



## Activities Unlimited General Meeting Tuesday December 9, at 1:00pm Wyckoff Reformed Church, Heneveld Hall

As we leave November behind, I trust we all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Now as we gather to celebrate the spirit of the Holidays Season our annual Christmas Dinner Dance on December 8th will be held at Seasons in Washington Township. At this Dinner Dance, there will be great food galore, and music to dance to. We will introduce all past presidents and the new elected officers for 2026. Also, an exciting part of this event will be the presentation of our Distinguished Service Award to one of our members. This award honors not only his efforts to make Activities Unlimited successful but also his civic contributions.

For 2026, our General Meetings will be held at the Midland Park Christian Reformed Church, 183 Godwin Avenue. The new meeting start times are 9:30 am for the social gathering and 10:00 am for the General Meeting. We certainly are hoping to see more of you at these meetings due to the change in time and place which we believe makes it more convenient for everyone.

As you are aware, our only source of revenue is Membership Dues. The many events offered throughout the year are dependent on your dues which should be paid no later than December 31st. Your help is needed to keep AU vibrant.

It has been a pleasure serving as your president for 2025. I would like to thank all the Board members and all of you for the confidence and support you have given me. It has been an exciting and very interesting year. We have done many interesting things throughout the year, and I trust through your efforts and participation that AU will continue to be a very strong and vibrant men's activity club.

I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

Tom Donch, President

**We are thinking of you all, our members of Activities Unlimited, this week and wishing you comfort, good company, and good health. And, for those who observe, a warm and Happy Thanksgiving.**

Activities Unlimited is pleased to announce the **featured guest speakers** for our December General Meeting will be **TAX EXPERTS** from Modera Wealth Management, LLC.

Michael Gibney, CFP, Gary Ferrentino, CPA and Stephanie Spies, CPA and EA (enrolled agent with the IRS) will present: **“Year-end Tax Planning – with a focus on changes brought about by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)”**. Our guests have many years of experience in tax preparation, planning and financial advice. They will be able to answer our end of year tax questions and bring new information relating to changes in the tax law enacted earlier this year.

**Wives and guests** are welcome to join as we all learn about the new tax laws and rules. Tax season is right around the corner. This is a timely presentation you do not want to miss.

Jack Warner will be the guest speaker for January’s General Meeting on January 13th. The topic will be **“Food Glorious Food”**

A great meal is one of life’s greatest pleasures. But what makes it so?

At this meeting you’ll learn the surprisingly complex mechanism our bodies use to create hunger. followed by intense pleasure as a reward.to assure we consume the nearly 2000-pounds of food the average person needs each year to stay alive.

Then, you’ll learn some of the creative secrets Master Chefs (and some grandmothers) use to transform those ordinary foodstuffs into over-the-top gastronomic pleasures!

Warning—This talk may make you hunger for a nice lunch after today’s meeting!



# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED



## 2025 OFFICERS



**Tom Donch**  
President  
201-376-8824

**Gaspar Lesznik**  
1st Vice President  
201-774-8608

**Adolph Galluccio**  
2nd Vice President  
973-392-4802

**Marty Valerio**  
Secretary  
201-394-2938

**Doug Cooper**  
Treasurer  
908-907-1112

**Gabe Carifi**  
Assistant Treasurer  
201-738-8323

### Membership Dues

Membership dues, \$60.00, for 2026 are due no later than December 31, 2025. Please send your check for \$60.00 payable to “Activities Unlimited” to:

Gabriel Carifi

299 Sicomac Ave. Apt 1202

Wyckoff, NJ 07481

### Welcome New Members

Name	Address	Interests	Phone Number
David Altana		Short hikers, Investment, Pickle Ball ,Tennis , Bowling	862-485-8359
Leonard Linden		Book, Short Hikers, Discussion, History	201-615-6266
John Peterson		Computer, Gardening, Luncheon, History, Photography, Shooting	201-327-5820



## Trips & Tours

The next T&T meeting will in the Memorial Room  
2nd Fl WRC on Tuesday, December 9th,  
Immediately after the General Meeting

### *Upcoming Events – Winter 2025-2026*

**Thursday, January 15, The Beefsteak Dinner**, will be at the VFW Hall in Midland Park. Doors open at 6:00 pm 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 pp. Menu: salad, all-you-can-eat Nightingale Beefsteak, French fries, ice cream sundae, and coffee.

Our entertainer will be again 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. 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. See page 4 for details.

**Thursday, February 12, Temptations & Four Tops Concert.** Two legendary super-groups – together again! Enjoy an evening full of your favorite Motown memories from two classic hitmakers. If you are interested in attending this concert send an email to tomvanlenten@hotmail.com indicating the number of tickets you wish to reserve. See page 5 for more details.

**Thursday, March 26 Lunch at Fionas Restaurant.** Join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. A four course lunch will be served with pasta and salad. Choice of 4 entrees, Chicken Francese, Veal Marsala, Tilapia Oreganata, Eggplant Parmigiana, coffee, tea and soda. A cash bar is available. Cost \$37pp. Open to all members, spouses and guests. Time 12:00 pm. Mail checks payable to Activities Unlimited to: Joe Pullaro, 886 Iron Latch Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ, 07417 Questions: contact Joe at 201-337-0018. See page 6 for details.

# AU Beefsteak Dinner

*Thursday January 15 @ 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 Jim Webb, 970 Pines Terrace, Franklin Lakes, NJ

Questions call Jim @ Home-201-337-7982; Cell-201-788-9085

or email: [jimwebb970@gmail.com](mailto:jimwebb970@gmail.com)

## **Temptations and Four Tops**

Two legendary supergroups – together again! from “Baby, I Need Your Loving” to “My Girl,”. Enjoy an evening full of your favorite Motown memories from two classic hitmakers.

# **THE TEMPTATIONS THE FOUR TOPS**



**Mayo Performing Arts Center, Morristown, NJ**

**Thursday, February 12, 2026 @7:30pm**

From the streets of Detroit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. With their signature dance moves and unmistakable harmonies, they rose to the top of the charts creating an amazing 42 Top Ten Hits with 14 reaching number one.

**Ticket prices: \$80.00—\$130.00**

If you are interested in joining this concert please email Tom Van Lenten at [tomvanlenten@hotmail.com](mailto:tomvanlenten@hotmail.com). Also let us know how many tickets you want to reserve.

***Luncheon at  
Fiona's Restaurant  
118 Godwin Ave.,  
Midland Park, N.J. 07432***



**Thursday, March 26, 2026 - 12:00pm**

*Menu-*

*Penne Vodka, Garden Salad, Choice of 4 entrees, Chicken Francese, Veal Marsala, Tilapia Oreganata, Eggplant Parmigiana, Dessert Platter; Coffee, Tea, Soda are included.*

*Note- Restaurant is **BYOB**, so bring wine or beer if desired*

***Cost \$37 per person***

**Send check for \$37 per person  
made out to**

**Activities Unlimited to:**

**Joe Pullaro**

**886 Iron Latch Road ,  
Franklin Lakes, N.J. 07417**

**Questions - contact**

**Joe at 201-337-0018**



## Current Month Club Activities

### AU Guys

The AU Guys Big Band generally meets Wednesdays at 10:00 am at the Midland Park VFW Hall. There will be no meeting on Wednesday December 24. The AU Guys Band will be performing at the Horizons Senior Center in Franklin Lakes on Friday evening, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Chair: John DeSantis:** 201-447-0256

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

### Book Club

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday December 17 at 10 am in the Memorial Room at the Wyckoff Reformed Church. The books to be discussed are "Dead in the Water" by Mathew Campbell and "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride".

Please contact Gregg Krieger ([gregg.krieger@gmail.com](mailto:gregg.krieger@gmail.com)) if interested.

**Chair: Gregg Krieger** 201-925-3197

### Bowling Club

The AU Bowling Club has kicked off a new season. The Bowling Club sessions this month are December 5 and December 19, always at 10:00 am at Montvale Lanes. We bowl every other Friday, for fun and camaraderie (no teams or competition), and we welcome beginner bowlers. We encourage you to give it a try! Anybody interested should contact Scott Japko or Bill Leo. If you have questions or think you might want to give it a try, contact Scott Japko at [scottjapko@gmail.com](mailto:scottjapko@gmail.com).

**Chair: Scott Japko,** 201-788-5516

## Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

There is no History Club meeting in December.

### History Club

**Chair Joe: Pullaro, 201-337-0018**  
**Co-Chair: Steve Joern, 201-491-7456**

### Investment Study Group

The Investment Study Group is sponsoring a talk at the AU December General Meeting on year end income tax planning by **TAX EXPERTS** from Modera Wealth Management, LLC.

**Chair: Dennis LaBarbera, 561-222-1027**  
**Co-chair: Fred Theile, 201-981-1801**

### Pickle Ball

Pickleball is on winter break, we will announce when club activities resume.

**Chair: Kenneth Frisco, 973-919-6704**  
**Co-Chair: George Lewis, 551-427-1223**

### Photography Club

There is no meeting of the Photography Club in December.

**Chair: Murray Perl, 201-261-7276**  
**Co-Chair: Sam Ohan, 201-825-0437**

### Public Discussion Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10 am at Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corps Building at 10am. The Club Chairs will email discussions topics for the next meeting prior to the meeting date.

**Chair: Walter Widmer, 551-286-4045**  
**Co-Chair: Tom Butler, 201-452-6649**

## Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

### Science Club

The Science Club will meet on Tuesday, December 16 at 1pm at the Midland Park VFW Hall. Our guest speaker will be Allison Hughes. Allison is an audiologist with AudioNova. Her topic will be "The Biology of Hearing and How an Audiologist Measures and Treats Hearing Loss". Attendees will be offered a complimentary hearing screening. This meeting is open to spouses and significant others. See page 11 for flyer.

**Chair: Marc Bernhardt : 201-236-2957**

### Safe Shooting Club

Given that our date falls on Christmas Eve there will be no meeting in December.

**Chair: David Hubschmitt, 973-650-0052**

### Stock Market Club

The AU Stock Market Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am at the Midland Park VFW Hall. Refer to AU calendar for December meeting dates.

**Chair: Frank Nusspickel, 201-739-5773**

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

### 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

In December we plan a meeting of the Tech and Computer club on the first Tuesday Dec 2nd at 10:30 am at VFW Hall. Midland Park.

**Chair: John: Abrahamsen, 201-739-8589**

**Co- Chair: Fred Theile, 201-981-1801**



You're invited to a **FREE** Hearing Healthcare Seminar!



**Tuesday, Dec 16th, 2025, 1pm**  
**VFW, 28 Faner Rd, Midland Park, NJ**

Join us for this informative session.

The biology of hearing and how an audiologist measures and treats hearing loss.

**Free Hearing Screening** offered to all who attend.  
(\$250 Value)



Allison Hughes  
Au.D., FAAA

Sponsored by:  
AudioNova Montvale, NJ  
85 Chestnut Ridge Rd,  
Ste 217



Allison Hughes, Au.D., is a licensed Audiologist and hearing aid dispenser with experience in hospital, ENT, and private clinic settings. She earned her degrees from Fairfield University, Northwestern University, and the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. Dr. Hughes is passionate about helping people stay connected through better hearing and guides each patient through selecting and adjusting their hearing aids in a comfortable, clear, and supportive way.

## Care and Concern



### Activities Unlimited Care and Concern Report for December 2025

#### **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.

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

## Short Hike: Van Saun Park

Our Short Hike, almost 3 miles all around Van Saun Bergen county park.  
Followed by lunch at Millers Ale House in Paramus!



# AU December Birthdays

**We are not aging, we are ripening to perfection.**



Bob Kluthe

Harold Bennett

Anthony Delfico

John Bishop

Ron Lynn

Edward Devejian

Bruno Bissetta

Marc Bernhardt

Sam Ohan

Harold Conant

Dennis Cheeseman

Robert Glassman

Carver Washburn

John DeSantis

John Gilpatrick

Gabriel Torres

Robert Regna

Jeff Pfeffer

Frederick Steinberg

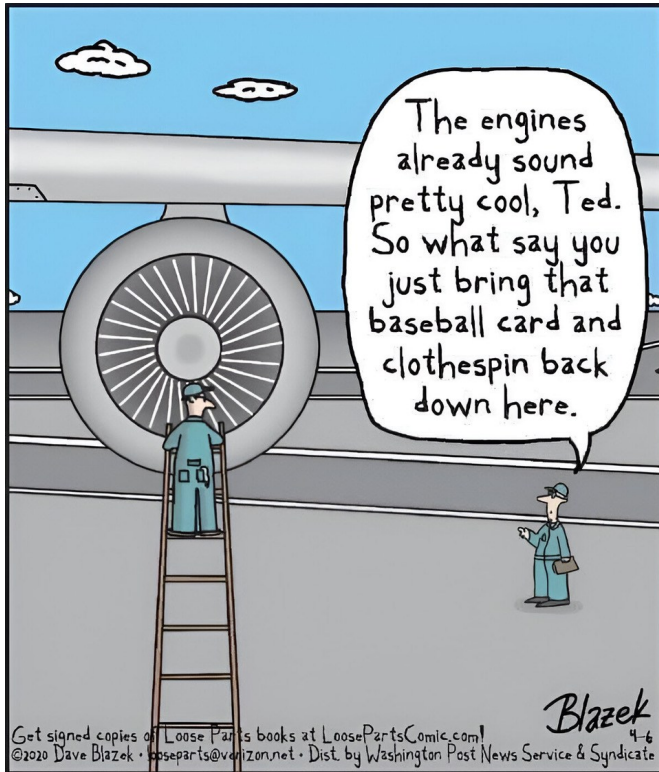
Andrew Watson

Walter Lubicich

Roy Strauss

Francis Nusspicke

**Keep Smiling**



**My kids say they want a cat for Christmas.**

**Normally I do a turkey but hey, if it'll make 'em happy...**

**I just read a book on marriage that says treat your wife like you treated her on the first date.**

**So after dinner tonight I'm dropping her off at her parents' house.**



Frustrated by his son's lousy college grades, Bob hires some local actors to help out.