

NUTLEY UNICO  
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## FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

OUR NEXT DINNER MEETING IS **THURSDAY, MARCH 7**, AT  
7:00 pm at **MAMMA VITTORIA**.

### Activities:

- Alan Genitempo, **Scholarship** Committee Chair, announced that **applications are now available through the high school and on our website (see above)**. If you have any family or friends of Italian heritage who are Nutley residents and who have a high school graduate this year, please encourage them to complete an application. Michelle Fleitell also discussed the availability of UNICO National scholarships. If interested, you can get that information at “[unico.org](http://unico.org)”.
- February 1 Meeting:
  - Winners of the annual raffle were:
    - \$9,000 – Rich Parker, #032
    - \$3,000 – Mike Thompson, #321
    - \$2,500 – Frank Spina, #311
    - \$2,000 – Nick Russo, #274
    - \$1,000 – Nick Scalera, #223

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Tom Sposato, Sal Ferraro and Mark DiMaggio for their hard work coordinating this fundraiser. \$17,500 will go to financing our UNICO scholarships and events.
- Incoming National President, Anthony Bengivenga, was in attendance.
- Dan Marucci explained the difference in many of the cultural and dining differences between the native Italians in Italy and us, Italian-Americans in the U.S., such as what time of the day is for the large meal, the way they eat spaghetti (spoonless), the popularity of espresso, the typical Italian breakfast, etc.

## **Good & Welfare:**

Gerry & Joanne Del Tufo welcomed their first grandchild, Lucia Anne Del Tufo, 8 lbs., 2 oz., to the family on Jan. 25. The proud parents are Danny & Julia Del Tufo.

The Federation of Italian-American Societies of New Jersey will be celebrating its 91<sup>st</sup> anniversary at their annual dinner dance on Saturday, April 13 at the Hanover Manor in East Hanover. Ralph Caputo, our 2023 Lifetime Achievement Awardee, will be presented with their 2024 President's Award for Lifetime Achievement. Two of our members will also be honored. Commissioner Alphonse Petracco will receive the Italian Business Leader Award and Vito & Melissa Matturro will receive the Faithful Service Award. Tickets are \$125 per person. The contact person is Susan LaMorte (201-618-2903).

## **National Business:**

- We continue to be active in challenging a recent procedure endorsed by the National President concerning the addition of DNA as a criterion for membership in UNICO with as little as 1%!! – a position we oppose.

## **District VII Business:**

- Carnevale is scheduled for Feb. 13 at Michael's Riverside, Lyndhurst, from 7:00 – 10:30 pm. Tickets are \$65.
- The District VII Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner is April 9 at the Graycliff, Moonachie. Tickets are \$60. Our recipient is yet to be selected.

## **Chapter Business:**

- Help is needed with the chapter's Brian Piccolo breakfast on Sunday, May 19. We are beginning to collect items for gift baskets. Contact me or Marie Solimo. We are also considering several persons as a guest speaker. If you have a contact that we should consider, please let me know.
- Several members have reached milestone anniversaries. They will be notified and recognized at the April 4 meeting.
- Forms will be distributed soon for you to nominate someone for the UNICAN of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards. The Lifetime Achievement nominee need not be a member of UNICO. We do not consider sitting elected officials. These awards will also be presented at the April 4 meeting.

## **Executive Committee Meeting: Scheduled for Feb. 20**

### **Upcoming Events/Activities:**

- Feb. 20 - Executive Committee Meeting**
- March 7 - Monthly Dinner Meeting**
- April 4 - " "**
- April 9 - District VII Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner at the Graycliff, Moonachie**
- May 2 - Monthly Dinner Meeting**
- May 19 - Brian Piccolo Scholarship Breakfast, 9:00 am at the Chandelier**
- May 28 - District VII dinner meeting with Nutley as host.**
- June 6 - Final dinner meeting of the year.**

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### **SPORTS TRIVIA**

1. The diameter of a Basketball rim is: (a-24", b-18", c-16",d-30")
2. Which is called the "king of sports"?: (a-football, b-basketball, c-soccer, d-baseball )
3. Three strikes in a row in bowling is called a: (a-triangle, b-turkey, c-golden goose)
4. The national sport of Canada is: (a-hockey, b-lacrosse, c-skiing)
5. The country that has competed the most times in the summer Olympics without a gold medal is: (a-Honduras, b-Philippines, c-Costa Rica, d-Pakistan)
6. Raging Bull is a movie about which boxer? (a-Mr. T, b-Mohammed Ali, c-Jake LaMotta, d-Gerry Cooney)
7. Who won more Grand Slam tennis titles, a-Venus or b-Serena Williams?
8. What color are the football goalposts?: (a-white, b-brown, c-yellow)
9. What sporting event is held every Memorial Day?: (a-baseball all-star game, b-Indianapolis 500, c-US Tennis Open)
10. What was the first sport women were allowed to participate in in the 1900 Olympics?: (a-skiing, b-swimming, c-tennis)
11. What is the only sport to have been "played" on the moon?: (a-high jump, b-golf, c-frisbee)
12. Who is the youngest player to score 10,000 points in NBA history?: a-Wilt Chamberlain, b- Jerry West, c-Michael Jordan, d-Labron James, d-Magic Johnson)
13. Who was the first NBA player to shatter a backboard?: (a-Shaq, b-Wilt Chamberlain, c-Chuck Connors, d-Charles Barkley)
14. Who was the first major league baseball player to throw a pitch over 100 mph?: (a-Bob Gibson, b-Nolan Ryan, c-Ryne Duren)
15. Who was the first athlete to appear on a Wheaties box?: (a-Bob Mathias, b-Bruce Jenner, c-Lou Gehrig, d-Babe Ruth)

Answers below

Please forward any changes in email addresses, good & welfare items, questions for the Executive Committee or questions concerning the newsletter to me at [fcoch1212@gmail.com](mailto:fcoch1212@gmail.com).

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