



Activities Unlimited General Meeting Tuesday April 14, at 9:30am Midland Park Christian Reformed Church 183 Godwin Ave. Midland Park

President's Message

Friends,

Welcome to April. Last month I supposed that winter was largely behind us and although that is still true, the wild temperature swings remain. This too shall pass, but I never realized New Jersey was so close to the arctic.

That being said, our snowbird friends have started migrating north, our Garden Club is kicking off its monthly meetings and outdoor sports activities are ramping up for another fantastic season. Trips and Tours is busy planning excursions and events so check the website and watch out for email announcements. Don't forget our annual luncheon will be held in May at Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes, check our newsletter for more details.

Since moving our monthly General meetings to mornings, we have seen roughly a 50% increase in attendance from last year. From what I have seen this renewed vigor has also translated into increased participation in most of our clubs. This is great news and exactly what we had hoped for.

This is your club, experience and enjoy every part of it. See you at our next general meeting April 14th .

Sincerely,

Gaspar Lesznik
AU President 2026



Happy Birthday Gaspar!



ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED



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Welcome New Members

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Trips & Tours



Chair: Tom Van Lenten
201-248-7207

Trips & Tours meeting will be immediately after the April General Meeting Room next to the AU General Meeting Room

Upcoming Events – Spring and Summer 2026

May 13 Spring Luncheon at the Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes. Lunch buffet, music, dancing. \$59 pp. Refer to event details on page 5 of the newsletter.

June 12, AU Summer BBQ, Red Barn at Crestwood Lake Park, Allendale. More details coming soon!

July 10 or 11, Evening at the Meadowlands Racetrack. Get ready for an exciting evening of live harness horse racing, great food, refreshing drinks, and even better company at the legendary Meadowlands Racetrack! Don't miss this opportunity for a lively night of racing, laughter, friendly wagers, and great fellowship. Mark your calendar — and may the odds be in your favor. **To reserve your spot and inquiries,** please email Tom Van Lenten at tomvanlenten@hotmail.com or call 201-248-7207 and sign up as soon as possible! Estimated price range \$85 pp \$100, betting out-of-pocket, alcoholic drinks part of optional drink package. See page 7 of the newsletter for event description and contact information for organizer.

Membership survey being emailed to finalize date and headcount—please respond as soon as possible to ensure this event takes place!

Trips & Tours Team is exploring a new event for the Fall :

Overnight trip to see “Sights & Sounds” play and sightseeing in Lancaster, PA. White Star Special Edition Trip celebrating the 250th anniversary of our country. Date and cost to be determined.

AU Trips and Tours Event

Our March 26 luncheon at **Fiona's Restaurant** was a terrific success, drawing more than forty members and their spouses for an afternoon of great food and even better company. Guests enjoyed a delicious Italian meal featuring penne vodka, a choice of four entrées, and a shared dessert platter that set the perfect tone for conversation and camaraderie. The room buzzed with energy as everyone caught up, mingled, and relaxed together. A light-hearted dessert-themed personality game added plenty of laughs and made the afternoon even more memorable. It was a warm, lively gathering that truly showcased the spirit of Activities Unlimited.



Announcing The Springtime Event of the Year!

**AU's "Gala Spring Luncheon"
at the beautiful 'Indian Trail Club' in Franklin Lakes, NJ
May 13th... 12:00 to 3:00 PM**

Great Fun...Great Food...Great Music...Great Fellowship
--Come as a Couple ... or Come Stag
All will have a really Great Time!!!

Here's what we've planned for you—

- Dine and Dance in the spectacular Club Ballroom...with stunning Lake views.
- Enjoy a delicious meal...featuring—
 - ◆ A House Salad...served at your table.
 - ◆ A buffet overflowing with all these wonderful choices...
 - ◇ Poached Flounder with Seafood Sauce
 - ◇ Chicken Piccata
 - ◇ Beef Tenderloin in Burgundy Sauce with peas and mushrooms
 - ◇ Wild Rice
 - ◇ Twice Baked Potatoes
 - ◇ Penne with Vodka Sauce, peas and prosciutto
 - ◇ Mixed Vegetables
 - ◆ At your table... Plates of Ghirardelli Brownies, Chocolate Chip and Oatmeal Raisin Cookies...Plus Coffee, of course
- Add to that... a Coffee Station to greet you...a fully-stocked Cash Bar...and Parking Lot Staffers to assist you.

And Throughout—For your dining and dancing pleasure—

The wonderful Peter Lieberman
who entertained us at our Holiday Dinner Dance at Season's

The Price??

An Amazingly Affordable \$59 per person
(thanks to a generous subsidy approved by your Board of Directors)

Make your Reservation today!

Send your check payable to "Activities Unlimited" to—
Jack Warner, 312 Four Seasons Lane, Montvale, NJ 076450
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TENTATIVELY PLANNED

Evening at the Meadowlands Racetrack



**Meadowlands Racetrack, East Rutherford, NJ
Friday July 10/Saturday 11, at 6:30 pm**

Get ready for an exciting evening of **live harness horse racing, great food, refreshing drinks, and even better company** at the legendary Meadowlands Racetrack! We've reserved a **private room** exclusively for our group — the perfect setting to relax, socialize, and take in all the action in comfort. Whether you're a seasoned bettor or simply there for the thrill of the races, this will be a night to remember.

What to Expect

- Live harness racing under the lights
- Catered food
- Drinks and camaraderie
- The excitement of betting and cheering on your picks
- Private room for our group

Cost estimated at **\$85-\$100 per person** (final price to be confirmed in when reservations are finalized, includes food and optional drink package).

Respond to membership survey that will be emailed soon to express interest and book your spot by April 30 by emailing Tom Van Lenten at tomvanlenten@hotmail.com or call 201-248-7207! We are looking for a minimum of 40 participants, spouses/partners/friends welcome!

Current Month Club Activities

AU Guys

The AU Guys Big Band generally meets Wednesdays at 10am at the Midland Park VFW Hall.

Chair: John DeSantis: 201-447-0256

Co-Chair: Frank Altomare: 201-410-4712

Book Club

The Book Club will be meeting on April 22 in the Memorial Room of the Wyckoff Reformed Church at 10 am. The books to be discussed are "Challenger: A true story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space", and "Don't Let the Devil Ride" by Ace Atkins.

Chair: Gregg Krieger 201-925-3197

Co-Chair: Peter Bieszard (201) 739-3584

Bowling Club

The next Bowling Club meetings will be on Friday April 10 and 24. The Bowling Club sessions are always at 10 am at Montvale Lanes. We bowl every other Friday for fun and camaraderie (no teams or competition).

Chair: Scott Japko, 201-788-5516

Co Chair: Bill Leo 845-263-5323

Bocce Club

The Bocce Club is resuming activities in April and are scheduled to meet for play on Fridays at 10 am at Ramsey Recreational Center weather permitting. First play is on Friday April 3.

Chair: Walter Widmer, 551-286-4045

Garden Club

Garden Club is planning to resume meetings in April. The April meeting date is scheduled for April 1 at 1 pm at VFW Midland Park. The chair emailed articles ahead of the meeting covering tree diseases and their treatment.

Chair: Fred Theile, 201-981-1801

Current Month Club Activities

History Club

April History Club meeting will be on Tuesday 28 at 1 pm at VFW Midland Park. We have one of our most knowledgeable and entertaining speakers lined up for this month—Tony Mastandrea who has presented to us many times. Tony will talk about: **The Charles Lindberg Baby Kidnapping, Murder and Trial of Brono Hauptmann.** As usual, Tony has done a lot of research about Lindberg and will focus on the 1932 trial but also Lindberg's fascination with Nazi Germany, his "combat missions" as a civilian, his rejection of technology and his personal life that included three mistresses and 7 out of wedlock children. Tony always does a great job. His knowledge of subjects and his sense of humor highlights his talks.

Chair Joe: Pullaro, 201-337-0018

Co-Chair: Steve Joern, 201-491-7456

Investment Study Group

The Investment Study Group will meet on Tuesday April 7 at 12:30 pm at the VFW in Midland Park. The topic for the meeting is **"Market Insights – Beyond the Headlines"** Guest Speakers: Russ Grimm, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones Wyckoff, NJ and Ben Hobson, Senior Regional Consultant, MFS. Edward Jones is one of the country's largest financial services firms with over 20,000 offices nationwide. MFS is the first mutual fund started in 1924. **Our guest speakers will be providing lunch so we need an RSVP from all those who want to attend. Please RSVP by Thursday April 2 to: Dennis LaBarbera at dla-bee53@gmail.com.**

Chair: Dennis LaBarbera, 561-222-1027

Co-chair: Fred Theile, 201-981-1801

Photography Club

There will be a Photo Club meeting on April 28 at 10:30 am at the Midland Park VFW

Chair: Murray Perl, 201-261-7276

Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

Public Discussion Club

The next Public Discussion Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8 at the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corps Building at 10 am. Discussion topics include: (1) The President is demanding that Congress pass "The Save America Bill". (2) What is the "Board of Peace? Can it be successful?, (3) Is there a plan for Cuba? If so, what is it?, (4) How long will the war with Iran last?

Chair: Walter Widmer, 551-286-4045

Co-Chair: Tom Butler, 201-452-6649

Science Club

The Science Club will meet on Tuesday, April 21 at 1 pm at the Midland Park VFW Hall. Retired Army Captain Wayne Lemme will give a presentation regarding helicopter flight operations in Viet Nam.

Chair: Marc Bernhardt : 201-236-2957

Safe Shooting Club

The Safe Shooting Club will be meeting on Wednesday April 22 at 1 pm at VFW Hall Midland Park. Details of the meeting will be emailed to members closer to meeting date.

Chair: David Hubschmitt, 973-650-0052

Co-Chair: Mark Stahl, 201-321-9986

Stock Market Club

The AU Stock Market Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9am at the Midland Park VFW Hall. April meeting dates are 7th and 21st of the month.

Chair: Frank Nusspickel, 201-739-5773

Co-chair: Steve Klein, 201-264-1654

Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

Stock Picking Contest

The results of the Stock Picking Contest will be shared the first week of the month.

Chair: John Abrahamsen, 201-739-8589

Technology & Computer

The next Technology Club meeting will tentatively be on April 21. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am at the Midland Park VFW

Technology Topics: TBD

Computer Topic: TBD

Chair: Fred Theile, 201-981-1801

AU History Club Meeting



Our March 24 History Club meeting was a tremendous success, thanks to the unforgettable appearance of our special guest, professional singer and actor Ciarán Sheehan. His captivating stories carried us from his childhood in Dublin to the bright lights of Broadway, with behind-the-scenes glimpses into *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Misérables*, *Carousel*, and his work in film and television. The audience was completely enthralled, and the afternoon became even more memorable when Ciarán closed with a beautiful song. It was a truly one-of-a-kind meeting — our first with a professional actor — and one that will be talked about for a long time!

Care and Concern



Activities Unlimited Care and Concern Report for April

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During the month of March 2026, the Care and Concern Committee sent out these cards: 2 Get Well, 1 Thank You, and 2 Condolence.

Please let us know if we have missed any occasion of joy or concern by contacting John Toth at johntoth52@hotmail.com.

And for those AU members who have their birthday in April, please attend the AU General Meeting on Tuesday April 14th so we may sing “Happy Birthday” to you in person!

A Suggestion and Request from the Care and Concern Committee

It has seemed that a few AU members have let us know about the joys and concerns in their own lives. However, more AU members are quick to let us know about the joys and concerns of other members. So, please let us know when we can send a message of support to someone you know in our club. And, if you prefer, we will keep your name anonymous.

AU April Birthdays

We are not aging, we are ripening to perfection.



Gaspar Lesznik

David Voehl

Joe Pullaro

Norm Barouch

Nunzio Corallo

Jim Baum

Robert Zeller

Donald Chucka

William Byrne

Richard Berger

Robert Desrosiers

John Nicola

Bob Stevenson

Robert Davidson

Gerald Starr

William Rush

George Ginsberg

William Carbone

Henry Wasserstein

Barry Glick

Paul Hennion

Kenneth McHugh

William Howes

Howard Jost

Robert La Salvia

Alex Zapolanski

Ernest Luthi

Robert Quinn

Christopher Love

Keep Smiling!

THE SHREDDER

A young engineer was leaving the office at 5:45 p.m. when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen," said the CEO, "this is a very sensitive and important document, and my secretary is not here. Can you make this thing work?"

"Certainly," said the young engineer. He turned on the machine, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine, "I just need one copy."

Lesson: Never, never, ever assume that your boss knows what he's doing.

