



**Activities Unlimited
Spring Luncheon, Portobello, Oakland
(no General Meeting)
Tuesday May 14, 2024, 12 Noon**

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

From Robert Harling: “I would rather have 30 minutes of WONDERFUL than a lifetime of nothing special.” Use the 30 minutes of wonderful and come to the next monthly meeting in June. Visit the many clubs that AU has to offer.

This month instead of the monthly meeting, we’re having our spring luncheon at Portobello in Oakland. All are welcome. Take this opportunity to treat our wives/significant others to a great lunch and dancing to the music of our own band, the AU Guys. If you have not done so already send your check and reservations to Gaspar Lesznik.

Remember, as the weather improves, AU has a number of outside activities available. Take a look in the newsletter to see what is offered. Please don’t hold back, join in, AU WANTS YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club chairman and co-chairs for the work they put in every month to keep the activities going smoothly. Their effort ensure we have a vibrant growing and fun club.

AU has three great upcoming events, the Annual Spring Luncheon on May 14 (see above), the Third Annual BBQ on June 7, and the AU Golf Outing on June 26 at Farmstead Golf Course. Please join us at these events. Spouses and significant others are invited to the Luncheon and the BBQ.

Thank you,
James Atieh, President

The donations to the Food Pantry at the April General Meeting totaled \$96.

ACTIVITIES



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Activities Unlimited 2024 BBQ

Where: Red Barn, Crestwood Park Allendale
Address: Klomburg Dr, Allendale, NJ
When: June 7, 2024—Friday
Rain Date: No Rain Date, the Red Barn is covered
BBQ: 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Cost: \$39.00 per person
Menu: Burgers, Fried Chicken, Ribs. Hot Dogs, Salads, Water, Soda, Deserts, Ice & Fixings
BYOB: Bring your own favorite Alcoholic Beverages and Snacks.
 Please no Glass Containers
Music, Plus: AU Guys Big Band, plus non-contact sports & tackle football (no pads) optional
Payment: Make checks payable to – **Activities Unlimited** & send with registration to:

Joseph Pullaro 886 Iron Latch Rd, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Contact: Joseph Pullaro—
 josephpullaro@hotmail.com
 201-378-8378 or John Mur-
 phy—Deltasp69@aol.com
 201-723-4404

24 Days left



May 24, Registration



BBQ 2024 Registration Form

_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name AU Member	Last Name AU Member	First Name Guest	Last Name Guest
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AU Member Email	AU Member Address - Street		
_____	_____		
AU Member Phone #	AU Member City - State		

**Cutoff Day For receiving Your Reser-
vation and Payment is May 24, 2024**

Last Day for full Refund is May 31, 2024



AU Annual Spring Luncheon
at
Portobello Banquets

155 Ramapo Valley Road
Oakland, NJ

Tuesday May 14, 2024, 12:00 – 4:30
Lunch Buffet, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Tea

Music by the AU Guys Band

Dancing

Cash Bar

\$40 per person

Make checks payable to Activities Unlimited. Send to:

Gaspar Lesznik
747 Wyckoff Ave.
Wyckoff, NJ 07481

Music

Dancing



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2024 OFFICERS



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President
201-315-5346

Tom Donch
1st Vice President
201-376-8824

Gaspar Lesznik
2nd Vice President
201-774-8608

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Mike Kelley
Treasurer
973-879-4590

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Assistant Treasurer
201-788-5516

There will be no General Meeting in May, instead we will have our Spring Luncheon at Portabello in Oakland, NJ.

The Chair for this great event is Gaspar Lesznik

Welcome New Members

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Eugene C Boyle (Cathy)	4411 Warrens Way Wanaque, NJ 07465	Book, History, Stock Club	C: 973-703-9065 gbreal- ty@optonline.net (Real Estate)
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The goal of the monthly Activities Unlimited Newsletter

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, Editor- 201-248-7207, tomvanlenten@hotmail.com



Trips & Tours

The there will be no Trips & Tours meeting in May.

Chair: **John Caikowsky**: 973-599-1056; johncaikosky@optonline.net

Co-chair: **Dave Voehl**: 973-865-8705 dcvoehl@yahoo.com

Upcoming events

May 14, 2024 – Spring Luncheon at Portobello in Oakland, NJ, from 12 noon to 4:30pm Please join us for an afternoon of great food and camaraderie. Price-\$40 pp. Please make checks payable to “Activities Unlimited” and mail to: Gaspar Lesznik, 747 Wyckoff Ave, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Contact: gaspar.lesznik@gmail.com; 201-774-8608.

June 7, 2024 — BBQ at the Red Barn, Crestwood Park, Allendale, NJ. See page 2 for more information and the registration form.

June 26 —AU Golf Outing on June 26 at Farmstead Golf Course. Contact Jim Webb, 970 Pines Terrace, Franklin Lakes: NJ; jimwebb970@gmail.com.

Thursday, July 18 Wine Tasting – 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. This event will be held at Total Wine, 1001 Main Street, River Edge, NJ, (right off Route 4). It will be a fun AU social gathering with pizza (soda & water will also be also available). Wives/significant others are invited. We only have room for 40 people, so send in your checks for \$15 pp ASAP payable to “Activities Unlimited”. Mail to George Lewis, 45 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

Thursday, September 12, 2024 — AU Annual Social will be held at the Upper Ridgewood Tennis Club, 915 Glenview Road, Ridgewood, NJ. The Social will be from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Price and other details to follow.

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.

October 8— Annual Breakfast / General Meeting at the Brick House.

October — Octoberfest Celebration. Details to be provided in a future Newsletter.

December 4 — AU Christmas Dinner /Dance at Seasons. Details to Follow.



On April 11 a bus full of AU members and their spouses & significant others travelled to Newark, NJ and toured Branch Brook Park Cherry Blossoms, the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and had a great lunch at the Don Pepe Restaurant. This trip was sold out. This great event was led by Lou Guarneri.





On April 10 Leonard Levy Captivated the AU Garden Club

The attending Members sincerely thank Len for his passionate presentation of his life's work in the floral business in NJ. We all learned so much from him!

He gave us insights we never knew about wholesale floral buying and selling. During his career he made significant progress and helped many friends and family members make a living in a very competitive business and changing environment over the years.

We congratulate Len on his perseverance and success for over 85 years!

Thanks for sharing your, and your families' life story in the floral business!

Garden Club Chair: **Fred Theile**: fredtheile@gmail.com; 201-825-7541

**At the April 24 History Club Meeting
our own Ed Houlihan gave an outstanding talk on some of the
fascinating 20th century history of China. 54
Members attended this meeting.**



Ed's focus was on Comparing Chairman Mao Tse Tung and Chiang Kai Shek. How did Mao march into Beijing as the leader of China and Chiang arrive in Taipei City, Taiwan as a loser in 1949? What personal traits and characteristics brought them to positions of leadership? This was a competition that resulted in China becoming an ally of Russia today and not the United States.

At our May History Club meeting we will be trying something different, a **History Trivia Contest** hosted by our own Adolph Galluccio, aka *Trivia king* . So come to participate in what will be an informative and entertaining session. Put your thinking caps on and showcase your intellectual prowess of history, entertainment, sports, religion, etc. We promise it will be an exhilarating experience. The members present will be divided into three or four teams with the winning team receiving a prize which could be worth a lot of money. Whether you are a trivia expert or not, the session will be a lot of fun.

Current Month Club Activities

AU Guys

The AU Guys Band meets Wednesdays at 10:00am at the Midland Park VFW Hall. The AU Guys Band is very active. Future gigs include the AU Luncheon on May 14 & the AU Picnic on June 7.
Chair: **John DeSantis:** blueiii.earthlink.net; 201-447-0256
Co-Chair: **Frank Altomare:** 201-410-4712; frank@altomare.us

Book Club

The book to be discussed at the May 22 Book Club meeting is *Red Famine* by Ann Applebaum. It is the true history of Stalin's famine in Ukraine.
All AU members are welcome to attend.
Chair: **Vince Tortorelli:** carvince@aol.com; 201-316-2996.
Co-Chair: **Marty Valerio:** marty@hyregulatory.com; 201-394-2938.

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Any questions, contact me, josephpullaro@ hotmail.com or Gaspar Lesznik gaspar.lesznik@gmail.com

Stock Picking Contest

The April monthly winner was Anthony Delfico. The month-to-month increase for this portfolio was 2%. The year-to-date winner was Steven Howard with year-to date gain of \$140K.
Chair: **John Abrahamsen:** au.club@optimum.net;

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Science Club

The AU Science Club Meeting is on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on May 21 at the Midland Park VFW. At the May meeting we will discuss the FSK Bridge Accident. The press information published so far has not involved root causes and other important details.

The meeting starts at 1 pm. Those interested in discussing FSK issues can bring lunch at noon. A PPT presentation on the FSK Bridge Accident will be sent to planned attendees. Your comments/updates/additions etc. are encouraged and should be returned. A copy of the updated PPT version will be emailed to members as part of an AU blast.

Chair: Jack Yurasek: jyurasek@aol.com; 201-337-4433

Co-chair: Marc Bernhardt: marc.bernhart@yahoo.com

Public Discussion Club

The next meeting of the Public Discussion Club will be on May 8 at 10:00am. The meeting will take place in the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corp. building. Topics are: 1. Biden's handling of the "drone attack" .2. Will the 2024 ELECTIONS be fair? What impact will RFK Jr. likely have on the 2024 election? 3. Can you be pro-Palestinian without being antisemitic? Chair: **Walter Widmer:** WalterHWidmer@gmail.com.

Co –Chair: **Tom Butler**

Safe Shooting Club

AU's Safe Shooting club will meet on Wednesday May 22nd at the VFW Hall in Midland Park at 1 PM. Various members will lead a discussion on the 5 levels of force that can be used to defend yourself or someone else as well as the criteria that need to be met to do so. The club will also discuss New Jersey's Castle Doctrine and the mandate to retreat as well as the most recent changes in the law when it comes to owning and transporting a gun. Four real scenarios will be discussed. Chair: **Dave Hubschmit:** ski3100@aol.com; 973-650-0052; Co-Chair: **Rich Berger:** gerrgb464@gmail.com

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Computer- Tech. Clubs

The Computer & Technology Club is splitting up. The May 7th "Apple Chat" meeting will be at 10:30am at the VFW. This **new** activity will be hosted by John Abrahamsen. Members who use Apple Mac PCs should come to this round table discussion. It will cover likes dislikes and need to know issues of Apple PCs. (Virtual Desktop, similar to Apple mission control) will be discussed.

On May 21st at 10:30am at the VFW a meeting on **new** "Technology and Windows Views" will be hosted by Fred Theile. Also, on the 21st, a segment led by John Abrahamsen will focus on "Windows Views" (AKA Windows 11). Virtual Desktops and Mission Control features will also be discussed.

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

Photography Club

The photography Club will meet on May 28 at 10:30am at the VFW in Midland Park. We will discuss how to document your travels and the use of artificial intelligence in post processing software.

Chair **Murray Perl:** 201-446-7357; mdperl@gmail.com; 201-261-7276

Investment Study Group

There will be no Investment Study Group meeting in May
Chair: **Dennis LaBarbera:** dennis.labarbara@yahoo.com, 561-222-1027.

Co-Chair: **Fred Theile:** fredtheile@gmail.com; 201-825-7541

Stock Market Club

The AU Stock Market Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The Club meets at 9:00 am at the VFW Hall in Midland Park. That will be May 7th and 21st. Guests are always welcome.

Chair: **Frank Nusspickel:** nusspickel@aol.com; 201-739-5773.

Co-Chair: **Steve Klein:** sikein7@aol.com; 201-264-1654.

On The Lighter Side

**Know how to prevent sagging?
Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.**

**Always Remember This:
You don't stop laughing because you grow
old,
You grow old because you stop laughing!**

Remember when people had diaries and got mad when someone read them? Now they put everything online and get mad when people don't.



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