

# Activities Unlimited

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September, 2018

## Activities Unlimited General Meeting September 11, 2018 1:00 PM at the WRC Heneveld Hall

You do not want to miss the September meeting as we have two very interesting speakers, Police Chiefs Pezzutti and Murphy of the Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff Police Departments. They will talk to us about their departments, how they are organized, how their work has changed over the years, particularly due to the rampant drug usage, both in our schools and community, how they coordinate with state and federal law enforcement agencies due to the terrorism we face and all the issues concerned in keeping us safe. As usual, your wives / significant others are invited.

## Annual AU Breakfast

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018 AU Breakfast** at the Brick House, 179 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ starting at 9 AM. Our speaker will be long time member of the state legislature State Senator Gerald Cardinale of the 39th District. Cost is \$13 per person. Please send in your checks, payable to Activities Unlimited, to: **Vince Tortorelli**, 39 Princeton Ave., Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Any questions call Vince at 201-447-3718

## Note from the President

Hard to believe that summer is over but AU has many exciting events coming up for the Fall. Joe Pullaro has planned some excellent programs for our general meetings while Vince Tortorelli is making the final arrangements for the breakfast in October.

**John Caikowsky's** Trips and Tours Committee has two events planned for AU: The Wine Tasting and Appetizer Social in September and the Oktoberfest Lunch in October. I also want to thank **Lou Guarneri** for his many years as Chairman of the Trips and Tours Committee. Lou is stepping down as chairman, but will continue to serve on the Committee.

I also want to remind everyone that the **AU Network** is available for your use. If you have a question for the membership, something to sell, etc. just send me an email and I will have your request sent to all the members. The Network is very active and our members have found it very useful.

## Obituaries

It is with deep regret we announce the passing of:

**Warren Kramer** on April 27th, 2018 in Colchester, CT at the age of 96.

**Bill Schultz**, the former Chairman of the Chess Club, on August 24th at age 90.

**Bob Peneno** on August 26th at age 72.

Helen Cappello, wife of AU member **Guy Cappello**.

## NEW SPORTS ACTIVITY— PICKLEBALL CLUB

Pickleball is the fastest growing racket sport in North America. The club will play at the Wyckoff public tennis courts on Woodland Ave (behind the public library), Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-10:30 am. The Wyckoff recreation dept provides rackets and balls, and, there is no charge to play. We will play doubles only. It is an easy game to play. I will have a sign up sheet after the monthly meeting on Sept 11h. For more information contact **Tim Tracey** 201-560-8911

## Membership Dues

Membership dues, **\$50.00**, for 2018 are due no later than **December 31, 2018**. Please send your check for \$50.00 payable to "Activities Unlimited" to: **Douglas Cooper**, 15 David Alan Way, Montville, NJ 07045

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



### 2018 OFFICERS



**Jim Webb**  
President  
201-337-7982



**Joe Pullaro**  
1st Vice President  
201-337-0018



**Vincent Tortorelli**  
2nd Vice President  
201-447-3718



**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 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	
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	Bill Bryne Jim Webb	201-447-5064 201337-7982	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 Tony Mastandrea	201-684-1217 201-327-8832	4th Monday 1:00 pm
Investment	Al Connelly	973-616-0755	Thru after the AU General Meeting 9:30
Luncheon	John Abrahamsen Mark Cohen	201-848-8037 201-337-4198	

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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	201-560-8911	Tues, & Thus. 9:00 am.
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	John Caikowsky Don Wasson	973-599-1056 201-891-1873	Morning of AU General Meeting 10:30 am
Web-Master	Don Kirkpatrick	201-337-5666	

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

**T**he deadline for September 2018 Newsletter articles is 5 PM Monday August 27, 2018. When submitting articles please use font: Times New Roman 11 pt. (not bold). Email: [lguarneri03@gmail.com](mailto:lguarneri03@gmail.com) and [jrhensch62@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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### Wednesday — October 24th, 2018 Oktoberfest —

At the Brownstone, 11 am. Includes Lunch: 2 Drinks, Potato Soup, Rosemary Chicken & Sauerbraten, Dessert, Beer, Coffee, Tea, & Soda. Music by the GB Band, playing lots of German Music. Wives/significant others are invited . Cost \$52. pp Make checks payable to: Activities Unlimited & mail to **Larry Restieri**, 105 Fisher Rd. Mahwah, NJ 07430  
Tel 201-825-5843 **Sold Out**

### Monday, December 10, 2018 Christmas Dinner/Dance at The Seasons.

**There will be no valet parking.** It will run from 5:30 – 9:30 PM and cost **\$69.00** pp. The reservation form is on the last page of this Newsletter. **All checks must be RECEIVED (NOT POST MARKED) no later than Thursday November 15, 2018 - NO EXCEPTIONS.** Checks received after this date automatically go on a waiting list - NO EXCEPTIONS. If you plan to sit with a group, please send one form together with 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 and checks for \$69.00 pp made payable to Activities Unlimited directly to: Bill Mastellon, 101 East Oak Street, Unit G-6, Oakland, NJ 07436**

## 2019

January — Savini's Lunch

March — St Patrick's Day

April — Mount Airy Casino

May — Luncheon

June — Lake Hopatcong

**The above trips and events are currently being planned and may change based on the results of the recent T&T survey.**



## The Garden Club

We will meet in the conference room at WRC on Wednesday, September 5 th. at 10 am

- \* Weed killer found in some cereals - glyphosate
- \* Late season bargains on trees & shrubs - Bruce Crawford
- \* Fall is bulb time - review suggestions from Color blends
- \* A new vision for Hardy Hydrangeas
- \* Member "show & tell"
- \* review of Garden Services
- \* Unmet needs

**Joseph Lamela**  
[jhollyfarm@aol.com](mailto:jhollyfarm@aol.com)



## Duplicate Bridge Results

		1st	2nd	3rd
8/1	NS	Desrosiers/Altamuro	Smith/Peck	Wong/Zelhoff
	EW	Freimuth/Meloro	Martin/Spence	Randolph/Lewis
8/8	NS	Boylan/Altamuro	Anand/Warner	Martin/Peck
	EW	Meloro/Lewis	Milcos/Yampell	Freimuth/Desrosiers
8/15	NS	Spence/Warner	Zelhoff/Yampell	Anand/Mahmarian
	EW	Martin/Lewis	Peck/Barbera	Freimuth/Randolph
8/22	NS	Anand/Freimuth	Spence/Peck	Yampell/Barbera, Mahmarian
	EW	Altamuro/Lewis	Meloro/Desrosiers	Pingili/Warner
8/29	NS	Martin/Mahmarian	Anand/Hulit	Smith/ MacDougall
	EW	Warner/Zelhof Yempell/Meloro	—	Freimuth/Foldessy



## The History Club

**The History Club meeting is on Monday,  
 September, 24th at 1 PM- 3rd fl., WRC.**

The topic is "IL PALIO DI SIENA, ITALY  
 Presented by **Tony Mastandrea**.

Dating back to 1659, the Palio is one of the most corrupt and violent "horse races" ever imagined - maybe straight out of a Fellini film.

Tony has attended two Palios. He has returned to the wonderful town of Siena in Tuscany on three other, Palio-less' occasions.

All members are invited to attend Tony's exciting account of this "strange" horse race.

**Pablo A. Catangay**, Chairman- 201-684-1217

**Tony Mastandrea**, Co-Chairman- 201-327-8832



## The Science Club

At the Tuesday 10 AM, September 18 meeting, **Murray Perl** will give a presentation titled "The Science of Food and Nutrition-Facts fallacies and Frauds". He will present scientific info to support or refute reported information.

October 13, 2018 (10AM/ 4 PM) Lamont Labs Open House (\$5 donation)  
 Car pool trip- those interested, please contact me - indicate if you are willing to drive.

November-Dr Cauchard (eye care update).

December--continuation of Great Courses (particle physics for non- physicists ) starting where we left off in College, and heading to the Higgs field.

Thanks 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](mailto:Jyurasek@aol.com)



## Public Discussion Group

August Public Discussion Group

The group's first topic was Artificial Intelligence (AI). We began with a discussion around the idea of AI as the next stage in evolution. In this phase, AI would have developed to a point where it had become self-sustaining and able to modify itself without human intervention. Members reflected on the implications of AI as a new type of "organism" essentially replacing humankind.

Questions arose about whether such an evolutionary step was possible. Would there always be someone to pull the plug? In this environment, what type of government would develop? Many members seemed to feel the concept was far-fetched, despite the fact that scientists are already talking about it. Another aspect of AI was also discussed, namely "single function AI" as applied to automation. Some members felt this type of application would continue to develop and ultimately replace human labor in most functions. The question then arose of what happens when there is no longer a need for human labor. A limited example would be self-driving vehicles, which theoretically could replace the 40% of the work force engaged in transportation. How would the value from greater and greater productivity in all dimensions of the economy be divided? This led to a discussion of social and political organization.

We next turned to the issue of tariffs. Most agreed that an ideal world would have no barriers to trade. Of course, the real world entails zones of very low labor cost, varying degrees of government subsidies to support or encourage different sectors. How to manage trade in the real world led to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and in the 60's the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT), both of which had the ultimate goal of eliminating trade barriers. The agreements did not keep up with economic developments as countries like China moved from developing to developed, but with little change in tariff levels. This created distortions, which in turn has led to a re-examination of tariff levels. The unilateral imposition of new tariffs represents one response and reflects the difficulty and challenges of realigning trade barriers more closely with the economic realities of contemporary global trade, global business and global supply chain linkages.

The final topic dealt with MS-13, the notorious gang. There is no certainty about what the letters mean, but they seem to represent the local Salvadoran Caliche word for gang and fighter; and the 13 reflects an affiliation with Surenos, a larger grouping of Mexican gangs. Discussion began with a brief history of the gang, which originated in L.A. around 1980 to protect the Salvadoran immigrant community, which settled there in large numbers as a result of the Salvadoran civil war, which began in late 1979. Although the roots of MS-13 were associated with "protecting the community," the real genesis into a vicious gang began in California prisons where a more formal structure evolved, based on absolute loyalty to the gang. The gang expanded, numbering today an estimated 10,000 in the US and another 30,000 outside the country. Criminal activities include drug trade, human trafficking and extortion. They also have acted as mercenaries for the Sinaloa cartel in Mexico. Their merciless use of torture and machetes to kill enemies or any gang member who leaves mimics the practices of the Mexican drug gangs. Although relatively small in numbers, their ruthlessness and blatant disregard for life has made them a high priority target of law enforcement. Until this gang is eradicated, its vicious crimes will continue to garner headlines.

The next meeting of the Public Discussion group will be on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at the Larkin House. Topics will be: Prison Reform; the Upcoming Midterm Elections; and Legalization of Marijuana. All members are welcome to attend.

**Tom Butler**



## The Lighter Side

### Dedication & Focus

**It was later reported that his wife got out safely, and that he did indeed par the hole.**

**He says the divorce isn't going to be that bad, now that there's no house involved....**

## AARP TAX-AIDE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018 TAX SEASON

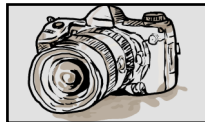
**W**e are again seeking the aide of AU members who are willing to serve as volunteers in the AARP Tax Aide Program which is a nation wide program.

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 2018 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](mailto:edandjune@aol.com)



### The Photography Club

**T**he next Photo Club Meeting will be on [Tuesday, September 4th](#) in the third floor meeting room [at 10:00 AM](#).

The agenda for the meeting will include:

An introduction to "street photography"

How to shoot cityscapes by **Barry Glick**

Post-processing by **Richard Hensch**

Extracting still photos from video by **Sam Ohan**

A presentation on "What is aperture and what does it do for your photos"

A gallery of member photos.

Photos of monthly club activities and outings.

Travelog presentations by club members.

In addition to your attendance, we ask that you participate by submitting photos to share with other members. We specifically would appreciate the following contributions:

- Recent photos you have taken
- Travel experiences you would like to share
- Photos of club activities
- Photos you would like to improve with advice from club members
- Any photo that you would like to share with other members

Please send your photos to [mdperl@gmail.com](mailto:mdperl@gmail.com) as soon as you can so they can be included the in this month's presentation.



## The Golf Club

### HOBBYISTS PREVAIL OVER AU IN GOLF IN A CLOSE MATCH

On Tuesday, August 7th, twelve two man teams from the Ridgewood Hobbyists and Wyckoff AU met in a match play golf competition at Apple Greens Golf Club.

The weather was hot, the course lush from the recent rains, and the golfers eager to play. After a grueling match, the Hobbyists won by the narrow margin of one match, winning 6 ½ to 5 ½.

This year was the 10th Anniversary of this competition. Over the years this event has helped foster a nice rapport among the players of both teams. Congratulations to the winners!

We'll meet again next year.

Three foursomes of AU members played in the Bergen County Scramble golf tournament.

One of our teams consisting of **Marty McGonigle, John Campi, Tom McDonnell and Tom Egan** won the "Low Net" trophy. This is their second year in winning the award.





**ACTIVITIES**



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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 10, 2017 (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:** \$69.00 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 **11/15/2018** With Your Payments **Seating Assigned by order of Receipt**

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



Reservation \$69.00 per person Make Checks Payable to: <b>Activities Unlimited</b>	<i>Confirmed Members and/or Guests that you would like to sit with</i>	First Name - <b>Please Print</b> - Last	
Member Phone Number (____)_____ email: _____		3	
1 _____		4	
Member (First) - <b>Please Print</b> - (Last Name)		5	
2 _____		6	
Guest (First) - <b>Please Print</b> - (Last Name)		7	
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_____		12	
If you have a preference to sit with friends at the same table <b>PLEASE CONFIRM</b> 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: <u>one name per line</u> — ex: Bill Smith, Mary Smith. <u><b>For group table reservations of 8 or more please include all names and checks for the table.</b></u>		Max of 12 people per table — Table seating preference is assigned in the order that payment is received.	

Check Box for random table

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