attend and participate or just listen.

Tom Butler



The Golf Club

On August 27th The Wyckoff **Activities Unlimited Golf** team bested the Ridgewood Hobbyists Golf team in their Annual Match Play competition by the score of 6 points to 4 points.

The match was played on an unusual cool and cloudy day on the manicured fairways and greens of Apple Green Golf Club in Highland, NY. The play was very competitive with the AU team winning five matches and the Hobbyist's winning three matches and two matches ending in ties.

The AU TEAM was composed of the following two man teams: **Marty McGonigle & Jim Putt; Tony Delfico & Jim Mallen; John Gornell & Larry Peterson; Ralph Corallo & Bob Davidson; Al Coldon & Dave Kamperschmidt; Herm Brandes & Bob Desrosiers; Bill Leo & Henry Wasserstein; Harry Conant & Frank Nuss-pickel; John Bishop & Joe Coyle and Bill Byrne & Ron Miller.**

The winners of the AU closest to the pin contest on two of the Par 3 holes were **Marty McGonigle & John Gornell.**

All of the participants enjoyed playing in the match and look forward to next year.

The History Club



On September 23, **Fred Theile** presented the "Appomattox Surrender and the last 9 days of the Civil War." There were 47 members present and one guest. The final campaign for Richmond, Virginia the capital of the Confederacy, began in 1864 when the Union Army of the Potomac under the command of General Ulysses S. Grant crossed the James River in June 1864. This cut the supply lines of Petersburg and Richmond. In the spring of 1865, Confederate States Army General Robert Lee tried to leave Petersburg but union troops under Major General Philip Sheridan's cavalry turned Lee's flank at the Battle of Five Forks. With supply railroad lines cut, General Lee's men abandoned the trenches they held for 10 months and evacuated on April 2-3. Lee's objective was to reassemble and supply his men at Amelia Courthouse and to link up with General Joseph Johnston's Army of Tennessee in North Carolina. For the next 5 days the fighting was very intense with heavy casualty on both sides. The Federal troops prevailed over the Confederacy.

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Maj. General John Gordon attacked Sheridan's cavalry who was supported by Union XXIV and V Corps; while the Union II Corps attacked Lt. General James Longstreet with- the Union forces victorious. Hearing this bad news, General Lee decided to request a suspension of the fighting while he sought to learn the terms of surrender General Grant was proposing to offer. General Grant's response was remarkable in that it let the defeated General Lee choose the place of his surrender. Appomattox Court House, a small village of roughly twenty buildings that served as way station for travelers on the Richmond-Lynchburg Stage Road. The place was a house owned by Wilmer McLean, a brick home built in 1848.

The terms of surrender offered by President Lincoln and General Ulysses S. Grant to General Robert E. Lee was very generous: 1) Allowing the men to return to their homes and letting officers, cavalrymen, and artillerymen keep their swords and horses if the men agreed to lay down their arms and abide by the federal law and 2) General Grant supplied food to the Rebels, who were desperately low on rations. These acts, together with General Lee's reluctance to risk a guerrilla war- can be partially credited for the relative peacefulness of the Reconstruction. The surrender at Appomattox officially end the Civil War, although skirmished persisted for another 16 months.

Pablo A. Catangay

PROJECT OUTREACH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

As chairman of the Project Outreach group I am appealing to our membership to please come join us as we help to bring food to the hungry and needy. Our goal is to assist the Wyckoff Reformed Church's efforts in donating monthly food to the Northside Food Pantry of Paterson. This is accomplished in two ways: putting full grocery bags on shelves and unloading and storing a truck of donated foodstuffs monthly at the church. It requires an hour and a half of your time every two to three months. Many of our members have been with me for the full ten years of our existence. However, attrition has set in and we need more of you especially during the winter months when the snowbirds depart. If you would like to "pay it forward" and receive an enormous amount of self-gratification please contact me at: mmbmcg@optonline.net or 201-887-1585. **Marty McGonigle**

AARP TAX-AIDE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR 2019 SEASON

AARP Tax-Aide Volunteer Program is seeking volunteers to help primarily low to moderate income New Jersey taxpayers by providing critically needed service and assistance in filing their 2019 Federal and State tax returns. We are looking for compassionate and friendly individuals to join our volunteer team. There is no fee and the service provided is free.

Volunteers do not need to be an AARP member to participate. Computer proficiency is necessary. AARP we'll provide the training and support to help you learn tax preparation skills. Tax-Aide volunteers are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program related expenses.

They help taxpayers at various sites (Hawthorne, Wayne, Ringwood, West Milford, Clifton, Paterson and Passaic) in the Passaic County area. The volunteer service is spread out over a ten week period (February 1 to April 15)

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. Make a difference in your community. Become an AARP tax-aide program volunteer.

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



CONGRATULATIONS

Tony Delfico and Ralph Corallo won the Bergen County Four Ball Golf Tournament in the super senior division.



The Science Club

At the September Meeting, Harry Bennett gave an excellent presentation on Sustainability- Thank you Harry. No meetings were held in July or August. The plans for Fall activities are:

A car pool trip to Lamont Labs is being planned for Saturday October 5, 2019. The trip will leave the WRC parking lot at 9:00 AM, and return from Lamont at 2:00 PM (should arrive at WRC by 2:45 PM). The entrance fee at Lamont is \$5 with Lunch available.

Dr. Cauchard will return for the November meeting which will take place 10 AM, November 19. He will update us on improve Retina testing.

Kurt Coster will speak at the December 17th Meeting on Paper Manufacturing.

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



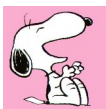
The Book Club

Sean O'Casey is an Irish dramatist renowned for his innovative playwriting style, which balances deeply comic and tragic elements in an atmosphere of stark realism, with emphasis on characterization, rather than plot, of working and lower class Dubliners.

Tony Mastandrea discussed the "Dublin Trilogy," with special emphasis on "Juno (the heroic, working wife, backbone of the family, who keeps the family from disintegrating) and her lazy, good-for-nothing, full of deceit and blarney, drunken husband, who struts around the shabby, two-room, tenant apartment like a Paycock (Peacock.)

Sean O'Casey's Dublin Trilogy is set during three major moments in the Irish Revolutionary Period. "The Plough and the Stars" during the Easter Rising of 1916, "The Shadow of A Gunman," during the Irish War of Independence (1919-1921), and "Juno and the Paycock" during the Irish Civil War - 1922-1923. The horrors of these events on the common people turned the originally nationalist O'Casey into a militant socialist advocating labor reforms.

O'Casey, himself, grew up in poverty, self-taught, and with a voracious appetite for reading, although suffering from a crippling eye disease, was unjustly scorned by the critics for his tragic-comic style. Maybe biographer David Krause put this issue in the proper light when he said, "his tragic comic style is a means of survival in a shattered world. It is this attitude which keeps his plays from becoming melancholy or pessimistic. His humor saves him and his characters from despair. In the midst of anti-heroic laughter there can be no total catastrophe. Where there is suffering and death no happy endings are possible, but where there is also laughter life goes on."



The Lighter Side

In Japan they invented a machine that catches thieves; They took it out to different countries for tests.

UK, in 30 minutes it caught 500 thieves;
Spain, in 20 minutes it caught 25 thieves;
Ghana, in 10 minutes it caught 6,000 thieves;
Uganda, in 7 minutes it caught 20,000 thieves;
United States, in 5 minutes the machine was stolen.



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**Thirty-Second Annual
Christmas Dinner Dance**

Location: Seasons — 644 Pascack Road (corner of Washington Ave.), Washington Township, NJ

Date: Monday, December 9, 2019 (5:30PM to 9:30PM)

Cocktail Hour: Starting at 5:30PM—6:45PM

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 (5:30PM to 9:30PM)
- Dance to music by Peter Lieberman

Price: 71.00 per Person —Make Checks Payable to **Activities Unlimited**

Reservation: Detach and return reservation form below to: **Bill Mastellon**
101 East Oak St — G6
Oakland, NJ 07436

Reservation — Cutoff date is Saturday, **11/16/2019** With Your Payments

For group table reservations of 8 or more please include all names below and checks for the table.



Reservation **\$71.00** per person
 Make Checks Payable to: **Activities Unlimited**

Member Phone Number (____) _____
 email: _____

1 _____

Member (First) - **Please Print** - (Last Name)

2 _____

Guest (First) - **Please Print** - (Last Name)

If you have a preference to sit with friends at the same table **PLEASE CONFIRM** with them and list their names on the right and ask them to list their associated names sitting at the table on their reservation. - Example: one name per line— ex: Bill Smith, Mary Smith. **For group table reservations of 8 or more please include all names and checks for the table.**

Check Box for random table

Return Reservation to: Bill Mastellon,
101 E Oak St — G6, Oakland, NJ 07436

Confirmed Members and/or Guests that you would like to sit with

First Name - **Please Print** - Last

- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____
- 12 _____

Max of 12 people per table — Table seating preference is assigned in the order that payment is received.