



**Activities Unlimited
General Meeting**
Tuesday November 12, 2024, 1:00pm
Henneveld Hall, 580 Wyckoff Ave.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we head into late fall, with Thanksgiving coming, and the holiday season, our clubs are growing stronger. Our History Club had almost 60 people attend. If you are not getting to the clubs, you should really try. They offer camaraderie in friendship that we all need. They also often challenge us both mentally or physically, keeping us sharp as we get older.

The election of the 2025 Executive Board will take place at the General meeting on November 12, 2024 at the Wyckoff Reformed Church. This is an important meeting as you will be setting the course for Activities Unlimited for the new year 2025.

Don't miss our Christmas Dinner Dance at Seasons – 644 Pascack Road, the Township of Washington, NJ. The price is the same as last year, you can find a flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Also keep in mind that the dues for 2025 are due. Please mail your checks as soon as possible.

Keep going to the AU website. It contains valuable information about what is going on in our clubs (i.e. calendar, meetings, schedules, newsletter, and the bulletin board). While on the website, read the newsletter, it contains valuable Club information as well.

Lastly, I wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

James Atieh

President



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2024 OFFICERS



Jim Atieh
President
201-315-5346



Tom Donch
1st Vice President
201-376-8824



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2nd Vice President
201-774-8608



Rich Bernarde
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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 Spring Luncheon, Summer BBQ, Annual Breakfast, General Meetings and Christmas Dinner Dance. Please mail your **\$60 check** payable to Activities Unlimited, Scott Japko, 15 Sturbridge Drive 409 D Bromley Place Upper Saddle River, NJ.

ELECTION TIME:

As a reminder, at the Activities Unlimited General Meeting on November 12, 2024, a new slate of officers will be presented, for your approval, as follows:

- President: Tom Donch
- 1st Vice President: Gaspar Lesznik
- 2nd Vice President: Adolph Galluccio
- Treasurer: Doug Cooper
- Asst. Treasurer: Gabe Carifi
- Secretary: Marty Valerio

Thank you, and see you on AU Election Day November 12, 2024

James Atieh,
President

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

HENEVELD HALL

WYCKOFF REFORMED CHURCH

580 WYCKOFF AVENUE, WYCKOFF NJ 07481

1 PM – Social Hour

1 PM – Business Meeting and Program

Program Topic

Jeffrey R. Bascelli, Esq, who has practiced Elder Law for more than 30 years, will lead a discussion on the legal needs of older adults and their families. Elder Law is a range of legal issues such as estate planning, health care, and retirement planning.

New Members

Member Name	Address	Interests	Contact Info
Jerry R. Roland	6 Rising Trail Lane Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417	Computer, Investment, Stock Club, Bocce	H: 201-446-6664 C: 201-446-6664 JRR400@aol.com (Chief Financial Officer)
Robert Zeller (Stephanie Gottesman)	227 Beechwood Rd. Ridgewood, NJ 07450	Hiking Short, Hiking Long, Science	H: 201-444-4778 C: 201-370-9430 rzeller196@gmail.com (Lawyer)

Octoberfest at the Brownstone October 16, 2024





Trips & Tours

The next T&T meeting will be on November 12, 2025; 9:30

VFW Hall Midland Park

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

email: tomvanlenten@hotmail.com

Upcoming events 2025 : the following are suggestions only)

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.

Entertainment is TBD.

Make checks payable to “Activities Unlimited” and mail to Jim Webb, 970 Pines Terrace, Franklin Lakes NJ 07417. 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 2025 *Mystery Night & Dinner.*

February 2025 — T&T has arranged for a great evening of entertainment. We will be going to see Frankie Valie. More information to come.

March 2025 — In celebration of St. Patrick’s day we will be attending an Irish Cabaret starring Andy Cooney, Irish America’s favorite son.

April 2025 — Bus ride over the Mario Cuomo Bridge, visit historic mansions in Tarrytown, NY and lunch.



ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED



Thirty-Seventh Annual Christmas Dinner Dance



Location: Seasons – 644 Pascack Road The township of Washington, NJ 07076
Date – Monday, December 2, 2024 Starting at 5:30 PM
Cocktail Hour (AMAZING) – Homecoming 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner (OUTSTANDING) – 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM
Dance and Social – 9:30 PM – 11:00 PM
 Evening music by Peter Lieberman

Its November 1st this is your last ANNOUNCEMENT and RESERVATION for the Christmas Dinner Dance on December 2nd



Price – \$99.50 per Person – Make Checks Payable to **Activities Unlimited \$199.00 per Couple**
Return Reservation & Payment to:
Bill Mastellon – 101 East Oak St – Unit G6 – Oakland, NJ 07436
 WJM866@gmail.com – 201-447-1417

Reservation & Payment - Cutoff Date is Saturday 11/15/2024 — 31 days from today, October 15, 2024

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 11/16/2024

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.

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

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 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

Computer Tech Club

The Computer and Technology Club will meet on November 5 at 10:30 and again on November 19 at 10:30 am at the VFW Hall at Midland Park. Topics to be announced.

Club Chairs: John Abrahamsen, john.abrahamsen.bnp@gmail.com, 201-739-8589, and **Fred Theile**, fredtheile@gmail.com, 201-981-1801.

Photography Club

There will be a Photography Club Meeting on November 26 at 10:30 am at VFW Hall in Midland Park. The Photo Club will discuss the new features in the iPhone 16.

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

Investment Study Group

The next Investment Study Group meeting will be on November 5 at 1 pm at VFW Hall at Midland Park.

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 November 5.

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.

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

Book Club

The November Book Club meeting will be held on November 27 at 10:00am at VFW Hall in Midland Park. Contact chair for details.

Chair: Vince Tortorelli, carvice@aol.com, 201-447-3718

History Club

The next History Club Meeting will be on November 26, 1 pm at the VFW Hall in Midland Park. The meeting will feature Rob Stevenson who will talk about the American Revolution in Bergen County.

News Jersey was in the Crossroads of the American Revolution. Crown and rebel forces marched throughout Bergen County—on Rivervale Rd. The people were divided into 3 groups—loyal to the King and country, fighters for Independence, and those who wanted no part of the fight. This talk will focus on the events in the area known today as Bergen County. Central to this is the Baylor Dragoon which was not an actual “massacre”. There are also examples of intentional “misinformation”

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

Stock Picking Contest

The October winner was Christopher Love. The month-to-date increase for this portfolio was \$11K or 10.9%. The year-to-date winner was Steven Howard with a gain of \$90K.

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

Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

Next meeting is November 19 at Midland Park VFW. Bring your Lunch at 12:30.

Science Club

An open discussion is planned with updates on the FSK Bridge (Cost/Responsibility etc.), and AI (new I Phone, and stories about properly forming Queries to avoid bizarre or biased responses). Bring your ideas, areas of interest (videos etc.), that you might like to be discussed.

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

Public Discussion Club

Gentlemen, we will meet on Wednesday November 13 at 10 am at the Franklin Lakes Ambulance building. The topics are:

1. Why do you think the Trump/Harris presidential campaign was successful?
2. If the presidential election is just a contest of around 7 states, does the Electoral College still make sense?

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

Safe Shooting Club

No meetings in November or December.

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

Garden Club

We hope to plan an AU Garden Club meeting in November. Stay tuned for an invitation!

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

Obituary John Gornell

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of John Gornell of Allendale, New Jersey, who passed away on October 13, 2024, leaving to mourn family and friends. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of John Gornell and pay him a last tribute.

In the vast expanse of eternity, John shall find rest, cradled in the arms of everlasting peace. And as we bid John farewell, his loved ones carry with them the precious gift of his memory, a beacon of hope guiding them through the shadows of sorrow towards the light of a new dawn.

Obituary Joseph Giunta

Sadly, we are informing you that one of our own AU Members, Joseph Giunta has passed away on Sunday October 27. May his memory always be a blessing.

Care & Concern

Joy Occasions

Ken Dinolfo: celebrated 59 years of marriage on Oct 17th

Richard Stanton: He & his wife were featured in Franklin Lakes Magazine (*see the link to the article on the AU website Clubs Care & Concern page*)

Occasions of Concern

Ken Frisco recovering from aorta valve replacement.

Ken DeGraw fell and went to the hospital for observation. No broken bones, only overnight stay.

Vince Tortorelli: recovering from ongoing heart issues

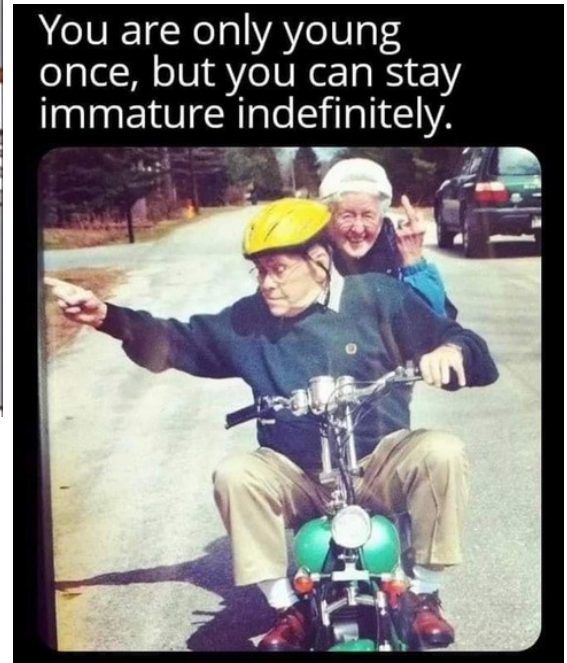
Activities Unlimited November Birthdays

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Burns Richard
Butler Tom
Carifi Gabriel
Curtiss Philip
Czelusta Frank
Deaver James
DeVincenzi Domenic
Friede Avi
Gurian Marty
Japko Scott
Joern Stephen
Lane Richard
Lutzy Richard
Peck E.
Rebak Doug
Richmond Elliot
Smith Terrence
Spagnardi Robert
Steele Raymond
Tietjen Skip
Voorhis Grandon
Yandrsevich Dan
Zelhof Edmund
Zietek Stanley

Monday 10/14: AU Short Hikers walked over the mid Hudson old
railroad Bridge!
Specular colorful view of the Foliage and Hudson River!



On The Lighter Side



My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."

Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.