



Activities



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Activities Unlimited
October General Meeting
Tuesday October 10, 8:00am
The Brick House,
179 Godwin Ave, Wyckoff, NJ 07481

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Activities Unlimited activities are in full swing now that fall has arrived!

Please review this Newsletter to refresh yourself on dates, times, topics, and locations for all your favorite activities.

The October 10th General Meeting is our Annual Breakfast at The Brick House Restaurant in Wyckoff. Remember to send your check for \$18 to Tom Donch. Walk-in's will be accepted but it is best to reserve your seat in advance. Doors open at 8:00am, buffet begins at 8:30am.

I would like to congratulate George Lewis and his team for a very successful Annual Social. There was food and drink galore. A good time was had by all.

Unfortunately, the Wyckoff "Y" was not successful in holding the annual Wyckoff Day. Rain disrupted both the regular date and the rain date. Since this is one of our key opportunities to promote our organization and recruit new members, we need all our members to make a little extra effort to spread the word. Please try to make one contact with a retired friend or neighbor who might benefit from joining Activities Unlimited. A membership application can be found on our website (activitiesunlimited.org).

Marty Valerio is leading a team to do a complete update of our Constitution and By-Laws (see Appendix). You will receive a short briefing at our breakfast with your vote of approval scheduled for our November members only meeting. Along with election of new officers, the November meeting is one of our most important meetings. Please plan to attend this meeting.

Pablo Catangay has officially turned over leadership of the History Club to Joe Pullaro (see page 5). Tony Mastandrea, co-chair, has recovered from his injuries. Our very popular History Club is in good hands. Best wishes to all for their contributions to Activities Unlimited.

Be safe and be well. I look forward to seeing you all at the October meeting.

Harry Bennett, President

October General Meeting

The October General Meeting is our annual breakfast meeting at The Brick House in Wyckoff. The doors open at 8:00am and the buffet breakfast starts at 8:30am.

There will be a short business meeting with our President, Harry Bennett presiding.

Jim Atieh, AU First Vice President, is planning something special for us after the business meeting. He has selected three comedians, or storytellers. The first one is Bob Stevenson. The second one is Jack Warner and the third one is Adolph Galluccio. Each of these presenters will perform a comedy routine of about five to ten minutes. Jim's plan is innovative and creative; we are sure that the breakfast and entertainment will be thoroughly enjoyed by all attending AU members.

Annual Dues:

The Executive Board has approved annual dues of \$60.00 for the ensuing year. The Executive Board financially supports several AU events such as the Christmas Dinner Dance and the Annual Breakfast & General Meeting. Unfortunately due to significantly increasing costs, both for events and in operating costs, annual dues have been increased to \$60. Mail dues to Mike Kelley (19 Serpentine Rd., Ringwood, NJ), or Tony DiIorgi (113 Schindler Ct., Parsippany, NJ)

The goal of the monthly Activities Unlimited Newsletter is to improve the lives of AU members through communication about and encouragement of participation in AU clubs and activities. The Newsletter accomplishes this goal by increasing communications and comradery among members and growing the membership.

Tom Van Lenten, AU Newsletter Editor



Trips & Tours

Upcoming events

October 10— Annual breakfast/General meeting at the Brick House in Wyckoff. The price is \$18 per person. Checks made out to Activities Unlimited should be sent to Tom Donch, PO Box 791, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417. (This is an Executive Board sponsored event.)

October 11— Trips & Tours is hosting a bus trip to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. This is a couples event. The cost is \$88pp which includes bus transportation. We will ride through New York foliage; tour the campus; and have a full Italian style luncheon (cash bar).

December 4— Annual Dinner/Dance is at Seasons, Washington Twp. Cocktail hour: 5:45 - 6:45pm; Dinner 6:45-9:30pm. Entree (choice of beef, chicken or fish with salad & dessert) & open bar. Dance to smooth & easy listening music of Peter Lieberman until 9:30pm. (This is an Executive Board sponsored event.)

January 16, 2024—Beefsteak dinner, will be at the VFW Midland Park. Doors open at 6 pm --Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Cost \$50. Menu: Salad, all-you-can eat Nightingale Beefsteak, french fries, ice cream sundae, coffee, soda & water. BYOB. There will be live entertainment after dinner and door prizes. Make check payable to Activities Unlimited and mail to Jim Webb, 970 Pines Terrace, Franklin Lakes NJ 07417.

February 16, 2024 — T&T has arranged for a great evening of entertainment. We will be going to the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown, NJ to hear the beautiful singing of six time Grammy Award music legend Dionne Warwick. The price is \$72 per person. There are limited tickets available. Mail your checks to Joe Pullaro at 86 Iron Latch Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417 ASAP.

March 13, 2024 — We will be attending an Irish Cabaret starring Andy Cooney. Estimated price is \$81 per person. Price includes the show, table served lunch entrees, unlimited deserts (Venetian table), coffee, tea, and gratuity. The venue is the Hunterton Hills Playhouse.

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2023 OFFICERS



Harry Bennet
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1st Vice President
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Tom Donch
2nd Vice President
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973-839-6470



Anthony DiIorgi
Assistant Treasurer
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Welcome New Members

Elliot S Richmond	534 Kinderkamack Rd Apt B Westwood, NJ 07675	Computer, Pickle Ball, Tennis	H: 201-476-5951 C: 201-476-1340 erichmond@esrassociates.com (Computer Consultant)
Robert V Oechslin (Lorraine)	299 Sicomac Ave Appt 1224 Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Care & Concern, Dis- cussion, History, In- vestment, Science, Stock Club	H: 201-766-1099 lcocurly@aol.com (Business Owner)

The donations to the Food Pantry at the September General Meeting were \$240.00.



History Club

One of AU's most popular and well attended Clubs is the History Club. Unfortunately the Club's founder and prior Chairman, Pablo A. Catangay, has resigned as the Chairman of the Club as he and his wife are moving to South Jersey. During Pablo's tenure as Chairman AU Members and some distinguished non-members have given interesting, informative and at times provocative presentations. All meeting attendees found Pablo's meetings to be rewarding.

AU President, Harry Bennett is pleased to report that Joe Pullaro, AU Past President, has taken over as Chairman of the History Club starting in October. The picture above was taken at Pablo's last meeting as Chairman. Pablo is in the center of the above picture, with Tony Mastandrea to his right and Joe Pullaro to his left.

Current Month Club Activities

Computer Tech. Club

The October 3 Computer and Technology meeting will be using the Windows platform. Topics: 1.Screenshots – how do you do that and why it is extremely useful, 2.Creating icons on your desktop and/or task—3. Discover the very useful new clipboard.

Edge - Topics: 1.Put icons of AU pages on your taskbar for easy access, 2. creating favorites and how that differs from taskbar icons, 3. Edge opens archived Word files even when you do not have MS Word **Technology**—Fred will show us “Things to Come”.

Chair: John Abrahamsen: au.club@optimum.net; 201-739-8589
Fred Theile Chairs the Technology portion of the Club: 201-825-7541; fredtheile@gmail.com

Public Discussion Club

The Public Discussion Club will meet on Wednesday October 11 at 10:00am at the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corps Building. Topics: 1. Americans basically have lost the ability to be respectful. 2. What policy and practice would best deal with the addiction plague? 3. Should the USA continue funding Ukraine?

Chair: Walter Widmer: WalterHWidmer@gmail.com; 201-562-8666

Trips & Tours

Trips & Tours will meet on October at 10 at 10:00am at The Brick House, immediately after the Breakfast General Meeting. See page 3 of this Newsletter for a descriptions of the great T&T events being planned.

Chair: John Caikowsky: 973-599-1056; johncaikowsky@optonline.net
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Photography Club

We will discuss the application of artificial intelligence in modern cameras and post processing software and will demonstrate the AI in the latest version of Photoshop.

Chairman: Murray Perl: 201-446-7151; mperl@gmail.com

Investment Study Group

The next meeting if the Investment Study group will be on October 18. Michael Manna and Marize Helmy, state planning attorneys, will lead the discussion.

Chairman Dennis LaBarbera: 201-391-0471 or email at denis.labarbera@yahoo.com.

Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

AU Guys

AU Guys is a group of AU members who are talented musicians, playing jazz and old-time standards. AU Guys play at the AU General meetings each month during the brown bag luncheon, and at the the AU dinner dance each year. The band meets Wednesdays, 9:00am at the VFW hall.

Chair: **John DeSantis**: 201-447-0256; Blueiii@earthlink.net

Book Club

Books to be discussed at the October 25 Book Club meeting will be *Fraud of the Century - Rutherford B. Hayes, Samuel Tilden and the Stolen Election of 1876* by Roy Morris Junior. The bitter 1876 contest between Ohio Republican Hayes and New York Democrat Governor Tilden is the most sensational, ethnically sordid, and legally questionable presidential election in in American history. Also, *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert. There have been five extinctions. The sixth is in the process of occurring. What distinguishes this extinction is that it is man made.

Chair: **Vince Tortorelli**: 201-316-29961; cavince@aol.com

History Club

The next History Club meeting is on October 24 at 1:00pm at the VFW-Midland Park. Speaker is Joe Lennox. The topic: "What Does Space Exploration Do For You?" The subject will cover wide ranging benefits: e.g., medical, pin point directions, communications, farming and many more countless benefits that make our lives better!!

Chair: **Joe Pullaro**; 201-357-0018; josephpullaro@hotmail.com

Stock Picking Contest

Year-to-date leader is John Abrahamsen. The monthly winner was Janet Bernarde; month-to-month change for this portfolio was zero.

Chair: **John Abrahamsen**: au.club@optimum.net; 201-739-8589

Hey Activities Unlimited
“I’m back again for the 36th time”
Save the date - Monday
December 4, 2023

Watch for the
AU News Letter
& your emails
from AU in the
coming weeks
for infor-
mation and de-
tails on our AU
Christmas Din-
ner Dance at
Seasons



Let's end the Old Year 2023 and start the New Year 2024 off with a fun filled night of good food, drink and good friends with the AU Christmas Dinner Dance, Oh don't forget some good cheers!



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**Thirty-Sixth Annual
Christmas Dinner Dance**

Do not send checks until 9/15/2023

Location: Seasons – 644 Pascack Road The township of Washington, NJ 07676

Date – Monday, December 4, 2023 Starting at 5:30 PM and Ending at 9:30 PM

Cocktail Hour (AMAZING) – Hors D’oeuvres & Open Bar – 5:30 PM—6:45 PM

Dinner (OUTSTANDING) – Choice of Entrée & Open Bar – 6:45 PM—9:30 PM. Choice of Beef, Chicken or Fish with Salad and Desert

Dance and Socialize to Smooth and Easy Listening music by Peter Lieberman

Price – \$99.50 per Person —Make Checks Payable to **Activities Unlimited (\$199.00 per Couple)**

Return Completed Reservation Form With Check or Checks To: **Bill Mastellon** wjm8666@gmail.com
101 East Oak St — Unit G-6
Oakland, NJ 07436 (201) 447-1417

Reservation & Payment - Cutoff Date is Saturday 11/11/2023
For a Full Refund - Cancellation is Date 11/21/2023



For group table reservations of 5 or more please include all names and check(s) for the table

Member Phone Number (____)_____

email: _____

1 _____

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

2 _____

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

Check the Box for random table seating

If you have a preference to sit with friends at the same table PLEASE CONFIRM with them and list their names on the right.

Full payment with All Reservations

For a Full Refund - Cancellation Date is 11/21/2023

Confirmed Members and or Guests that you would like to seat with

First Name - Please Print - Last Name

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

Table seating preference and table location is assigned in the order that payment is received.



Do Not send forms or checks until Sept 15th 2023

Alt. Reservation Contact—John Murphy (201) 723-4404 email—Deltasp69@aol.com

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Obituary

Anne Hibbard Warner completed her journey in life on September 13, 2023 at Villa Marie Claire in Saddle River, NJ. She was 88 and leaves behind her devoted husband Jack, their four children and five grandchildren, and her identical twin sister Barbara and her family—all forever grateful for Anne's presence in their lives.

The daughter of Ray and Dorothy Duffy Hibbard, Anne was born in Amsterdam, NY. The family soon moved to New York City, where Anne attended St. Joseph's School in the Yorkville section of Manhattan. In 1949, the family moved to Teaneck, NJ, with Anne graduating from Teaneck High School in 1953. She then attended Fairleigh-Dickinson University, receiving her Associate Degree in 1955, before entering the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Manhattan. There in 1958, she received her RN Nursing Degree and her BS from Columbia University.

While in Nursing School, she met her future husband Jack Warner and in 1959 they were married and moved to New Jersey—first living in Palisades before moving to Washington Township and then to Ridgewood, where they raised their growing family. In 2014, they moved to 312 Four Seasons Lane in Montvale, NJ. And for more than 40-years, they divided their time between their homes in New Jersey and Nantucket Island, MA.

A petite woman, Anne charmed all who knew her for her warmth, kindness, modesty and sweet smile. She studied ballet well into her mid-50s, was a Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Ridgewood, and was an active member of the College Club of Northern New Jersey.

Anne is survived by her husband of 64-years, Jack (John E.) Warner. Her son Matthew J. Warner of Wayne, her daughter Barbara Warner Sheridan of Midland Park, her son Peter J. Warner of Rutherford, and her son Christopher J. Warner of Washington, D.C., a son-in-law Patrick M. Sheridan, and her five grandchildren— Patrick Sheridan Jr., Brendan Sheridan, Claire Sheridan, Xavier Warner, and Raquel (Roxy) Warner—all of New Jersey.

She is also survived by her twin sister Barbara Hibbard Sullivan and her husband Bill, their four children and five grandchildren—all of California.

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Obituary

Hans H. Sammer, age 89 of Wyckoff, NJ formerly of Allendale died unexpectedly on Sunday, August 27, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Hans was born in Bronx, NY and had been a resident of Allendale for 55 years before moving to Wyckoff two years ago. Hans spent his entire career involved in investment banking.

Hans is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Dora Sammer of Wyckoff, NJ, his daughter, Dina Simonetti and her husband Steve of Wayne, NJ, his son, Peter Sammer and his wife, Tara of Fishkill, NY and his daughter-in-law, Wendy Widmer Sammer of Cary, NC. His six grandchildren; Alexa, Lindsay, Steven, Ashley, Tyler, and Dylan brought him immense joy along with his nieces and nephews. Hans was predeceased by his son, Hans H. Sammer, his parents, Hans and Minnie Sammer and a sister, Elsa Phin.

Hans had an incredible thirst for knowledge and with that came a want to see the world. He started his travels with his mother in Europe and expanded to Asia during his time in the Army. After marrying Dora the travels continued to all points on the globe. His travel was assisted by his love of playing volleyball which took the two to Ireland, Germany, the Caribbean, and Australia. Another love of theirs was birding which brought them to Central America. Even into his eighties he shared his wanderlust with his grandsons. Taking Steven on a rafting expedition in Moab, Utah and Tyler to see the wonders of the Galápagos Islands.

Closer to home Hans was always an involved man. He took part in local government, sports clubs, and hometown organizations. In the early eighties, Hans and Dora moved within Allendale to a new house which abutted a wetlands sanctuary, the Celery Farm. Hans struck up a favored friendship with the Marsh Warden, who shared the wonders of the Celery Farm. In turn Hans shared it with friends and family alike. Many hours were spent walking through the Farm in all types of weather. The area drew in a vast community of bird watchers and naturalists that soon became friends.

His connection was the deepest with the American Turners New York, ATNY. The organization was based in the Yorkville district of Manhattan. His youth was spent at ATNY taking gymnastic and German classes. At eighteen years of age he was able to become a member and continued that membership for 71 years. Along the way he followed in his father's footsteps taking the helm as president of the organization. If you wonder about his devotion to the institution you must also know that he met Dora at one of the dances. His loyalty to the organization continued to his last days as he worked to support and carry the name into the 21st century.

APPENDIX: Update of Governing Documents

The AU Executive Board has taken on the task of reviewing the Constitution and By Laws to identify duplications, update responsibilities of the officers, review the amendment process, and other items. This review was completed on September 28, 2023.

Amendments to the Constitution require approval of the Board and approval of two thirds of the Membership at a General Meeting which will be the Annual Meeting in November.

The By-Laws may be amended by the Membership at any General Meeting or duly called special meeting, provided that a summary of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been given at a previous General meeting and published in the previous two Newsletters in sufficient detail. A quorum must be present. A two-thirds affirmative vote of Members present is necessary “to amend”. This October Newsletter includes a description of the proposed to AU membership. The proposed amendments will also be included in the November Newsletter.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION:

- Clarified gender where required
- Clarified the term “meeting” to be consistent
- Deleted the requirement the President appoints the Chaplain
- Modified the process to amend the Constitution

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO BY LAWS:

Article II Terms of Office, Elections, and Installation

Section 2. Third paragraph added to allow a one time, third consecutive term for the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or Secretary for continuity.

Section 3. Clarified when the newly elected Executive Board officers terms commence.

Article III Duties of Officers

Sections 1 through 6. In the first subsection, corrected to temporary absence to clarify “short term”

APPENDIX: Update of Governing Documents (Continued)

Article V Executive Board

Section 2. Defined who are voting members, defined majority vote, and when the President can vote.

Article VI Nominating Committee

Section 1 Reworded this section to state who has the responsibility to organize the committee.

Article VII Meetings

Section 4 Reworded this section to define when the slate of new officers are elected, when the gavel is passed, and when the newly elected officers take office. The Annual Meeting of the Organization shall be held on the second Tuesday of November unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board. The agenda shall include the election and installation of Officers.