



Activities Unlimited General Meeting

Tuesday January 14, 2024, 1:00pm starting with Social Hour
Henneveld Hall, Wyckoff Reformed Church, 580 Wyckoff Ave.
Speaker AU-Member Jack Warner providing preview of his just
released new book. See details on page 4.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we welcome in the new year 2025, you're also welcoming a new president and board members. First I want to thank Jim Atieh and the other outgoing board members, Mike Kelly and Richard Bernardi for all the effort in 2024 to make our club strong.

The saying goes "see something, say something". That is also what I am expecting from our members on any and all issues that can make our club better and stronger. You can contact me at any time, my door is always open.

I also want to encourage you not only to participate in the many activities and clubs, but also attend our monthly meetings. It is a great opportunity to meet new and existing members that you may not know. If you see someone you do not know introduce yourself, that's how friendships begin.

I want to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year!

Thank you all and I look forward to your support in the new year.

Tom Donch, President

The Food Pantry donations at the AU December General Meeting totaled \$107.

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

Our entertainer will be John Pizzi –a multi-faceted comic who treats audiences to a one-man show of stand-up and ventriloquism featuring feisty sidekicks like Uncle Smiley. He appeared on two seasons of “America’s Got Talent” and performs regularly in Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

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

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This is a reminder that 2025 AU membership dues were 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**, Gabe Carifi, 299 Sicomac Avenue, Apt 1202, Wyckoff, NJ 07481.

Welcome New Members			
Mark D. Santimauro (Joyce)	738 Frederick Court Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Hiking Short, Gardening, Golf, Hiking Long, Stock Club	H: 201-723-6918 C: 201-723-6918 mrscratchoff@yahoo.com (Manager)
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Our January 14th General Meeting speaker will be AU-Member Jack Warner...
Who will give us a preview of his just released new book—

“DECISIONS—On Making the Right Ones More Often”
-- A Memoir with a Purpose --

He'll share with us some practical tips on how to write and publish your own Memoir.
A Memoir that's not only designed to give your kids and grandkids valuable insights into their family heritage...but also designed to give them the benefit of your own real-world experiences to help them successfully chart their journey through life.

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Decisions
On making the Right Ones More Often
By Jack Warner
A Memoir with a Purpose

A Hard Cover Book...322-pages

There are hundreds of books on decision-making. This one is different. Because it's an actual case study of a single life, spanning nearly ninety years. And that life is mine.

In this book you'll see the outcomes of dozens of my major life decisions...some good, some bad. And you'll learn why and how I made them. But more importantly, you'll see how each of these decisions led, in turn, to another decision point. Followed by another, and another, and another...in my journey through life.

We can't know the future, so we chart our way to it in stages...with several decisions required at each stage. And all the while we keep changing...as we grow from childhood, to young adulthood, to full maturity, to old age. And as the world around us keeps changing too.

The challenge is to always “look ahead” while making decisions for the “here and now”. Easier said than done. But possible with a little practice and a moral compass to guide you.

Hopefully, in my life you'll find some insights that you can use in yours. Making good decisions more often...and turning bad decisions around!

“DECISIONS. On Making the Right Ones More Often”.
“A Memoir with a Purpose” by Jack Warner”

Can be ordered on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or through most local bookstores.

ISBN 978-0-9778056-2-4



Trips & Tours

**The next T&T meeting will be on January 14, 2025; 9:00am
VFW Hall Midland Park**

**Chair: Tom Van Lenten: 201-248-7207;
email: tomvanlenten@hotmail.com**

Upcoming events 2025

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.

April 2025 Mystery Night & Dinner @Maggiano’s in Hackensack. Exact date and time TBD (October).

May Luncheon - Indian Trail Club :Entertainment by Peter Lieberman.

June 8 summer picnic at the Wyckoff YMCA Lake House, from 4:00pm—8:30pm. This is always a fun AU social gathering. Burgers, fried chicken, hot dogs, soda & desert are being served. Wives/significant others are invited. Send in your checks for \$30pp ASAP payable to Activities Unlimited. Mail to Joe Pullaro, 866 Iron Latch Rd. Franklin Lakes 07417.

July Luncheon—July 17 at the Portabello Italian Restaurant, 175 Ramapo Valley Rd., Oakland. Lunch will include several delicious entrees (Something for everyone) plus a special dessert. Coffee, tea and soda will be served. Cash bar. Wives/Significant others are invited.

Cost will be \$24.00 pp (AN INCREDIBLE PRICE). Make checks payable to "Activities Unlimited" and mail to Don Wasson, 4 Appert Terrace, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Please include your cell phone number on the check. Any questions contact Don Wasson at 201-891-1873 or cell 201-739-7046.

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

The crowd got amped up at the AU Dinner Dance boogying to the tunes played by everybody's favorite DJ Peter Lieberman. This event consistently draws big attendance.



2024 AU Stock Picking Contest Results

Market Price As Of: December 31 2024

Started with \$100,000 YTD Market Value

Steven Howard	231,812	First
Bruno Bissetta	212,470	Second
Stephen Klein	204,963	Third

Monthly Winner

Market Price As Of:	November 29 2024	December 31 2024	
	Last Month's	Current	%
	Total Total		Increase
Paul Dreifuss	117,921	126,154	7.0

Chairman: **John Abrahamsen**

Current Month Club Activities

AU Guys

The AU Guys Band meets Wednesdays at 10:00am at the Midland Park VFW Hall. January meetings will be on 15th, 22nd and 29th. AU Guys Band performed at the Horizons Senior Center in Franklin Lakes in December.

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

Book Club

Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday January 22 at 10 am at the Wyckoff Reformed Church (**note new meeting location**) 580 Wyckoff Ave, Wyckoff. Books to be discussed are (1) **One Nation Under Guns** by Dominic Erdozain - The author argues the nation's fathers did not intend the Second Amendment to guarantee an individual right to bear arms and this intentional distortion poses a threat to democracy and (2) **Nothing Like It in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad 1863-1869** by Stephen Ambrose - The story of the men who built the railroad, pitting the Union Pacific Railroad working eastward and the Central Pacific Railroad working west in a race encouraging speed over caution.

Club Chairs: Gregg Krieger, Gregg.krieger@gmail.com, 201-925-3197, **Peter Bieszard,** pmbieszard@optonline.net.

Garden Club

No meeting in January.

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

History Club

Next meeting will be on January 28, 1 pm at VFW. Our own Tony Mastandrea with assistance from Marty Valerio and Brian Galla will present. Only the Ball was White: The History of the Negro Baseball Leagues, 1920-1940s"- PART #2. The presentation is a continuation of the one Tony made in September but is entirely new. As usual it will be informative and entertaining as only Tony can do it.

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

Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

Investment Study Group

There will be no ISG meeting in January.

Club Chairs: Dennis LaBarbera, dennis.labarbera@yahoo.com. 561-222-1027, **Fred Theile**, fredtheile@gmail.com, 201-981-1801.

Photography Club

Photography Club will meet on January 28th at 10:30 am at VFW Hall. We'll compare Apple vs. Samsung phones.

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

Public Discussion Club

Public discussion club meets on January 8th at 10 am at Franklin Lakes OEM building. Discussion topics will be emailed before the meeting.

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

Science Club

The next Science Club meeting will be January 21st at VFW.

Club Chairs: Jack Yurasek: 201-314- 0258; **Marc Bernhardt**: 201-236-2957

Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

Safe Shooting Club

The shooting club will meet January 22 at VFW at 1 pm. Safe handling of firearms and pepper spray will be discussed. Hands on experience for those who choose to do so.

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

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 January 7th.

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

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

Technology & Computer Club

Technology club will be meeting twice during the month of January on Jan 7th at 10:30am and Jan 21st at 10:30am at VFW Hall. At each meeting new technologies will be presented by Fred Theile. The computer portion will be topics like how to use MS Excel and Google Sheets discussed by John Abrahamsen or guest speakers (to be announced in January).

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

Care and Concern

Members That Passed in December

- (1) Edgar Setter, Jr
- (2) Ryan Doenges

AU January Birthdays

Name
Debu Chaudhuri
William Frech
Vito Puppelo
Edward Baumbach
James Mallen
Joseph Jannuzzelli
Kenneth De Graw
William Leo
Thomas Van Lenten
David Bach
Pablo Catangay
John Yessis
Joe McGuire

Name
Steven Schwager
Scott Zucker
Anthony Mastandrea
Frank Giardella
Hank Willen
Anthony Cataldo
Louis Guarneri
Howard Vogel
Frank Yurman
Theodore Wolff



A cold crisp day December 2nd for a 3 mile hike by 12 AU guys from Ramapo Reservation to Lake Henry, in Darlington area of Mahwah. We hiked twice around this beautiful natural place, along the Ramapo River. Then hearty lunch followed at ABG, Allendale Bar & Grill



The AU golfers had their annual lunch and awards presentations. Pictured (Left the right) Jim Webb, Chairman, Henry Wasserstein, Grand Champion for 2024, Dennis LaBarbera, Co Chairman, Roy Peppard, second place, Scott Japko, third place and Tom Donch, low gross winner and hole-in-one winner for 2024.



On The Lighter Side



