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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday October 13, 2026

The General Meeting, held at The Brick House at Wyckoff, New Jersey, started at 8:30 AM with social activities. Tom Donch led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by The Rev. Andy Kadzban who delivered the invocation.

A breakfast buffet started at 9:05AM. The General Meeting was called to order by First Vice President Adolph Galluccio at 9:50AM. President Gaspar Lesznik had emergency oral surgery the day before and had asked Adolph Galluccio to officiate the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

a. Doug Cooper announced that nothing dramatic has happened since last month.
b. We had a good Fall Social at the Upper Ridgewood Tennis Club, and it generated a small surplus.
c. We are open to accepting 2027 dues at $70 per person. Checks can be mailed to Gabe Carifi.
d. Doug Cooper reminded everyone who has TD bank accounts to contact the bank and link their accounts to the AU Affinity Program with the bank. The bank pays AU $10 a year for an existing account and $25 for a new account. We collected $1,372 this year.

Cares and Concerns

a. John Toth gave out birthday cakes and candles to those present who have their birthdays in the month of October. Candles were lit and the group sang Happy Birthday to the 'birthday boys'.
b. In the month of September, Cares and Concerns sent out 2 Get Well cards, 1 Concern card, and 1 Condolence card to the family of our past President Herb Umland.
c. John Toth asked members to email to him at JohnToth52@hotmail.com and let him know of any illnesses, accidents, deaths, as well as joyous events.
d. John Toth announced that today was George Rosazza's 53rd anniversary.

Club Activities

a. Mark Stahl announced the Safe Shooting Club will be doing some live shooting at the Waldwick Police Pistol Range located at 217 Pine Street, Waldwick at 11AM on October 23. All are welcome. If someone wants to observe or actually try their hands at shooting, there are instructors around and will work with them one-on-one.

Events

a. Lunch at Fino Ristorante in Allendale on October 21 at 12:30 PM. Wives and significant others are welcome. The cost is $39 per person. Thirty-five attendees have already signed up. The event is almost sold out.
b. The Beefsteak Dinner will be on January 14 at the VFW. AU Inc. will be the caterer with Gaspar Lesznik as the Executive Chef. More details will follow.
c. John Murphy announced the Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held at The Seasons on December 7. The event includes an open bar, cocktail hour with delicious hors d'oeuvres, a three-course meal, and entertainment. Most people end up taken food home. The cost is $125 per person.

President's Message

a. Adolph Galluccio discussed the transition of AU from being a part of the WRC to being an independent legal entity. The separation was amicable between the WRC and AU.
b. AU was started in 1987 by four men at the WRC who had lost their spouses. It had grown to over 320 members today.
c. The new AU Inc. will be established as of January 1, 2027.
d. Annual dues will be $70 per person for 2027.
e. All existing AU activities remain unchanged.
f. AU Inc. will be a non-profit organization.
g. Adolph Galluccio informed the membership that the AU Inc. Bylaws will be posted on the AU website.
h. The Board will lose two Board positions as we separate from the WRC. The Board will be adding a Parliamentarian and a Compliance Officer.
i. The membership will be voting on the formation of AU Inc., its Bylaws, and the Executive Board for 2027 in the Annual Meeting in November.

Introduction of 2027 Board of Directors Nominees

a. Harry Bennett, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, introduced the following nominees to the 2027 Board: Marc Bernhardt as the 2nd Vice President, Mike Conte as the Secretary, and Dave Altana as the Assistant Treasurer.
b. Adolph Galluccio will move to the newly created role of Parliamentarian.
c. Doug Cooper will move to the newly created role of Compliance Officer.

d. Jack Warner will be the President, Winston Lau the 1st Vice President, Gaspar Lesznik the Immediate Past President, Tom Donch the Outgoing Past President, Gabe Carifi the Treasurer.
e. Jack Warner, President of AU Inc. in 2027, will appoint the Chairman of the Membership Committee to serve on the Board. This role is currently held by Jim Webb.
f. The AU Inc. 2027 Board, as nominated by the Nominating Committee, will be posted on the AU Bulletin Board as well as appearing in November's Newsletter. Additional nominations can be made by the membership, and voting will take place during the Annual Meeting in November.

Attendance

Ninety-five (95) members were in attendance.

Entertainment

Entertainment was provided by the Barbershop Quartet, a part of The Blue Chip Chorus.

The General Meeting concluded at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Winston Lau
Secretary