

**Activities Unlimited  
General Meeting**  
Tuesday January 13, at 10 am  
Midland Park Christian Reform Church  
183 Godwin Ave. Midland Park

**President's Note**

To My Friends at Activities Unlimited

It is with great humility and gratitude that I accept the trust you placed in me to serve as your President for 2026. As we enter AU's 39th year, I am deeply aware of our legacy built on decades of dedication, friendship, and a shared commitment to making our organization a strong and vibrant community. AU is truly rare and unique. It has brought fulfillment and joy to the lives of its many members. This sense of belonging and purpose is what makes us special, and it is something I am committed to nurture and expand.

As we look ahead, I pledge to work closely with our Executive Board to improve our organization with enhanced communication, fresh ideas, and innovative changes where needed. Together, we will focus on growing our membership and club participation to ensure all members benefit from the many pursuits we offer.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Gaspar Lesznik  
President 2026

## Immediate Past President's Message

With the conclusion of my tenure as President of Activities Unlimited, I want to express, with profound gratitude and humility, how deeply thankful I am for the trust you placed in me to guide our organization through this past year. Serving in this role has been both an honor and a privilege.

Together, we have celebrated achievements, fostered fellowship, and strengthened the bonds that make Activities Unlimited not merely a club, but a true community. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our officers, the tireless work of our committees, and the unwavering enthusiasm of our members.

As I step aside, I do so with confidence in the future of Activities Unlimited. I know that under new leadership, Activities Unlimited will continue to flourish, expand its horizons, and enrich the lives of all who participate.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your support, your friendship, and our commitment. It has been the highest honor to serve, and I look forward to remaining an active member, cheering on the continued success of this remarkable community.

Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

Tom Donch

President 2025

## January General Meeting Announcement

*Food Glorious Food*

*Featuring Jack Warner*

If you love to eat...you won't want to miss our January 13th AU General Meeting.

And you'll definitely want to bring along your favorite cook or dinnermate (aka Spouse or Friend).

Jack will lift the curtain to reveal:

- How our bodies generate “pleasure surges” when we feed it certain foods
- The secret techniques that Master Chefs use to intensify those “pleasure surges”...to transform ordinary foodstuffs into over-the-top gastronomic delights!

PLUS

Since our January Meeting starts at 10 am you'll have ample time to enjoy a great lunch after the meeting with friends.



# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED



## 2026 OFFICERS



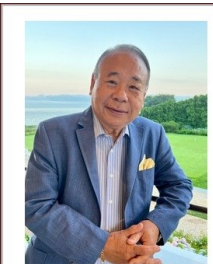
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201-774-8608



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

## Membership Dues

Membership dues are \$60.00 for 2026.

They were due December 31, 2025. If not already paid your dues are late. Please send your check for \$60.00 payable to “Activities Unlimited” to:

Gabe Carifi, 299 Sicomac Ave. Apt 1202

Wyckoff, NJ 07481

## Welcome New Members

Name	Address	Interests	Phone Number
David Blaszcak		Golf, Long Hiking, History, Investment Study	201-725-7861
Frank Francisca		Bowling, Golf, Long Hiking, Short Hiking, Investment Study, Photog- raphy, Stock Market, Tennis	201-638-2310
Jim Baum		Discussion, History, Investment Study. Stock Club	201-805-4197
Robert Medvitz		Short hikers, Bowling, Gar- dening, Luncheon, Pickleball	201-248-1964



## Trips & Tours



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

**Trips & Tours meeting will be immediately after the January General Meeting at Fiona's Restaurant in Midland Park**

### *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. See page 6 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](mailto:tomvanlenten@hotmail.com) indicating the number of tickets you wish to reserve. See page 7 for more details.

**Thursday, March 26 Lunch at Fiona's 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, wives & significant others. 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 8 for details.

**Additionally, the Trips & Tours Team is exploring these new events for the Spring:** Evening Outing to the NJ Meadowlands track.;Includes dinner and outstanding views of the track. Overnight trip to see “Sights & Sounds” play and sightseeing in Lancaster, PA.

# 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

## **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**



**60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HIT SONG "MY GIRL"**

**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 price: \$71pp. Make check payable to Activities Unlimited. Mail to Tom Van Lenten, 102 Walnut St. Mahwah, NJ 07430.**

# ***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.***  
**Wives & significant others  
welcome. 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.

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

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

### Book Club

The Book Club will be meeting on January 28 in the Memorial Room of the Wyckoff Reformed Church. The books to be discussed are "Anatomy of a Con Artist" by Johnathan Walton and "The Cuckoo's Calling" by Robert Galbraith.

Anyone interested in attending, whether you've read the books or not, please contact Gregg Krieger or Peter Bieszard.

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

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

### Bowling Club

The Bowling Club sessions this month are January 2, 16, and 30, always at 10:00 am at Montvale Lanes. We bowl every other Friday for fun and camaraderie (no teams or competition) and welcome beginner bowlers.

We encourage you to give it a try!

If interested, contact Scott Japko or Bill Leo.

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

**Co Chair: Bill Leo 845-263-5323**

## Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

### History Club

Our January 27 meeting at 1 pm at VFW Hall will feature Steve Joern who will talk about the beginnings of the movie industry here in New Jersey. Steve's early association with the 1940s Saturday afternoon movie cereals, Film Noir, multiple interesting tidbits, and the impact of TV. He will conclude with identifying THE BEST MOVIE ever made, some favorite movies, and a few scary movie titles. Please come with your best movie suggestion and your favorite movies, that you enjoy watching again and again.

**Chair Joe: Pullaro, 201-337-0018**

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

### Investment Study Group

The Investment Study Group will meet on Tuesday Jan 6 at 1PM at the VFW in Midland Park.

Dennis LaBarbera will review 2025 market results for both securities and fixed income with a look ahead for the New Year.

**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.

### Photography Club

There will be a Photo Club meeting on January 27th.

**Chair: Murray Perl, 201-261-7276**

**Co-Chair: Sam Ohan, 201-825-0437**

### Public Discussion Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14 at the 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, January 20 at 1pm at the Midland Park VFW Hall. Topic TBD.

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

### Safe Shooting Club

Our next meeting will on January 28th at 1pm at the Midland Park VFW. The proposed agenda includes:

1. An analysis of the shooting of a cleaning woman through a closed door in Indianapolis;
- 2 Review of a road rage incident in Indiana;
3. With the prevalence of mass shootings, a look at the pre-attach indications;
4. Alternative to protecting yourself without use of a fire arm.

In addition to our in person meeting, we are planning a live shoot at Gun for Hire mid January. Details to follow.

**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 9:00 am at the Midland Park VFW Hall. Refer to AU calendar for January 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. See page 11 for a description of the Stock Picking Contest.

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

### Technology & Computer

In January we plan a meeting of the Tech and Computer club on the first Tuesday January 3 at 10:30 am at VFW Hall.

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

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

## 2026 AU Stock Picking Contest

The Stock Picking Contest for the 2026 calendar year is open to ALL MEMBERS of AU.

This activity does not have meetings. A report and contest ranking is emailed to each participant at each month-end with a month-end and year-to-date valuation. An entry submitted by the AI

Copilot will be used as a comparative contestant.

Each month a winner is announced (best increase over the prior month) and at year-end a 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner for the best performance for the year. A participant can only be a monthly winner once with everyone being eligible for the year-end award winners' group, so there will be 15 winners in 2026. The winner for each month and the winners for the year-end are cited in an email to all AU members.

Pick 5 stocks. Each stock must be worth a minimum of \$10 per share or a maximum of \$20,000 per share when submitted. A hypothetical investment of \$100,000 per member will be divided equally over the submitted securities. Only the market value of the stocks will be measured.

There is no entry fee. Contestants should EMAIL the names of the 5 entries to: [au.club.jwa@gmail.com](mailto:au.club.jwa@gmail.com) Entries need to be submitted no later than Jan 15, 2026. The starting price will be Dec 31 if your entry is dated on or before that date or will be the last market day from the date of your email. Market prices during the contest are provided by the Yahoo Finance Website. You will be contacted if there are any questions about your submission.

A practice run will be done and emailed to you after the 15th of January. Any mistakes that appear will be corrected if you contact the Chairman by email. As of Jan 30th, all entries are final.

Chairman: John Abrahamsen

## Care and Concern



### Activities Unlimited Care and Concern Report for January 2

***“A message from the Care and Concern Committee. May all that is beautiful, meaningful, and joyous be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year.”***

During the month of December 2025, the Care and Concern Committee sent out these the following cards:

2 Condolence, 1 Get Well, 7 Thank You, 2 Congratulations.

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)

### **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 Christmas Dinner Dance

Spectacular event organizers: John Murphy & Bill Mastellon



The Safinas and JoAnn Lewis

Distinguished Award Recipient



2026 AU President



The Stevensons and the Laus



The Webbs



Passing the gavel to Gaspar Lesznik, 2026 AU President

## Golf Awards Luncheon

2025 winners John Haoge, Nelson Ramirez, Bob Dietch, Dennis LaBarbera, Gaspar Lesznik, Chris Love



Jim Webb presents Dennis LaBarbera the 2025 Champion trophy



2024 champion Henry Wasserstein presents the Caputo trophy to 2025 champion Dennis LaBarbera

# AU January Birthdays

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



Frank Yurman

David Bach

Scott Zucker

Louis Guarnieri

James Mallen

Tom Van Lenten

Edward Baumbach

Theodore Wolff

Pablo Catangay

Howard

Hank Willen

Kenneth De Graw

Debu Chaudhuri

William Frech

Frank Giardella

Joseph Jannuzzelli

Steven

Anthony Cataldo

Anthony Mastandrea

William Leo

Vito Puppelo

Joe McGuire

John Yessis

# Keep Smiling!

