

Activities



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 14, 2026

The General Meeting, held at the Midland Park Christian Reformed Church at Midland Park, New Jersey, started at 9:30 AM with social activities, and was called to order by President Gaspar Lesznik at 10:00 AM.

President Gaspar Lesznik led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by The Rev. Andy Kadzban who delivered the invocation.

President's Message

- a. There will be no General Meeting in May. Instead, there will be a May Luncheon at the Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes on May 13, 2026.

Treasurer's Report

- a. Doug Cooper reported that AU's finances are in good shape.
- b. Doug Cooper reminded everyone who has TD bank accounts to contact the bank and link their accounts to the AU Program with the bank. The bank pays AU \$10 a year for an existing account and \$25 for a new account. We collected about \$700 last year and it has been as high as \$1,000 in previous years.
- c. Doug Cooper reminded everyone to contribute to the coffee and refreshments at the General Meetings as well as to the Food Pantry.

Membership

- a. Jim Webb reported that the membership at AU is at 306, with 14 new members so far this year. Two of them were added in April:
 - Steven Poser
 - Michael Savakis
- b. Jim Webb also reminded each member to be an ambassador for AU and should have one of the AU cards to give to a prospective member.

Cares and Concerns

- a. John Toth asked members in attendance who have their birthday in April. They were:
 - Gaspar Lesznik
 - Henry Wasserstein
 - Joe Pullaro
 - Barry Glick
 - Rich Scala
 - Robert Zeller
 - David Voehl

They were all treated with birthday cakes and candles, and John Toth led the group in the singing of Happy Birthday.

- b. The Cares and Concerns Committee sent out 2 Get well cards, 1 Thank You card, and 1 Condolence Card for Joe Coyle.
- c. John Peterson shared that he will be going to Japan to visit his colleagues in the 80's and 90's and he will be driving a Ferrari on the interstate to the track in a Club in which he is a member.
- d. Another member shared the joy of his grandson who passed the first part of the landscape architects examination. Another member became a grandfather.

Club Activities

- a. Jack Warner announced the Spring Luncheon at the Indian Trail Club on May 13 from noon to 3 PM with great food and music by Peter Lieberman. The cost is \$59 per person.
- b. Ken Frisco talked about the Pickleball Club who meets this Thursday (April 16) at 2:30-4:30 PM and every other Thursday thereafter at Passion Pickleball at Midland Park. The cost is \$14 per person, cash or credit card.
- c. Harry Bennett talked about the upcoming Computer Club meeting next Tuesday at the VFW and they are going to demonstrate the use of ChatGPT.
- d. Joe Pullaro announced that the History Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 PM at the VFW in Midland Park. Our own Tony Mastandrea will talk about the Lindbergh kidnapping.
- e. Marc Bernhardt announced the next Science Club meeting on Tuesday (April 21) at 1 PM at the VFW in Midland Park. The speaker is Retired Army Captain Wayne Lemme, a helicopter pilot who served in Vietnam. He is going to talk about helicopter operations and his experience during the Vietnam war.
- f. Gregg Krieger announced the monthly meeting of the Book Club at 10 AM on April 22 at the Wyckoff Reform Church. They have been discussing a book on the Challenger, the true story of heroism and disaster at the edge of space. The books for May are Lindbergh and The Lion Women of Tehran.
- g. Mark Stahl, Co-Chair of the Safe Shooting Club, talked about the topics they will be discussing in this month's meeting. They will be talking about the instances of road rage and how to deal with them. They will also be demonstrating on how to clear your house should you suspect that there is an intruder. They will also cover some scams that may happen to you as you are walking to your car in a parking lot.

- h. Gaspar Lesznik announce the opening of the golf season after a long, hard winter.
- i. Dennis LaBarbera announced the Investment Study Group round table on the first Tuesday in May at the VFW.
- j. Ed O'Keefe announced that the Tennis Club has been playing outdoor at the Wyckoff public courts starting at 10am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The starting time will move up to 9am as the weather gets warmer. All are welcome.
- k. Joe Pullaro talked about the BBQ on June 12 at the Crestwood Park in Allendale. This event is organized by Joe Pullaro, John Murphy, and Mark Cohen. They always get well over 150 people for the event. Spouse and significant others are invited. The AU Band will provide the entertainment. The cost is \$45 per person.

TRIPS AND TOURS

- a. Tom Van Lenten announced that there had been three events so far in 2026: Beef Steak Dinner, trip to the Mayo Performing Arts Center, Luncheon at Fiona's attended by 40 people. The feedback regarding the luncheon was overwhelmingly positive. There are plans for at least one, or maybe two more, for the rest of the year.
- b. Tom Van Lenten and Adolph Galluccio have been working on a trip to the Meadowlands. They need a minimum of 40 people for this event. So far, they have 11. It will most likely be July 10 or 11. If you are interested, please contact Tom Van Lenten or Adolph Galluccio.
- c. There are two other things on the drawing board: an overnight trip to Lancaster, PA at \$500 per person, and possibly a trip to the Cloisters.

Attendance

Sixty-seven (67) members were in attendance.

Guest Speaker

George Rosazza thanked Lieutenant Mathew Carroll from the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and the Executive Director for their endorsement of this presentation. He then introduced Lieutenant Bill Dietrich from the Bergen County Prosecutor's office who is in charge of the drone program, and Sargeant Kyle Ferreira from the Wyckoff Police Department, an expert on drones and a drone pilot. He also introduced his son, Keith, who is the Fire Chief at Hackensack as they use drones in firefighting and rescue.

- a. Drone initially was a toy enjoyed by many people. As the technology continues to develop, its application in surveillance, search and rescue, first responder, and many tactical operations develop exponentially. The FAA continues to put in guardrails to ensure that the use of drones is legal and ethical.

- b. Kyle Ferreira gave a demonstration flying a drone with a camera down to Midland Park Shopping Center and beyond. The drone has the resolution to track people, read license plates, and to follow a thermal signature in tracking someone in a rescue operation by using a thermal imaging camera. They also showed a real-life video when they flew a drone inside a house looking for a suspect. This information is invaluable to the tactical team in formulating their strategy in handling the situation.
- c. The presenters discussed the use of drone detection sensors around sensitive infrastructures such as stadiums, and also the FAA's requirement in remote ID for drones so as to prevent illegal drones from flying in the air.
- d. The presenters discussed the coordination efforts between law enforcement agencies to ensure a strong presence around a stadium such as in the upcoming World Cup events.
- e. Members asked questions regarding privacy and the legality of drones in surveillance.

The General Meeting concluded at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Winston Lau', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Winston Lau
Secretary