



**Activities Unlimited
General Meeting**
Tuesday February 11, 2024, 1:00pm
Henneveld Hall, Wyckoff Reformed Church, 580 Wyckoff Ave.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow! The first meeting of the year started off with much excitement. First two of our members got stuck in the stair lift and with all hands-on deck they were promptly lifted and removed safely. The board members met, and this year decided to return to Indian Trail Club for our Spring Luncheon in May. Our music and entertainment will be provided by Peter Lieberman. We will see a price hike, but it will certainly be worth the value.

There are still some members who have yet to pay their dues. I encourage them to reconsider and join up again. This year will be most exciting and packed with plenty to do. Get involved and see what fun and all the new friends you can meet.

The General Meeting was well attended, and we were excited to hear our speaker, our very own member Jack Warner. Jack authored a book "Decisions" about his life, and we all received valuable tips to apply during our lives. He was inspiring us and gave us insight and much to think about. If you were not there you missed valuable ideas and a great presentation. On the 16th we had our Annual Beefsteak at the VFW Building served by the Nightingale group. Plenty of Beefsteak to eat and lots of fun to be had. We were entertained by a one man Comedian, Ventriloquist, Magician. He kept us in stitches all night. All night he especially enjoyed picking on Uncle Tony and Ernie. If you were there you would know who I mean. The event was well attended and if you weren't there you missed an exciting time great, camaraderie and fun. I am looking forward to meeting more members at our next meeting in February. Till then be peaceful and careful.

Tom Donch, President

Donations for the food bank collections were \$107.50 in January.



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2025 OFFICERS



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This is a reminder that 2025 AU membership dues were payable by 12/31/24. The Executive Board has approved keeping the dues level unchanged at **\$60.00** for 2025. Membership dues support the cost of insurance and meeting space as well as several AU events such as the Spring Luncheon, Summer BBQ, Annual Breakfast, General Meetings and Christmas Dinner Dance. Please mail your **\$60 check, payable to Activities Unlimited**, to Gabe Carifi, 299 Sicomac Avenue, Apt 1202, Wyckoff, NJ 07481.

Welcome New Members			
Lawrence D Tedesco (Carolyn)	808 Fieldstone Terrace Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Discussion, History	H: 201-461-9610 C: 201-390-9253 ldtedesco@aol.com (CPA)
Norm Biener (Barbara)	546 Westbrook Court Paramus, NJ 07652	Hiking Short, Discussion, History, Luncheon, Stock Club	H: 201-447-1567 C: 201-248-6763 nbiener2023@gmail.com (Lawyer)



Trips & Tours



**The next T&T meeting will be on February 11, 2025; 9:00am
VFW Hall Midland Park**

**Chair: Tom Van Lenten: 201-248-7207
email: tomvanlenten@hotmail.com**

Upcoming Events Spring –Summer 2025

March, Saturday 8th. Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons’ “The Last Encores” show at the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown, NJ. The concert starts at 8 pm. This event is sold out.

April, Thursday 24th. Mystery Night & Dinner at Maggiano’s in Hackensack, 7-10 pm. Get plunked smack-dab in the middle of a hilarious homicide investigation and enjoy a family style dinner. Wives/ Significant others are invited. Reservations are limited and will be accepted on a first come first served basis. For detailed information see the event flyer on page 4. Send your checks for \$69 pp, payable to Activities Unlimited, by February 28 to David Voehl, 69 Independence Way, Morristown, NJ 07960.

May Wednesday 14th. Spring Luncheon at the Indian Trail Club, Franklin Lakes. Details to follow.

June, 5th Thursday. AU Summer Picnic, Red Barn, Crestwood Park, Allendale. Details to follow.



**April 24 - Murder Mystery Dinner at Maggiano's Hackensack
Time: 7-10PM**

This is every detective's fantasy come true - an opportunity for people with a passion for murder mysteries to get plunked smack-dab in the middle of a hilarious homicide investigation. Enjoy the atmosphere and fabulous cuisine of Maggiano's Little Italy...but remember you could become the leading suspect!

Family Style Dinner Includes:

FIRST COURSE

Calamari Fritte
Balsamic Tomato Bruschetta
Italian Tossed Salad
Caesar Salad

SECOND COURSE

Four Cheese Ravioli with Pesto Alfredo Sauce
Rigatoni alla Vodka
Chicken Parmesan
Salmon Lemon & Herb

DESSERT

Tiramisu
Vera's Lemon Cookies

Reservations may be limited and are handled by a third-party vendor Eventbrite. Checks must be received by February 28th and will be recorded in the order they are received. Receipt of a check, by the due date, unfortunately may not guarantee a reservation.

Picture Highlights from January's General Meeting

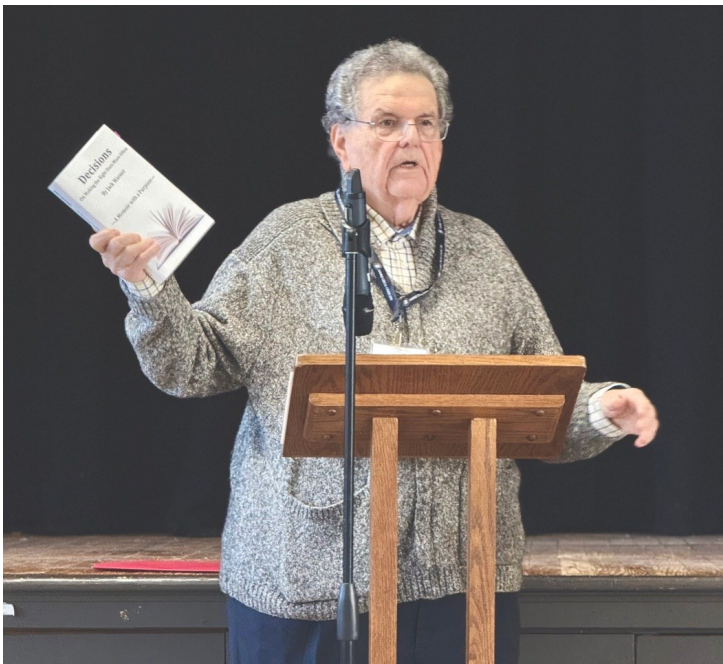
Current AU President Tom Donch orchestrating the first General Meeting of 2025.



Pastor Andy providing some inspiration to General Meeting attendees for the new season



Quest Speaker and AU Member Jack Warner discussing his new book "Decisions"



AU Band Member John DeSantis entertaining the crowd with saxophone tunes.



Current Month Club Activities

AU Guys

The AU Guys Band meets Wednesdays at 10:00am at the Midland Park VFW Hall. February meetings will be on 5th, 19th and 26th. The AU Guys Band is booked for a performance at the Veterans Home in Paramus on March 19, 2025 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Chair: John DeSantis: blueiii@earthlink.net; 201-447-0256.

Co-chair: Frank Altomare: 201-410-4712; frank@altomare.us

Book Club

Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday February 26th at 10 am in the Memorial Room of the Wyckoff Reformed Church. Books to be discussed are

1) **The Demon of Unrest**, by Erik Larson- The story of the months between Lincoln's election and the Confederacy's shelling of Fort Sumter on the eve of the Civil War. The book explores tragic errors, miscommunications, and personal tragedies that led to the deadliest conflict in American history.

2) **The Women** by Hannah Kristin. Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world was changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and

Club Chair: Gregg Krieger, Gregg.krieger@gmail.com, 201-925-3197,

Co-chair: Peter Bieszard, pmbieszard@optonline.net.

New Club

Bowling Club

Do you enjoy bowling? Or would like to give it a try?

AU is looking to form a Bowling Club! The group would meet periodically to bowl for fun and camaraderie. All experience levels are welcome. The day, time, frequency and location are TBD based on participant input. For now we're looking to see if there's interest.

If you have interest please let **Scott Japko** know at scottjapko@gmail.com (email) or **201-788-5516** (phone or text). Let's bowl!

Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

History Club

The History Club will meet on Tuesday February 25th at 1 pm at Midland Park VFW Hall. This meeting will feature Joe Pullaro whose presentation will be:

Older Bridges, Like Us, Still Productive

Joe will talk about how we inspect, test, rehabilitate and keep our 600,000+ highway bridges in service. In his 50-year career as a bridge design engineer, he worked in 26 states focusing on bridge rehabilitation and forensic work ascertaining the reasons why some bridges fail.

Chair: Joe Pullaro, Josephpullaro@hotmail.com, 201-337-0018;

Co-Chair: Stephen H. Joern, stevejoern@gmail.com

Investment Study Group

The Investment Study Group meeting will be Tuesday February 4th at Midland Park VFW Hall.

Club Chairs: Dennis LaBarbera, dennis.labarbera@yahoo.com. 561-222-1027, **Fred Theile**, fredtheile@gmail.com, 201-981-1801.

Photography Club

Photography Club will meet on February 25th at 10:30 am at the Midland Park VFW Hall.

Club Chairs: Murray Perl: 201-446-7357; mdperl@gmail.com; 201-261-7276; **Sam Ohan**: samo993@verizom.net; 201-825-0437

Public Discussion Club

Public discussion club meets on Wednesday February 12th at 10 am at Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corp Building. Discussion topics will be emailed before the meeting.

Chairs: Walter Widmer: 551-286-4045 and **Tom Butler**: 201-452-6649

Science Club

The Science Club will meet on Tuesday February 18th at 1 pm at the Midland Park VFW Hall. The discussion topics to be announced.

Club Chair: Marc Bernhardt: 201-236-2957

Current Month Club Activities (cont.)

Safe Shooting Club

No meeting in February.

Chairs: David Hubschmitt: 973-650-0052 and **Richard Berger:** 201-741-9233

Stock Market Club

The AU Stock Market Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00am at the Midland Park VFW Hall . The February meetings will be on 4th and 18th.

Club Chairs: Frank Nusspickel: nusspickel@aol.com; 201-739-5773 and **Steve Klein:**sikein7@aol.com; 201-264-1654.

Stock Picking Contest

The January winner is Al Connelly. The month-to-date increase for his portfolio was \$18.9K or 18.9%.

Chair: John Abrahamsen: au.club.jwa@gmail.com, 201-739-8589

Technology & Computer Club

Technology club will be meeting twice during the month of February on 4th and 18th at 10:30am at the Midland Park VFW Hall.

At each meeting new technologies will be presented by Fred Theile. The computer portion will be topics about either Windows or Apple devices discussed by John Abrahamsen. Prior to each meeting an email will be sent to members on the computer email list with details about the topic and device used.

Club Chairs: John Abrahamsen, au. club.jwa@gmail.com, 201-739-8589, and **Fred Theile,** fredtheile@gmail.com, 201-981-1801.

AU Beefsteak Dinner January 16, 2025

First event of the 2025 AU Trips and Tours season was the Beefsteak Dinner in mid-January. While food was delicious and plentiful (several members had seconds and thirds), the highlight of the event was John Pizzi's comedy show.



AU Long Hikers Club Recent Hikes



Care and Concern

Activities Unlimited Care and Concern Report for February 2025 Newsletter

During the month of January 2025, the Care and Concern Committee sent out these cards: 8 Get Well, 9 Thank You. We were not notified of any members passing.

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

Over the last few months, 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 February Birthdays

Name	Name
John Hodge	Michael Conte
Donald Casey	Charles Bellucci
Donald Fairbairn	Peter Macaluso
Russell Gluck	John Sanchez
Edwin Lundell	John Steen
Marty Valerio	David Hubschmitt
Guy Colaneri	John Clary
Nelson Ramirez	Timothy Tracey
James McGinnis	Donald Kirkpatrick
Avon Morgan	Thomas Meloro
Richard Freud	Murray Perl
James Yu	Joseph Cuomo
William Mastellon	George Lewis
John Weindler	Donald Reeder
Joseph Coyle	George Kawamura
Robert Breckenridge	Eugene Boyle
Andrew Safina	



On The Lighter Side

