

North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 P.O. Box 193, North Haven, CT 06473

North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge # 2805 Nov - 2023 Newsletter Next Meeting november 7

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How to contact our officers Susan Velleca, President Frank Mentone, Vice President Ralph Casciello, Orator Marybeth Madigan, Recording Secretary Regina Najarian, Financial Secy., Mark DeFranco, Treasurer, Len Ricciardelli, Immediate Past President Denise Krause, Past President, Neil Velleca Jr., Past President Marianne Ciarleglio, Mistress Ceremonies Joya Dolzani, Guard, Trustees: Sharon Ricciardelli, 203-239-0215 / Sallyann Gill, 203-645-8177 / Gail Norup, 2 Nick Mastroianni, 203-430-0411 Gale Iannone 203-239-0454/Gary Takach, SueAnn Mentone, 203-710-4186 Angela Vitti,203-274-0001 / Jon Najarian, U Website Address northhavenlodge2805.club	203-710-7397 203-239-2999 203-239-2868 Upon Request	Our Lodge has a couple ways to communicate with our members. We have a monthly newsletter and minutes. Both are emailed and the newsletter is also posted on our website. usually in the 3 rd or 4 th week of the month. You may also have them mailed to you. If you would like to receive your these in the mail please let Sue know. To sign up to receive our Lodge emails please go to our website, once there, scroll down, you will notice an email sign up form. Fill it in and subscribe. Our Website address is: https://northhavenlodge2805.club Our Lodge email address is nhsdilodge2805@outlook.com. If you have something you would like to request us to share in the newsletter, on our website, Facebook page or in an email please email Lenny at Lric56@yahoo.com or Sue at snoozie321@outlook.com Deadline for newsletter is the 20 th of the month. We also send out emails with important updates, good and welfare, and when committee meetings are scheduled.

President's Message

The weather is getting colder, and the summer is over. Most of our large events were held, and they were very successful. Our Car Show, Golf Tournament, Distinguished Citizen Dinner, Lodge Picnic, Blood Drive, and our Heritage Month events were held. Hopefully you attended one or all of these and agree that they were great.

Now we have our Fashion Show coming up this month. Come and join us, tickets will be available at our November meeting. It's for everyone, members, and non-members. There will be beautiful clothes and lots of raffle prizes.

On Fridays we are going to restart Line Dancing. Check the newsletter for details.

We have our events planned for 2024. We will start the year with our 20th Anniversary Party. Come and enjoy a fun evening with friends, new and old. Tickets will be available for the next couple of meetings.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving with your Family. See you at the meeting. Susan



FRIDAY NIGHT LINE DANCING IS BACK!



Join us on November 3rd & 15th at 7:00 pm for an evening of Line Dancing. If you don't know line dancing, Angela will be there to help. She will even teach you some Country Line Dances.

Bring snacks and your favorite beverage and spend a fun evening with lodge members and friends. It's open to anyone and it's FREE!

20th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Saturday, January 6, 2024 - 6:00 – 11:00 PM Violis Restaurant @ Wallingford Country Club Dinner – DJ – Cash Bar \$50.00 for members - \$60.00 for non-members

Come and celebrate our 20th Anniversary! Enjoy a night with food, music, and the company of friends. Make a table for your family and friends. For tickets contact Neil: navelleca@hotmail.com or call 203-239-2999 We will be selling tickets at the November & December meetings. Deadline for purchase tickets December 15th No tickets will be sold at the door.



Fashion Show Info

"Our Fashion Show is 3 weeks away on Sunday, November 19th. The Committee has been working very hard to ensure another successful Show. We hope that everyone will be attending, including our male members!

Remember, the last day to purchase tickets is at the Lodge meeting, November 7th. If you can't be at meeting, call Regina at 203-376-8524. Please leave a message. Woodwinds wants a final count on Friday, November 10th so get your tickets early.

Thank you. See you all there."



Grand Lodge Columbus Luncheon

On November 5th the Grand Lodge of Connecticut will be having their Columbus Luncheon where they honor members from each lodge with the Meritorious Member Award.

This year our Lodge has nominated Gale Iannone as our Meritorious Member. She is a longtime member who has run numerous movie nights always making them fun and interesting. She has also helped on other lodge committees. We invite everyone to come and help us celebrate Gale and the other recipients from around the state. You can also sign up at our next lodge meeting. Hope you will consider joining us as our Lodge members will be sitting together.



Community Outreach

DIAPER DRIVE

Last call for the diaper drive! Thanks to all that gave already! We will be picking up from our local businesses on October 26th. If you have something to contribute, but missed our meeting or can't get to the businesses, contact one of us to arrange pickup. At this time, the businesses that are helping us with collections are **Arnold's Jewelers, Hello Gorgeous, and Nick's Char Pit**. They have done this repeatedly, and it is greatly appreciated. Please acknowledge this when visiting their businesses. **BLOOD DRIVE**

Blood Drive update - Thanks again to everyone that gave blood in September. Please save the date and plan ahead for the next one. It will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd 2024, at St. Frances Cabrini Church.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Our committee will now begin meeting on the third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at St. Frances Cabrini. We hope that this will encourage other Lodge members to join us- please bring your energy and ideas to the next meeting, November 21st!

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Donna and Ralph will once again coordinate our Christmas Toy Drive for the Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet. Please bring new, unwrapped toys (with batteries) to the December meeting, or drop them at one of the businesses referenced above.

NEW SNEAKER RECYCLING

A new venture that Judy has decided to coordinate is for sneaker recycling through an organization called Got Sneakers. Their website is www.GotSneakers.com They pride themselves on recycling <u>used athletic sneakers</u> of any size and will actually pay the Lodge a small amount per shoe! So, this will be an ongoing activity. We ask that you bag and bring your used athletic sneakers to any Lodge meeting. Judy (or one of the committee members) will collect them, sort them and submit them to the company per their instructions. There are, however, a few rules. Please do NOT bring us shoes, boots or other footwear. We can't send them. Additionally, they no longer accept sneakers with holes or broken soles. So dig through your closets and bring us the sneakers you are no longer wearing and don't know what to do with! Any questions, feel free to contact one of us.

Thanks again to everyone that has supported our endeavors. If any members want to join our committee or suggest an activity - please contact us, or simply come to the November 21st meeting!

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