Activities Unlimited

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Activities Unlimited General Meeting September 8

Midland Park Christian Reformed Church
183 Godwin Ave. Midland Park

President's Message

Friends, welcome back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to resume with our monthly activities. We have an exciting lineup of speakers and social events in the coming months which you don't want to miss. Watch for email announcements and information in our newsletter.

Changes are coming to Activities Unlimited and at this month's General Meeting on September 8th, the AU Board of Directors will present our plans for incorporation. We have been asked to do this by the Wyckoff Reformed Church, and we want all members to be aware of what we are doing and how it will impact us in the future.

Also, at this month's meeting we will be entertained with a special program from a string quartet from the Ridgewood Symphony. This is quite out of the ordinary from what we normally do and will be a real treat. Spouses and guests are certainly welcome to attend. Their music selection can be found on the flier in this newsletter.

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

President 2026

AU September General Meeting: Featuring the Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra

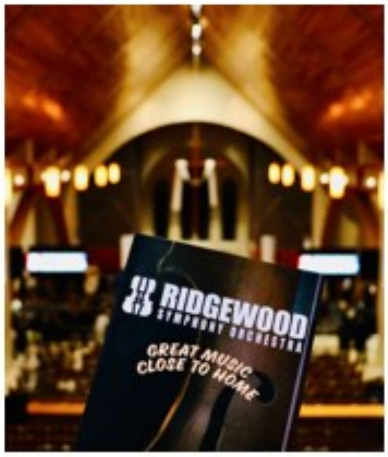






Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra String Quartet

Activities Unlimited Program, September 8, 2026



J.S. Bach: Double Violin Concerto in D minor BWV 1043 2nd movement

Saint-Saens: Concerto No. 1 in A minor 1st movement

Beethoven: Romance in F major

Mozart: Eine Kleine Nacht Music (A Little Night Music)

Violin I: Gabriel Anker ***Violin II: Hannah Finkelberg***

Viola: Kyunghun Kim ***Cello: Jennifer Lee***

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Be Sure to Join Us
It's Our Annual
"Breakfast at the Brick House"

Tuesday, October 13th
8:30AM

After a hearty buffet breakfast and our AU General Meeting session,
We'll enjoy an extra-special treat—

The Blue Chip Chorus

A Barbershop Quartet on Steroids

With 8-10 singers and some fun jokes to brighten your day.

The Price...just $25 all inclusive.

Make your Reservation today!

(Our chickens want to know how many eggs to lay.)

Send your check payable to "Activities Unlimited" to—

Jack Warner, 312 Four Seasons Lane, Montvale, NJ 07645
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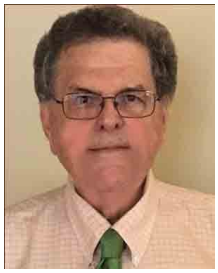
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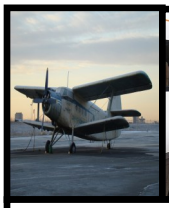
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Welcome New Members

Name	Address	Interests	Contact Information
Douglas Tanner	11 Spring Hill Circle Wayne, NJ 07470	Short hikers, Discussion Club, Golf, Investment Club, Pickle Ball, Tennis, Bowling	douglastanner@verizon.net Cell phone: 201-739-0691
Joseph Scarpelli	2 Kingsley Evans Circle Oakland, NJ 07436	Computer Club, Discussion Club, Golf, History Club, Science Club	jscarpelli@verizon.net, 917-414-3469
Michael March	9-19 5th Street Fair Lawn, NJ 07410	Short Hikers, Discussion Club, History Club, Pickle Ball	mmarch747@yahoo.com Cell phone: 201-394-6736




Trips & Tours





Chair: Tom Van Lenten, 201-248-7207
Trips & Tours Club will meet on September 8th after the General Meeting at the Midland Park Christian Reformed Church.

Upcoming Events – Fall 2026

September 17, Annual Social. The AU Annual Social returns for a fun, upbeat evening at the Upper Ridgewood Tennis Club from 6–9 pm, bringing members and guests together to reconnect, meet new faces, and enjoy a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Expect fine wines, served hors d'oeuvres, a full buffet, desserts, and plenty of lively conversation in a beautiful setting. Tickets are **$45 per person**, with reservations due by **September 11**. See page 6 for details.

September 25, AU Fall Golf Outing. **Join us for the AU Fall Golf Tournament at Farmstead Golf & Country Club!** Enjoy breakfast at 8:00, an 8:30 tee time, and lunch with prizes after the round. The cost is **$105 per player**, and all AU golfers are welcome. Set your foursome and contact **Jim Atieh** at Atieh-LJ1@verizon.net. Fees should be sent to Doug Cooper, 15 David Alan Way, Montville, NJ 07045.

October 13, Breakfast at the Brick House & General Meeting. We are pleased to announce the annual **Breakfast at the Brick House**, taking place on Tuesday, October 13 at 8:30 am. This year's program features a special performance by the **Blue Chip Chorus**, an energetic barbershop ensemble known for its humor and rich harmonies. The cost is **$25 all-inclusive**. See page 3 for details.

October 21 Lunch at Fino's in Allendale. Activities Unlimited is excited to host a festive luncheon at **Fino's Restaurant** in Allendale on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 12:30 pm. Members, wives, and significant others are warmly invited to enjoy a delicious multi-course meal featuring soup, salad, a wide selection of entrées, dessert, and beverages. The cost is **$39 per person.** See page 7 for details.

December 7, Christmas Dinner Dance, at Seasons. Activities Unlimited proudly presents its **Thirty-Ninth Annual Christmas 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 8 for details.

ACTIVITIES  **UNLIMITED**

AU Annual Social 2026

When: Thursday September 17, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Upper Ridgewood Tennis Club
915 Glenview Road, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Attire: Business Casual

This is a Special announcement for all to plan to attend the annual AU Social

Space is Limited to 80 People

Event: A social gathering where old and new friends can converse, share stories, reminisce, and plan for the future in a beautiful venue while enjoying delicious food and drinks. It's an excellent opportunity for new and old members along with guests to meet and share in the AU Journey.

Menu: An assortment of fine wines, served hors d'oeuvres, a buffet, along with coffee, tea, and desserts along with lots of conversation to consume.

Cost: $45 per person—No change from last year

Mail reservation to: Mark Cohen, 26 Winding Ridge, Oakland, NJ 07436

Make check payable to: Activities Unlimited

Reservation Cutt Off 9/11/2026 | 48 Days Always Sold OUT | Cancel Full Refund 9/142026

AU Member Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email
Guest Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email

Committee	Joseph Pullaro 201-337-0018 JosephPullaro@hotmail.com	Mark Cohen 201-755-5100 mark.cohen6222@gmail.com	John Murphy 201-723-4404 Deltsdp69@aol.com

WIFES & SIGNIFICANT OTHERS ARE INVITED - LESS THAN 55 DAYS TO EVENT!

Luncheon at Fino's Restaurant
114 West Allendale Ave, Allendale, NJ
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 - 12:30pm

Menu Selection-

Soup, Salad, Entrée (choice of chicken, veal, vegetarian, either fish, lobster ravioli or eggplant parmigiana, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Soda

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

Cost $39 per person ➡ Make out Checks to





Activities Unlimited

Send checks to:
Joe Pullaro
886 Iron Latch Road,
Franklin Lakes, N.J. 07417

Questions – Contact Joe at 201-337-0018 or josephpullaro@hotmail.com
Please include: Your Name & Guest Name – email – phone number
Cutoff date for reservations: October 1, 2026

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

1st Announcement 9/1/2026

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



Hold The Date Monday 12/7/2026

Location: Seasons – 644 Pascack Road The township of Washington, NJ 07676

Date – Monday, December 7, 2025 Starting at 5:30 PM and Ending at 9:30 PM

Cocktail Hour (AMAZING) – Hors D'oeuvres & Open Bar – 5:30 PM—6:45 PM

Dinner & Open Bar (OUTSTANDING) – Choice of Entrée – 6:45 PM—9:30 PM.

Dance and Socialize to Smooth and Easy Listening music by Peter Lieberman

Reservation & Payment - Cutoff Date is Monday **11/16/2026**

Surprise entertainment this year

For group reservations of 4 or more please 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

If you have a preference to sit with friends at the same table PLEASE CONFIRM with them and submit 1 reservation for with Payments

Full payment with All Reservations

For a Full Refund - Cancelation Date is 11/17/2026

Confirmed Members and or Guests that you would like to seat with

First Name - Please Print - Last Name

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

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10 _____

11 _____

12 _____

Hold your Reservation until 9/16/2026

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

Alt. Reservation Contact—John Murphy (201) 723-4404 email—Deltasp69@aol.com 1st Announcement Version 1— 9/1/2026

Current Month Club Activities

AU Guys

The AU Guys Big Band generally meets Wednesdays at 10 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 September 23 in the Memorial Room of the Wyckoff Reformed Church at 10 am. Book Club members are asked to send book recommendations beforehand to gregg.krieger@gmail.com that will be used as a starting point for selections for the year. The September meeting will be used to review the list and make suggestions for the October and November meetings.

Chair: Gregg Krieger 201-925-3197
Co-Chair: Peter Bieszard (201) 739-3584

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club is on summer break and will resume bowling on Friday October 2. We bowl every other Friday at 10:00 AM at Montvale Lanes for fun and camaraderie (no teams or competition). We welcome new members! (including beginner bowlers) If interested in giving it a try, contact Scott or Bill. Chair: Scott Japko, 201-788-5516 Co Chair: Bill Leo 845-

Bocce Club

The Bocce Club meets on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays at 10 am at Ramsey Courts on East Oak Street.

Chair: Walter Widmer, 551-286-4045

Garden Club

Garden Club will not have a meeting in September.

Chair: Fred Theile, 201-981-1801

Current Month Club Activities

History Club

The next meeting of the History will be on September 22 at the VFW building in Midland Park at 1pm. Jack Warner, our 2nd Vice President, has an excellent presentation for us, on the Erie Canal. The Canal was the single most important public works project ever built in the USA. Jack grew up in Green Island, NY where the Mohawk flows into the Hudson River and the Erie Canal begins its long passage westward. His father was the Chief operator of Lock #6 on the 1918 enlarged Canal. During WWII Summers Jack would help his father raise and lower tugboat-towed barges full of aviation gas and other materials vital to the war effort. Close by were the ruins of the original 1825 Erie Canal, abandoned and overgrown, but the place where Jack and his friends had played. You could say that the Erie Canal is in his DNA. Join us for an interesting talk!

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

Investment Study Group

The Investment Study Group will meet on September 1 at the VFW Midland Park. Guest Speaker is Anthony Stramiello, Financial Consultant at Fidelity Wealth Services. His topic is "Tax Efficient Investing". Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm followed by the presentation. Event requires pre-registration, invitation link was distributed to AU members late August. If you have inquiries about the event, reach out to Dennis LaBarbera at dlabee53@gmail.com.

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

Photography Club

The next Photography Club meeting is on September 22 at 10:30 am at the Midland Park VFW Hall.

Chair: Murray Perl, 201-261-7276

Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

Public Discussion Club

The Public Discussion Club will meet on September 9th at 10 am at the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corps Building. The topics of the meeting are:
1. Would a Ukraine-Russia peace agreement require Ukraine to cede territory to Russia, and is stopping the carnage worth that cost?
2. The President has declared 10 "national emergencies" since taking office, most recently the use of the National Guard to combat crime in DC. Is this a step too far?
3. Is the redistricting effort a race to the bottom?

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

Pickle Ball Club

Indoor Pickleball Club meets on Thursdays at 9 am at Passion Pickleball in Midland Park.

Chair: Ken Frisco: 973-919-6704

Science Club

The AU Science Club will meet on Tuesday, September 15th at 1pm at the Midland Park VFW. Our speaker will be Sasha Jacobs and she will be discussing the Science of Pilates.

Chair: Marc Bernhardt : 201-236-2957

Safe Shooting

The Safe Shooting Club will meet on September 30th at 1 pm at the **Waldwick Police Pistol Range**, Waldwick, NJ, 217 Pine Street, Waldwick which is a 20-minute drive from the VFW Hall in Midland Park. New shooters are welcome. Contact Dave Hubschmitt if you have not already confirmed your attendance.

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

Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

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. September meeting dates are 1st and 15th of the month.

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

The Computer & Technology Club will meet once per month on the third Tuesday at 10:30am.

Chair: Harry Bennett, 201-803-1475
Co-Chair: Fred Theile, 201-981-1801

Tennis Club

The Tennis Club will meet Mondays at 10 am Wyckoff Outdoor Tennis Courts.

Chair: Edward O'Keefe, 201-818-4031
Co-Chair: John Conforti, 201-788-3933

Activities Unlimited 2026 Stock Picking Contest Ranking

Top 3 Porfolios And AI Picks Year To Date

Market Price As Of: ***August 31 2026***

Name	*Market Value*
Richard Bernarde	161,045
Harold Bennett	156,662
Kenneth Frisco	148,023

CoPilot LargeCap	105,868
CoPilot BestInSector	105,292

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
				September
				October
				November
				December

Care and Concern



Activities Unlimited Cares and Concerns Report for September 2026 Newsletter:

⇒ During the month of August 2026, the Cares and Concerns Committee sent out these cards: 1 Thank You, and 1 Condolence (for the passing of our AU member Dave Voehl).

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 August and September, please attend the AU General Meeting on Tuesday September 8th so we may sing "Happy Birthday" to you in person!

Quote of the Month: "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be." Abraham Lincoln.

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 September Birthdays

We are not aging, we are ripening to perfection.



Jim Webb

Thomas Donch

Ronald Pasquariello

James Cancelosi

Tony Celeste

William Balcerski

Cornelius Sullivan

Alex Moleski

Joseph Luongo

Ernest Barbaris

Peter Connors

Saverio Costa

Edward Foldessy

Rick Sneyers

Charles Dye

Roy Peppard

James Forbes

William Layfield

Edmund Houlihan

Jack Yurasek

John Peterson

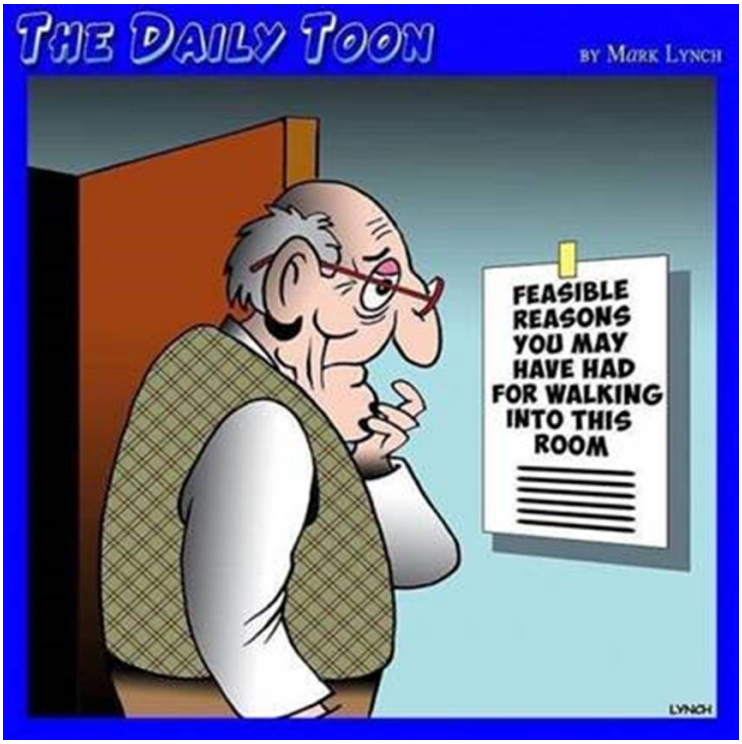
Michael Murphy

Ralph Torraco

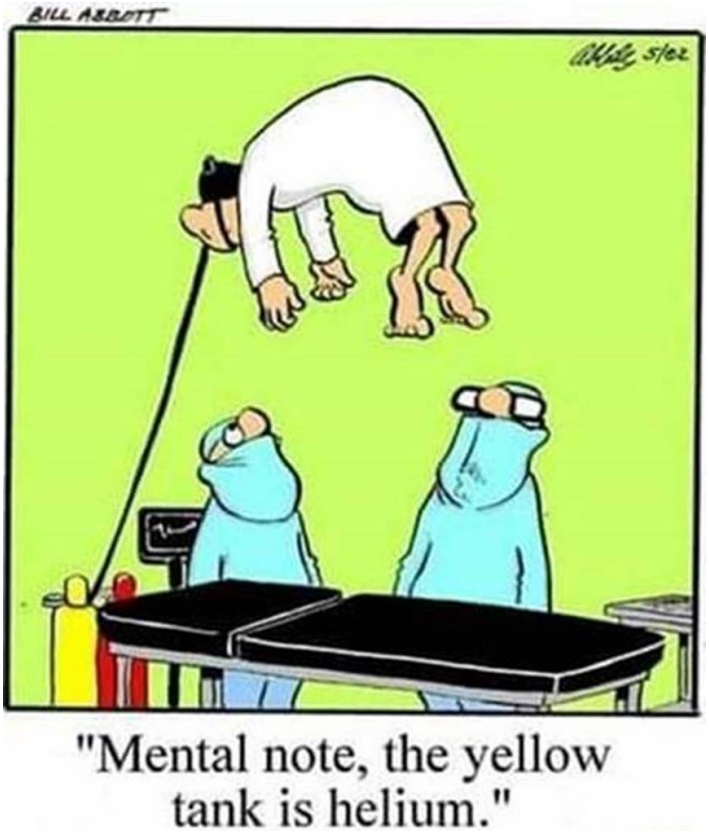
Keep Smiling!



What happens when Old Car Guys get sent to a nursing home ...







"Mental note, the yellow tank is helium."