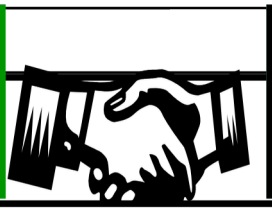
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Activities Unlimited General Meeting
November 10, 9:30 am
Midland Park Christian Reformed Church
183 Godwin Ave., Midland Park, NJ

President's Message

Friends,

Happy Thanksgiving! The holiday season is upon us with all its joy and good wishes. But we have a lot of work to do before the year runs out. At our November 10th General Meeting we will have open discussions on our evolution into Activities Unlimited Inc. Your Board of Directors is working to make the transition as seamless and transparent as possible. Our proposed future by-laws can be found on our website's bulletin board for your review and comment. Please take the time to examine the document and voice any concerns you may have. In the end AU will be stronger and more vibrant than ever.
Our guest speaker this month will be Mr. Brian Clark who will describe his escape from the 84th floor of the South Tower on 9/11. He will deliver his personal account of a harrowing descent to safety on that fateful day.
In this newsletter you will also find details and reservation forms for our Annual Dinner Dance at Seasons. This is our signature of the year that you don't want to miss. A fantastic evening with an hors d'oeuvre buffet that will knock your socks off, followed by a multi-course dinner, dancing and open bar. Be there!
Lastly, please send in your annual dues ($70) as soon as possible. Details below.
As I've said many times in the past, this is your club. Come out, join us, get involved. You'll be happy you did.

Thank you, Gaspar Lesznik
AU President 2026

Membership Dues for 2027 are $70.00
Mail your check Payable to:
Activities Unlimited
Gabe Carifi; 299 Sicomac Ave., Apt 1202
Wyckoff, NJ 07484

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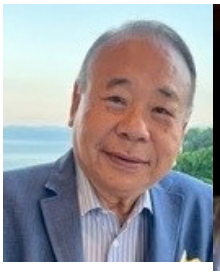
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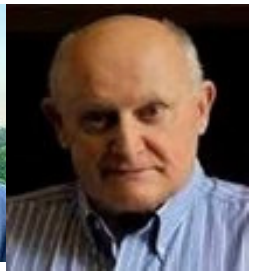
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October General Meeting: Breakfast, Music, and Fellowship!

Activities Unlimited held its October General Meeting at the Brick House in Wyckoff, where members enjoyed a full hot breakfast and great fellowship. The highlight of the morning was an entertaining performance by the Blue-Chip Chorus, a barbershop quartet, whose music delighted everyone in attendance.

Welcome New Members			
Name	**Address**	**Interests**	**Contact Information**
John Garda	23 Tarnapoll Rd, Emerson NJ 07630	Discussion Club, Investment Study, Luncheon Club, Hiking Long, Pickleball, Hiking Short, Safe Shooting Club, History Club	Cell phone:201-615-0870 garda23@gmail.com
Peter Finlay	256 Mountainview Drive, Mahwah, NJ 07430	Discussion Club, Science Club, Luncheon Club, Golf, Pickleball	Cell Phone: 908-656-5005; peterfinlay72@gmail.com



Trips & Tours



Chair: Tom Van Lenten, 201-248-7207

Trips & Tours will meet on November 10th after the General Meeting at the Midland Park Christian Reformed Church

Upcoming Events
Fall 2026 and Winter- Spring 2027

December 7, 2026: Christmas Dinner Dance, at Seasons. Activities Unlimited proudly presents its Thirty-Ninth Annual Christmas as Dinner Dance, the signature celebration of the holiday season. Join us on Monday, December 7, 2026, at Seasons in Washington Township for an unforgettable evening of dining, music, and festive cheer. See page 4 for details.

January 14, 2027: Beefsteak Dinner and Comedy Night, Midland Park VFW Hall. Enjoy an evening of good food, great laughs, and friendship for $65 per person. This members-only event is BYOB, so bring your favorite beverage. To reserve your spot, send payment to Jim Webb, 970 Pines Terrace, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417; call 201-788-9085 with questions. See page 5 for the event flyer.

Spring 2027, Luncheon: The October lunch at Fino's in Allendale was a huge success with 45 AU members and their partners attending. Activities Unlimited is excited to build on this success at another local restaurant in the spring of 2027. We will announce details soon.

Spring 2027, Overnight Trip to PA. The Trips & Tours Team is exploring a new event for Spring 2027. This would be an overnight trip to see "Sights & Sounds" theatre play and other sight- seeing in Lancaster, PA. This trip is run by White Star Tours. White Star ais a world class tour company that AU has employed in the past with great results. We will share more information soon.

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Thirty-Ninth Annual Christmas Dinner Dance
AU's Signature Event

Seasons 644 Pascack Road, The Township of Washington, NJ

Monday, December 7, 2026 from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Cocktail Hour — 5:30 pm/6:45 pm

Dinner — 6:45 pm/9:30 pm

Music by Peter Lieberman

Price — $125 per person

Open Bar the Entire Evening



Celebrate Life! Welcome the New Year in style with an elegant evening created for you to enjoy a lively night out. Spend time with friends, meet new ones, savor a wonderful cocktail hour and a delicious dinner, share plenty of laughter, and dance the night away.

Table seating preference and table location is assigned in the order that payment is received.

For group reservations of 4 or more please Confirm & include all names and Total Payment for the table

Member Phone Number (_____)_____

email: _____

1 _____
Member (First) - Please Print - (Last Name)

2 _____
Guest (First) - Please Print - (Last Name)

☐ Check the Box for random table seating

Reservations cut off 11/16/2026

Full Refund Cancelation Date 11/17/2026

Send Reservation with Payment to:

William Mastellon

101 East Oak St—G6, Oakland, NJ 07436

WJM8666@GMAIL.COM 201-790-6668

First Name - Please Print - Last Name

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Alt. Reservation Contact—John Murphy (201) 723-4404 email—Deltasp69@aol.com

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Newsletter Rob & Eileen - Bill UP


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AU October Luncheon

Activities Unlimited enjoyed a wonderful luncheon at Fino's Restaurant in Allendale on October 21, 2026, with 45 people in attendance! Members and their guests gathered to enjoy a delicious meal, great conversation, and the opportunity to spend time together. It was a terrific afternoon of friendship, good food, and fun. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this AU event such a success!



AU November 2026 Club Activities

Club	Meeting details and chair contacts
AU Guys Big Band	Generally Wednesdays, 10 am. See page x for band performance on 11/13. Location: Midland Park VFW Hall. Chair: John DeSantis • 201-447-0256 Co-chair Frank Altomare • 201-410-4712
Bocce Club	October is the last month of play for 2026. Bocce resumes in the spring of 2027. Location: Ramsey Recreational Center Chair: Walter Widmer • 551-286-4045
Bowling Club	Every other Friday, 10 am. Bowling is for fun and camaraderie, with no teams or competition. New members and beginners are welcome; contact Scott or Bill to try it. Location: Montvale Lanes Chair: Scott Japko • 201-788-5516 Co-chair Bill Leo • 845-263-5323
Bridge	Generally Wednesdays, 12:30 pm Location: Larkin House, Wyckoff Chair: Not identified
Computer and Technology Club	Third Tuesday monthly, 10:30 am. Location: Midland Park, VFW Hall Chair: Harry Bennett • 201-803-1475 Co-chair Fred Theile • 201-981-1801
Indoor Pickleball Club	Generally Thursdays, 9 am Location: Passion Pickleball, Midland Park Chair: Ken Frisco • 973-919-6704

AU November 2026 Club Activities

Club	Meeting details and chair contacts
Long Hike 	Generally Mondays Location: New hike location and start time emailed each Friday to long hikers Chair: Don Kirkpatrick • 201-759-3795
Photography Club 	Fourth Tuesday, 10:30 am Location: Midland Park VFW Hall Chair: Murray Perl • 201-261-7276
Short Hike 	Generally Mondays Location: new hike location and start time emailed previous week to short hikers Chair: Fred Theile • 201-981-1801
Stock Market Club 	First and third Tuesdays, 9 am. Location: Midland Park VFW Hall Chair: Frank Nusspickel • 201-739-5773 Co-chair Steve Klein • 201-264-1654
Stock Picking Contest 	Monthly results on page 14 of this Newsletter. Chair: John Abrahamsen • 201-739-8589
Tennis Club 	Tennis returns in the spring. Location: Wyckoff Outdoor Tennis Courts Chair: Edward O'Keefe • 201-818-4031 Co-chair John Conforti • 201-788-3933

AU November 2026
This Month's Special Club Programs

Book Club



November 18, 10 am
Location: Memorial Room, Wyckoff Reformed Church

Books for November are: (1) Still Foolin' 'Em: Where I've Been, Where I'm Going, and Where the Hell Are My Keys? By Billy Crystal. Book follows Crystal at 65 offering wry humor alongside warm reflections. (2) The Plot Against America by Philip Roth. An alternative history in which FDR is defeated in 1940 by Charles Lindbergh.

Chair: Gregg Krieger • 201-925-3197
Co-chair: Peter Bieszard • 201-739-3584

History Club



November 24, 1 pm
Location: Midland Park VFW Hall
Tony Mastanderea returns to present another facinating topic: The Trial of Sacco and Vanzetti. On April 15, 1920, an armed robbery at the Slater and Morrill Show Company in MA, left a paymaster and a security guard dead, with nearly $16,000 stolen. Italian anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti were arrested, convicted and executed in 1927. Their trial was widely critized as deeply unfair and tainted by anti-immigrant, anti-Italian, and anti-radical prejudice. This presentation will explore the controversial trial and arise a challenging question: Does un unfair trial justify a verdict of not guilty?
Chair: Joe Pullaro • 201-337-0018
Co-chair: Steve Joern • 201-491-7456

Public Discussion Club



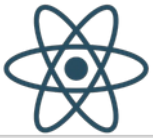
November 11, 10 am

Location: Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corps Building

Topics: 1) Can U.S. Budget be brought under control?, 2) Is the end of the Ukraine War more about a business deal than a peace? 3) The latest news about Trump and Putin?

Chair: Walter Widmer • 551-286-4045
Co-chair: Tom Butler • 201-452-6649

Science Club



Tuesday, November 17, 1 pm

Location: Midland Park VFW Hall

Larry Gottesman will speak about electrical power transmission.

Chair: Marc Bernhardt • 201-236-2957

Safe Shooting Club



Due to the proximity of our typical meeting dates in November and December to Thanksgiving and Christamas, there will be no in person meetings in those months. In lieu the Safe Shooting Club will have live shoots. Dates and details will be shared via email.

Chair: David Hubschmitt • 973-650-0052
Co-chair: Mark Stahl • 201-321-9986

Investment Study Group



November 3, 12:30 pm
Midland Park VFW Hall

Morgan Stanley Wealth Management will host a presentation on Your Tax-Smart Fall Financial Checklist: Learn the tax-smart money moves you can make this fall to set yourself up for success next year and beyond. Find tips on investing, taxes, charitable giving and more. Lunch will be served.

Chair: Dennis LaBarbera • 201-222-1027
Co-chair: Fred Theile • 201-981-1801

AU Guys Big Band



The AU Guys Band will be performing on Friday, November 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at St. Anthony's Orthodox Church during their weekend International Festival. The festival runs Friday and Saturday from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. There will be delicious foods, shopping and live music. Come and enjoy the experience!

AU Short Hiking Club

🍂 Short Hiking Club Enjoys a Beautiful Fall Hike! 🥾

On Monday, October 19th, six members of the Short Hiking Club enjoyed a beautiful fall day walking around Rockland Lake. With the autumn colors on full display, the group hiked approximately 3.2 miles while enjoying the crisp fall scenery and great company. After working up an appetite, the hikers headed to Rick's American for a well-deserved lunch. They put the "sugar" on top of a great day by enjoying delicious ribs, mac and cheese, and plenty of other tasty options! Beautiful fall colors, good friends, exercise, and a delicious lunch—what more could you ask for? 🍁



On October 19 the Short Hikers braved the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park is the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge, spanning 1.28 miles across the Hudson River at 212 feet high. Originally built in 1889 as a heavy rail cantilever bridge, it reopened as a scenic linear state park on October 3, 2009.



Care and Concern



During the month of November 2026, the Cares and Concerns Committee sent out these cards: 2 Get Well, 1 Concern, and 1 Condolence (for the passing of our former AU member Dave Umland).

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 November, please attend the AU General Meeting on Tuesday November 10th so we may sing "Happy Birthday" to you in person!

Quote of the Month: We make a living by what we GET. We make a life by what we GIVE. Happy ThanksGIVING!

A 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.

Activities Unlimited 2026 Stock Picking Contest Ranking

Top 3 Porfolios And AI Picks Year To Date

Market Price As Of: ***October 30 2026***

Name	***Market Value***
Harold Bennett	162,784
Richard Bernarde	145,429
John DeSantis	138,679
CoPilot LargeCap	100,720
CoPilot BestInSector	117,786

PAST Monthly Winners - No longer eligible till year-end

	Prior Month	*Market Value*	*Pct Increase*	*Winner In*
Harold Bennett	146,858	156,662	6.7	January
Mark Linder	101,303	121,707	20.1	February
Steven Howard	110,497	125,916	14.0	March
George Rosazza	116,387	116,417	0.0	April
George Kawamura	99,978	99,043	(0.9)	May
Mark Santimauro	144,747	147,927	2.2	June
Robert Dietch	96,862	99,417	2.6	July
Richard Bernarde	135,130	161,045	19.2	August
Anthony Delfico	116,412	126,569	8.7	September
Leonard Levy	81,196	90,608	11.6	October
				November
				December

AU November Birthdays

We are not aging, we are ripening to perfection.



GABRIEL CARIFI

SCOTT JAPKO

DAVID BLASZCZAK

TOM BUTLER

RICHARD BURNS

FRANK CZELUSTA

DOMENIC DEVINCENZI

JAMES DEAVER

JEFFREY FRIEDMAN

AVI FRIEDE

RICHARD LUTZY

STEPHEN JOERN

JOSEPH MCKAY

STEVEN POSER

TERRENCE SMITH

ROBERT SPAGNARDI

RAYMOND STEELE

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EDMUND ZELHOF

DAN YANDRASEVICH

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Keep Smiling!



