

Activities Unlimited

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September, 2019

Activities Unlimited General Meeting Tuesday, September 10, 2019 1:00 PM at the WRC, Heneveld Hall

Our speaker for our September is **Brian Saxton, a former professional football player for the New York Giants and Atlanta Falcons**. He will tell us interesting stories about his experiences in college and the NFL. Brian was scheduled to talk to us in February but we needed to cancel the meeting due to the snow storm

Brian, is currently a Managing Director of Investments at Wells Fargo Advisors. He is recognized as a Premier Advisor within Wells Fargo Advisors and also holds the CFP®, CRPS®, AIF® and AAMS® designations. He is also an actor and stunt person and has appeared in movies specializing in football. Brian attended Boston College on an athletic scholarship where he earned a BS in Marketing and a MA in Human Development. He played tight end on football teams that went to three different bowl games. After college, Brian played in the National Football League with the New York Giants and the Atlanta Falcons. Brian is very active in the local community having participated in many civic and religious organizations. He also coaches his daughters' soccer, basketball and softball teams. He serves on the Wyckoff Library Board, the Wyckoff YMCA Finance Committee and is an active member of the Boston College/Wall Street Council as well as the Cornerstone Program at St. Elizabeth's Church.

Brian and his wife Jennifer live in Wyckoff, New Jersey with their four daughters Ella (12), Madeline (11), Grace (11) and Scarlett (4).

Come join us at 12pm to meet and talk to fellow members and listen to the great AU Orchestra

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well here we are at the end of August and are experiencing the beginning of our usually lovely fall weather. AU will be back to a full schedule in September with all our clubs meeting and our monthly meeting on September 10th in Heneveld Hall with the doors opening at noon. We hope all of you can attend. See adjoining article for our speaker, Brian Saxton, former New York Giant football player. We encourage all members to try out some of our clubs if you have not done so in the past. We have had increasing participation in most all of them due to our great club chairmen and the enthusiasm of those who attend. Also check out the events for Trips and Tours. They have some great venues coming up. We are sad to report Vince Tortorelli, our first Vice President has some medical issues he needs to attend to and has reluctantly resigned from the board. In accordance with AU By-laws, the Executive Board chooses a replacement to fill out the term for the remainder of the year. We have selected Doug Cooper our current Treasurer to immediately fill the term of 1st Vice President. Jeff Mohn, our current Assistant Treasurer and Doug will work together to make sure our finances remain in order. We thank Vince for all the great work he has done for the club and wish him a speedy recovery.

As we near the end of the year it is proper to reflect on those members and spouses who have passed away this year. We have lost Sam Cassel, John Kicks, Alvin Seligson, Bill Ball, Cyrus Whitney, Charlie Romano and Jerry Berlinger. We have also lost Ellen Brooks, wife of Bud Brooks, and Ginnie Page, wife of Charles Page. These were all good people loved by their family and friends including their many in AU. We all realize that death is inevitable and part of life but it is so difficult to accept when those close to us pass on. There is a saying that *"Life can never be long enough"* May they all rest in peace.

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

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**

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



Vincent Tortorelli
1st Vice President
201-447-3718



Bob Dauer
2nd Vice President
201-327-9247



Dave Voehl
Secretary
973-227-6981



Doug Cooper
Treasurer
908-907-1112



Jeff Mohn
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 the September, 2019 Newsletter articles is 5 PM, Wednesday, August 28, 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.

Thursday – September 19, 2019 – AU ANNUAL SOCIAL

Our annual Fall Wine Tasting Party, now called “AU Annual Social”, has a new venue. It will now be held on September 19th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Upper Ridgewood Tennis Club (URTC), 915 Glenview Rd, Ridgewood, NJ. This location is approx. 15 minutes from the Wyckoff Reformed Church, and directions will be provided.

We're looking forward to our newer members joining us as it is a great way for them and their **wives/significant others** to meet everyone in a casual social environment.

No one will leave hungry as there will be plenty of appetizers (Shrimp, Top Sirloin on Mini Bread, Pigs in a Blanket, etc.), along with wine, soda and water.

Please send your check for **\$42 pp** payable to **Activities Unlimited** to:
George Lewis, 45 Walnut St West, Mahwah, NJ 07430

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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January — Savini's Lunch

Obituary

It is with sadness that we report the passing of **Jerry Berlinger** on August 21, 2019 as a result of an automobile accident. Jerry has been a member of AU since 2013. He always had a smile on his face and a joke in his pocket, which he was not bashful to share with anyone he met. Jerry will be missed.



Duplicate Bridge Results

		1st	2nd	3rd
8/7	NS	Wong/Yampell	Spence/Desrosiers	Meloro/Martin
	EW	Mahmarian/Freimuth	Milcos/Zelhof	Cheesman/Peck
8/14	NS	Peck/Steffen	Meloro/Spence	Bidwell/Foldessy
	EW	Martin/Panagides	Barbera/Milcos	Boylan/Warner
8/21	NS	Desrosiers/Altamuro	Mahmarian/Barbera	Spence/Bidwell
	EW	Warner/Yampell	Peck/Meloro	Zelhof/Steffen
8/28	NS	Bidwell/Warner	Freimuth/Wong	Martin/Desrosiers
	EW	Altamuro/Meloro	Zelhof/Yampell	Spence/Barbera



The Hiking Club

On a hot summer Monday, July 29, we joined together the AU Long and Short Hiking groups for a new hike along the Lake Hopatcong Trail. This trail soon will be 11 miles long; and eventually 26 miles around the largest lake in New Jersey!

We then toured the headquarters of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, where we saw an exhibit on water conservation by the Smithsonian Institute. Followed by a lakeside lunch on the eastern shore at the Windlass Restaurant. The lake breeze and lunch were terrific! Photo below.

Come join either AU hiking group. Long Hikers leave WRC parking lot Monday's at 9:00am, with **Don Kirkpatrick**; and Short Hikers leave WRC parking lot at 9:30am, with **Fred Theile**





The Hiking Club

The hiking club hikes most Mondays from September thru June, with extra hikes over the summer for enthusiasts. We carpool from WRC parking lot and leave at 9 am. Most hikes are about five miles and concentrate on the Ramapo Mtns and Harriman State Park trails. Hikes are on well marked trails and usually described as “easy or moderate.” Hikers are in their 60’s, 70’s and yes, even 80’s. So, if you are in good health and have hiking shoes and a light backpack, you would probably enjoy this activity and you’re certainly most welcome to join in. We make sure the pace is one all participants can manage. The area we hike has some of the most beautiful forest scenery and views of the surrounding valleys and rivers. It’s a time to enjoy nature and the fellowship of the trail. Some hikes go further afield and have included the Delaware Water Gap area and Lake Minnewaska. Below is a brief description of a hike we did in this month.

The “ORAK” trail. This hike was a little under 5 miles and listed as moderate in difficulty and took about 4 hours to complete. It’s hard to describe the pleasure of walking in the quiet woods and hearing streams flowing, seeing hawks and occasionally a bald eagle soaring, and observing the different types of trees and bushes, including wild blueberries and raspberries that we munch on. Equally important is the sense of fellowship that comes from experiencing the hike as a group. Lunch on the trail (or sometimes afterwards at a nearby diner/restaurant) provides a chance to socialize and share stories. Highlights of this hike included the now desolate ORAK estate, built by the owner of the CARO Syrup Co. (ORAC is CARO backwards); a fire tower we were able to climb up and the stone shelter at the top of the trail. Pictures below illustrate these parts of the hike. Watch for an e-mail about the next hike and join us and have some fun.

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BOCCE has been a success. All members of A/U are invited to join the group at the Ramsey Courts **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 am.** As the weather cools we will move the time from 10:00 to 1:00. Questions call: **Walt Widmer 201-562-8666.** It's easy and fun.



Public Discussion Group

The group had two topics for its August meeting. We first took up the question of whether there should be a "citizenship question" on the 2020 census. The group seemed fairly evenly divided on this issue. Discussion revolved around the text of the Constitution, which makes reference only to "enumerating the number" but leaves how that is done to Congress. Historically, the decennial census has counted everyone resident in the US and its territories. Because of concerns about the integrity of voting, it was proposed that the 2020 census include a question about "citizenship." The issue in this regard was whether this question might result in an undercount of the total population, which in turn determines the number of Representatives apportioned to each state. The Appellate Court disallowed the inclusion of this question due to a lack of a proper rationale for including it. This citizenship issue led to a discussion of "immigration" and whether undocumented immigrants (estimated at 4%-6% of total population) were distorting the census count. There was some discussion as well of immigration from Mexico and Central America and the effect on jobs and public welfare services. It was a far ranging discussion with many members contributing.

The next topic looked at the question of "fake news." Most of the discussion grappled with defining the meaning of fake news. There was general consensus around the idea that the effect of social media and the ability to disseminate "information" by anyone to the enormous audience had gradually eroded the distinction between "facts" and "opinions." Compounding this effect is the natural effect of individuals gravitating to news sources that reinforce existing views. Overtimes, these views take on more credibility and result in a hardening of views and the emergence of "alternative facts." Both ends of the political spectrum seem to have fallen prey to treating opinions as fact. This behavior is not likely to change soon.

The group next meets on Wednesday, September 11th at 9: 30 at Larkin House. The topics will be: Health Care, "The Squad;" and Brexit- Good or Bad. All members are welcome.

Tom Butler

The History Club



The History Club meeting will be on Monday, September 23 at 1 PM on the third floor of WRC. Our presenter is **Fred Theile**, the topic is "Appomattox surrender and the last 9 days of the Civil War."

Pablo A. Catangay, Chairman

Tony Mastandrea, Co-Chairman

Activities Unlimited at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse





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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	<i>Confirmed Members and/or Guests that you would like to sit with</i>	First Name - Please Print - Last	
Member Phone Number (____) _____ email: _____		3	
1 _____		4	
Member (First) - Please Print - (Last Name)		5	
2 _____		6	
Guest (First) - Please Print - (Last Name)		7	
_____		8	
_____		9	
_____		10	
_____		11	
_____		12	
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: <u>one name per line</u> — ex: Bill Smith, Mary Smith. <u>For group table reservations of 8 or more please include all names and checks for the table.</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