



## Activities Unlimited General Meeting

Tuesday December 10, 2024, 1:00pm starting with Social Hour  
Henneveld Hall, Wyckoff Reformed Church, 580 Wyckoff Ave.

### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As my term comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank the club chairs and my fellow board members all of whom made my job a lot easier. Whenever a need arose, someone would step up and volunteer to help. This spirit is what makes AU so unique as a club.

The availability of so many activities is important, but what makes the club really vibrant is the friendship and the fellowship we bring as members. To keep the Club strong we have to keep that spirit alive by participating in activities, the monthly meetings and joining some of the trips and tours.

If we see something that could be improved or have an idea, let's step forward and suggest how to make the Club better. It is up to each one of us to help grow Activities Unlimited as we move into the New Year.

As 2024 is ending, I am looking forward to our Christmas Dinner Dance, and the installation of our new officers for 2025. I wish to welcome Tom Donch as President, Gaspar Leszick as 1st VP, Adolph Galluccio as 2nd VP, Marty Valerio Secretary, Treasurer is Doug Cooper and Assistant Treasurer is Gabe Carifi.

I wish a special thanks to Richard Bernardi and Mike Kelley, who are leaving the Board and have contributed greatly over these past few years.

The Christmas Dinner Dance just doesn't happen by itself. I wish to thank Bill Mastellon and John Murphy for their tireless effort in making this Christmas dance very special.

I wish all of you and your families, a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a VERY Happy New Year.

Thank you

Jim Atieh, President

# Members Only Beefsteak Dinner

*Thursday January 16 @ 6 pm*

*VFW Hall in Midland Park*

## Menu For Event

Salad

All-you-can-eat Nightingale Beefsteak

French fries

Ice cream sundae and coffee

Water and soda are included

BYOB (wine/beer)



## Entertainment

Surprise Comedy Act

## Cost

Cost is \$60, we have up to 50 spots available, reserve yours now!

Mail checks to Tom Van Lenten, 102 Walnut Street, Mahwah NJ 07430.

Questions call Tom @ 201.248.7207, or email @tomvanlenten@hotmail.com

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED



## 2024 OFFICERS



**Jim Atieh**  
President  
201-315-5346

**Tom Donch**  
1st Vice President  
201-376-8824

**Gaspar Lesznik**  
2nd Vice President  
201-774-8608

**Rich Bernarde**  
Secretary  
201-337-5238

**Mike Kelley**  
Treasurer  
973-879-4590

**Scott Japko**  
Assistant Treasurer  
201-788-5516

This is a reminder that 2025 AU membership dues are payable by 12/31/24. The Executive Board has approved keeping the dues level unchanged at **\$60.00** for 2025. Membership dues support the cost of insurance and meeting space as well as several AU events such as the Luncheon, Summer BBQ, Annual Breakfast, General Meetings and Christmas Dinner Dance.

Please mail your **\$60 check** payable to Activities Unlimited,  
Scott Japco, 15 Sturbridge Drive Upper Saddle River, NJ. 07458

### Welcome New Members

<b>David A. Garfunkel</b> (Isabelle D'Agostino)	<b>3 Wendy Ln</b> Closter, NJ 07624	<b>Hiking Long, History,</b> Investment	<b>H: 201-768-0085</b> <b>C: 201-803-6199</b> dgarfunkel@gmail.com (MD)
<b>David Meinhard</b> (Ellen Breger)	<b>8 Bearbrook Drive</b> Woodcliff Lakes, NJ 07677	<b>Book, Hiking Short, His-</b> tory, Science	<b>H: 201-874-4130</b> <b>C: 201-874-4130</b> davidgmeinhard@gmail.com (Lawyer)
<b>Michael J. Conte</b> (Madeline)	<b>187 Paterson Ave. Unit</b> 130 Midland Park, NJ 07432		<b>H: 201-264-0425</b> <b>C: 201-264-0425</b> mrofficial44@gmail.com (Sales)

**Short Hikes group climbed the Campgaw Mountain  
and everybody made it to the top!**



**For those who hiked around Rockland Lake, 3.2 miles it was a spectacular clear sunny day! Only thing that topped it was lunch at Ricks American Restaurant!**





## Trips & Tours



**The next T&T meeting will be on December 10, 2025; 9:00am**

**VFW Hall Midland Park**

**Chair: Tom Van Lenten: 201-248-7207;**

**email: tomvanlenten@hotmail.com**

### *Upcoming events 2025*

*January 16, 2025* —The beefsteak dinner will be held at the VFW Hall in Midland Park. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner is served at 6:30pm. Water and soda are included. This is a BYOB affair. If you want to drink anything other than water or soda bring it with you. Cost is \$60. Menu: Salad, all-you-can-eat, Nightingale Beefsteak, French fries, ice cream sundae, and coffee. We are also in the process of booking great entertainment for the event and you will hear the details via an email blast.

Make checks payable to “Activities Unlimited” and mail to Tom Van Lenten, 102 Walnut Street, Mahwah, NJ 07481. There is a capacity limit at the VFW. This event may sell out. About one third of the seats are already committed. This is a Members Only event.

*February /March 2025* Mystery Night & Dinner @Maggiano’s in Hackensack. Exact date and time TBD.

*March, Saturday 8th, 2025.* T&T has arranged for a great evening of entertainment. We will be going to see Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons at Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown, NJ. This tour is titled “The Last Encores” and concerts starts at 8 pm. Additional details to follow.

**History club meeting - November 26th- Rob Stevenson made a great presentation about the Revolutionary War in Bergen County to 52 AU members.**



## 2025 AU Stock Picking Contest

The Stock Picking Contest for the 2025 calendar year is open to **ALL MEMBERS** of AU.

There is no entry fee. Contest results are computed each month and at year-end. Results will be published in the Newsletter. Contestants **MUST EMAIL** their entry (one portfolio per member) to: [au.club.jwa@gmail.com](mailto:au.club.jwa@gmail.com) list no later than Jan 1, 2024.

Each contestant has a fictitious \$100,000 to invest. You must pick either 4 or 5 securities. The investment will be divided equally over the submitted securities. Each month the contestant whose portfolio achieves the highest increase from the prior month to the current month shall be declared the monthly winner. A contestant can only be the monthly winner once. At year-end, all contestants are eligible for the honor of having the largest, second largest and third largest gain. For December monthly winner, first, second and third place results will be published in the January 2025 Newsletter.

In your entry use the ticker symbol (not the cusip) provided by [Yahoo Finance](#). Any security quoted at \$10 PER SHARE or more on Dec 31 is eligible, including stocks, ETF's , REITs, and funds (no bonds). If Yahoo discontinues quotes on a security for any reason during the year, the value of that security at the last month- end quoted is used for the remainder of the year. The contestant is responsible during the year for notifying the contest Chairman, **John Abrahamsen**, of a split or other change in one of their picks (or that stock will be held at its last price for the remainder of the contest). Positions in the portfolio **will not** include interest or dividends, contestants are encouraged to avoid investments that grow in any way other than by market price.

In your email entry include your name (if your email does not do that) and the list of ticker symbols that you are entering into the contest. A practice run will be done and emailed to you during January. Mistakes will be corrected if you contact the chairman by email.

Chairman: **John Abrahamsen**



## Current Month Club Activities

### Technology & Computer Club

Technology club will be meeting twice during the month of December; on Dec 3 at 10:30am and Dec 17 at 10:30am.

On Dec 3rd new technologies will be presented. The computer portion will introduce Google's PHOTO app. The google apps are free and available on both apple and windows devices.

**Club Chairs:** **John Abrahamsen**, au. club.jwa@gmail.com, 201-739-8589, and **Fred Theile**, fredtheile@gmail.com, 201-981-1801.

### Photography Club

No meeting in December.

**Chairs:** **Murray Perl:** 201-446-7357; mdperl@gmail.com; 201-261-7276; **Sam Ohan:** samo993@verizom.net; 201-825-0437

### Investment Study Group

No meeting in December.

**Chair:** Dennis LaBarbera, dennis.labarbera@yahoo.com. 561-222-1027

### Stock Market Club

The AU Stock Market Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00am at the VFW Hall in Midland Park. The next Stock Market Meeting will be on Tuesday De-

**Chairs:** **Frank Nusspickel:** nusspickel@aol.com; 201-739-5773 and **Steve Klein:** sikein7@aol.com; 201-264-1654.

## Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

### AU Guys

The AU Guys Band meets Wednesdays at 10:00am at the Midland Park VFW Hall. December meetings will be on Dec 4th and Dec 18th.

**Chairs: John DeSantis:** blueiii@earthlink.net; 201-447-0256.  
**Frank Altomare:** 201-410-4712; frank@altomare.us

### Book Club

No meeting in December

**Chair: Gregg Krieger,** Gregg.krieger@gmail.com, 201-925-3197. **Co-Chair: Peter Bieszard,** 201-739-3584.

### History Club

No history club meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 28, 2025

**Chair: Joe Pullaro,** Josephpullaro@hotmail.com, 201-337-0018

### Stock Picking Contest

The November winner was David Voehl. The month-to-date increase for this portfolio was \$38K or 30.8%. The year-to-date winner was Steven Howard with a gain of \$227K.

**Chair: John Abrahamsen:** au.club.jwa@gmail.com, 201-739-8589

## Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

### Science Club

The Science Club will have a meeting on December 17 at 1 pm at the Midland Park VFW.

The speaker will be Dr. Alex Zapolanski and the title is: "A Visit to a Cardiac Surgery Operating Room."

**Chair: Jack Yurasek:** 201-314- 0258; **Co Chair: Marc Bernhardt:** 201-236-2957

### Public Discussion Club

Public discussion club meets on December 11th at Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corp Building.

This month's discussion topics TBD.

**Chairs: Walter Widmer:** 551-286-4045 and **Tom Bulter:** 201-452-6649

### Safe Shooting Club

No meeting December.

**Chairs: David Hubschmitt:** 973-650-0052 and **Richard Berger:** 201-741-9233

### Garden Club

No meeting in December.

**Chair: Fred Theile,** email: fredtheile@gmail.com, cell: 201-981-1801

## AU Care & Concern

### Occasions of Concern

John Toth is recovering from fracturing two ribs when he pushed a shopping cart accidentally into a curb.

## AU December Birthdays

Name
Anthony Delfico
John Bishop
Phil Radomsky
Frederick Steinberg
Bruno Bissetta
Bob Kluthe
Andrew Watson
Ron Lynn
Sam Ohan
John Gilpatrick
Gabriel Torres
John DeSantis
Francis Nusspickel

Name
David Reitsma
Robert Glassman
Marc Bernhardt
Robert Regna
Harold Conant
Roy Strauss
Edward Devejian
Jeff Pfeffer
Carver Washburn
Robert Feneran
Walter Lubicich
Dennis Cheeseman
Harold Bennett



## On The Lighter Side

Non-alcoholic beer is like watching porn on the radio.

My wife wants me to wear a bracelet that belonged to her grandfather. It says "Do Not Resuscitate."

It's been months since I bought the book, How To Scam People On Line. It still hasn't arrived yet.

When someone recommends a book to me and says, "It's a page turner!" I say, "Yeah, I know how books work."

If you have a red wine stain on your carpet, get some white wine and drink it until you don't care anymore.

Vitamins are good for what ails you and Viagra is good for what fails you.

One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.

If your outgo exceeds your income, then your upkeep will be your downfall.

Even rarer than a doctor who can't stand the sight of blood is a lawyer who can't stand the sight of money.

If your palm itches, you are going to get something. If your crotch itches, you've already got it.

My wife and I decided to never go to bed angry. We've been awake since Tuesday.

My wife said: "That's the 4th time you've gone back for dessert! Doesn't it embarrass you?" I said: "No, I keep telling them it's for you."

Being old is when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go too.

I now know how it will all end for me, one of my kids will unplug my life support to charge their phone.

I met my wife at a single's night. I was surprised because I thought she was home with the kids.

