



Activities



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Activities Unlimited
General Meeting
Tuesday September 12th, at 1:00pm
At the Midland Park Reformed Church
183 Godwin Ave, Midland Park, NJ 07432

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Welcome Back

Summer is over! Fall is beginning! Schools and Colleges are back in session! Activities Unlimited has now resumed our full schedule of club meetings and special events!

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

To begin with, our September 12th General Meeting will be held at the Midland Park Reformed Church due to a conflict at the Wyckoff Reformed Church. Social time will begin at 12:00pm with entertainment provided by the AU Guys band. The business meeting will begin at 1:00pm.

This month we have a special guest speaker, Jack Warner, who will discuss Italian music and films. Because of this topic, Jack has asked us to "...invite our wives and lovers...". Who could deny this request? This meeting is therefore open to all our ladies.

It is not too early to begin planning for our major fall events. October is our breakfast meeting and bus trip to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. November is our members only annual meeting where we elect our new officers. December is our annual Christmas Dinner Dance. Please watch for details in this Newsletter or in special email messages. Mark your calendars and reserve early.

In these times of record high temperatures, fires, and floods, it can be easy for retired men to lose sight of the rewarding parts of the lives we are living. Activities Unlimited was created to add to the fullness of retired life. Don't forget to spread the word. Tell your friends and associates of the great opportunities Activities Unlimited provides to retired and semi-retired men.

Be Safe and Be Well. I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting.
 Harry, President

September 12 General Meeting Guest Speaker: Jack Warner, AU Member

If you love music...if you love movies...if you love Italian culture...then you won't want to miss our September General Meeting because we'll be celebrating all three. Our program is called..."Musica Del Cinema Italiano"...which means "Music from Italian Films." And if you attend, you'll experience the remarkable music of Italy's two greatest film composers—Nino Rota and Ennio Morricone—who composed and conducted over 200 of the greatest film scores ever written. You'll not only hear their music, you'll also see film clips from some of their most acclaimed films—including:

- The Godfather
- The Mission
- The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly
- Cinema Paradiso
- Romeo & Juliet
- Once Upon a Time in America
- Death on the Nile
- The Hateful Eight
- And a selection of Fellini's greatest films.

Plus, you'll see and hear performances by Andrea Bocelli, Itzhak Pearlman and several more.

So please come...bring your wives and your lovers. After all...it's Italian!!!

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

September 21— Our “AU Annual Social” will be held on Thursday September 21 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Upper Ridgewood Tennis Club, 915 Glenview Road, 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 food, wine, soda and water. Please send your check for \$40.00 per person payable to Activities Unlimited to: George Lewis, 45 Walnut St West, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

October 10— Annual breakfast / General meeting at the Brick House, Wyckoff.

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 will include 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 at Seasons, Washington Twp. Cocktail hour: 5:45 - 6:45pm; Dinner 6:45-9:30pm; entre (choice of beef, chicken or fish with salad & desert) & open bar. Dance to smooth & easy listening music of Peter Lieberman until 9:30pm.

January 2024— Beefsteak at the Brownstone, Paterson, date TBD.

John Caikowsky (as T&T Club Chair) johncaikowsky@optonline.net; 973-599-1056 has arranged to make all Midland Park Continuing Education events open to AU members. Several examples of such MPCE events available to us are:

- Niagara Falls and Toronto. (9/18-9/23). Triple \$749; Double \$769; Single \$919
- Pigeon Forge & Smokey Mountains (10/9-14) (5 nights \$839pp)

The complete list of MPCE events and more details on all of these events can be found at:

“[www.mpsnj.org/continuing_education/ programs/springbrochure](http://www.mpsnj.org/continuing_education/programs/springbrochure)”

To register for any event connect directly with Midland Park; there is no need to contact AU Trips & Tours.

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2023 OFFICERS



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Assistant Treasurer
973-428-0431

Welcome New Members

Name(Spouse)	Address	Interests	Phones/Email/(Occupation)
Winston W Lau (Elizabeth)	52 Harding Road Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Short Hikers, Computer, Discussion, Gardening, History, Investment, Luncheon, Photography, Science, Stock Club	H: 201-891-3794 C: 201-232-0383 winstonlau01@gmail.com (Business Executive/Executive Coach)
Allan R Plage	20 Heights Rd Ridgewood, NJ 07450	Book, Bridge Duplicate, Short Hikers, Discussion, Golf	H: 201-652-3994 C: 201-652-3994 allanplage@gmail.com (CPA)
Charles R Kelly (Monica)	33 Lakeview Drive Waldwick, NJ 07463	Computer, Investment, Stock Club	H: 201-652-8116 C: 201-788-3527 cr11kelly@aol.com (Country Club Manager)

2023 Food Pantry Donation process: AU member John Abrahamsen writes:

The 2022 WRC Food Pantry campaign resulted in 42 AU members sending John Abrahamsen their picture to fill a void in the AU Roster. Then a very good contribution was made to the Food Bank.

This year John is organizing the effort to include all members, not just ones who did not have Roster pictures. This year every member who donates \$5 or more in cash at an AU General Meeting will have that matched by John Abrahamsen if they mail their picture to John, together with the amount of their cash contribution at the General Meeting. For example, if a member deposits at least \$5 into the Food Bank basket at a General Meeting and sends John their picture, that donation will be matched. The donation matching campaign for the Food Bank has already raised \$80 this year. This is great news. Let's keep this going.

In December, the number of pictures received by John will be tallied and a check including

Current Month Club Activities

Computer Tech. Club

Computer Tech. Club will meet on September 5 & 19 at 10:30am at the Midland Park VFW Hall. At the meeting on the 5th the topic we will be c using the Windows (PC) and Google (phone) platforms. At the second meeting, we will discuss the same topic using the Apple platforms.

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

The Public Discussion Club will meet on Wednesday September 13 at 10:00am at the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corps Building.

Topics:

1. Due to the indictments of the former President and Hunter Biden's plea agreement, does support for the view that "equal justice under the law" still hold true,?
2. Is the USA in decline? Can it be reversed?
3. Is it fair to say that Americans, in general, have forgotten how to be respectful?

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

Trips & Tours

Trips & Tours will meet on September 12 at 9:30am at the VFW hall. See page 2 of this Newsletter for a descriptions of the great T&T events being planned.

John Caikowsky is Chair: 973-599-1056; johncaikow-

Investment Study

The Investment Study group will not meet in September as previously planned. We will resume our monthly meetings in October.

Club Chair is **Dennis LaBarbera:** 201-391-0471 or email at denis.labarbera@yahoo.com.

Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club, will be on September 27 at 10am at Walt Widmer's house. The meeting will consist of members submitting titles for future meetings. No books will be discussed at length. Any AU member is welcome to attend, whether to just get a sense of who we are, to suggest any titles, or meet current members.

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

Shooting Safety Club

Anthony Colandro will be the guest speaker at the September 27th meeting of the Shooting Safety Club. Anthony has written books and has a podcast on crime prevention and the Second Amendment. The meeting will be held at the VFW in Midland. Park at 1 PM. All are invited.

Chair: **Dave Hubschmit**: (973-650-0052); ski3100@aol.com

History Club

The next History Club meeting is on September 26 at 1 pm. Place: VFW-Midland Park. The speaker is Pablo A. Catangay. The topic "The Story of Bataan, Corregidor and the Bataan March: Pacific War-WW II." This is "in person" meeting with no Zoom.

Chair: **Pablo A. Catangay**; email address: pcata123@optimum.net;

Stock Picking Contest

Year-to-date leader is John Abrahamsen. Robert Davidson is the monthly winner with a 5.7% month-to-month increase.

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

Webmaster Club

This club was formed to support, test and discuss enhancements to the new AU Website.

A new version of every page of the website was uploaded in August. This is a structural change. Every page's size and title have been standardized. A very important change. A "Go back to the Home Page" click" was also added. No meeting is scheduled for September.

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
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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

On The Lighter Side

FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO WORE A MASK WHILE ALONE IN THE CAR, THE NEW OUTDOOR SEATBELT IS NOW AVAILABLE



On The Lighter Side

Nothing says, "We're lying our ass off," quite like saying "We're going after the rich!" and then wanting to know everyone's bank account activity over \$600.