NUTLEY UNICO

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P.O. Box 43, Nutley

MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Next Dinner Meeting – THURSDAY, June 5, at 7:00 pm at Mama Vittoria

Only dues paying members and paying guests should be attending our dinner meetings.

**May Meeting:**

* Tom Sposato announced the nominees for the 2025-06 slate of officers. Danielle Manganello (President), Frank Russo (1st VP), Jerry Del Tufo (2nd VP), Mark DiMaggio (3rd VP), Sal Ferrara (Secretary), Tom Sposato (Treasurer), JR Mascolo (Sgt.at Arms) and Lenny Guglemello & Nick Russo (Members at Large). Ther was one nomination from the floor for the position of Treasurer. Voting will take place at the June meeting.
* Unico Scholarships were presented to Matthew Blanchard (Italian Language), Serena Genna (Italian Language), Ryan Kenny (Music) and Vincent Carnicella (Vocational).

**Good & Welfare:**

* Frank Russo’s daughter, Danielle, and husband Joey Cohen, welcomed twin girls to the family on April 22, Amelia Jane & Mabel Frances.
* Joanne Cocchiola’s daughter, Allyson, and husband Jesse LaRue, had their third child, Lia Jo, on May 11.
* Our condolences to Johana DeSordi on the recent passing of her husband, Ralph.

**Activities/Events:**

* Brian Piccolo Scholarship Breakfast – Six scholarships were presented at the May 18 breakfast: Damiano Farro (Male Piccolo, $1,500), Isabel Riccardi (Female Piccolo, $1,500), Caitlin Chua (Arcuti Family Scholarship, $1,200), Luke Cozzi (Piro Law Firm, $1,250), Ava Fiordilino (Piro Law Firm, $1,250) and Frank Cocchiola, Sr. Scholarship (Gabriella Hunter, $1,500)
* Our breakfast guest speaker was Elena Primerano Wise, a legendary Lyndhurst HS and Rutgers Univ. track athlete who played a major role in the development, and subsequent success, of the first US Olympic Women’s Bobsled Team.

**National Business:**

* The 2025 National Convention will be July 30 – Aug. 3 at the Westin, Ft. Lauderdale.
* National Scholarships are available on the national website (www.unico.org/cholarships).

**District VII Business:**

* The most important District announcement with regard to our Chapter is that Dan Carnicella will be sworn in as NJ District VII Governor at a dinner on Tuesday, June 17, at the Franklin Steak House, Fairfield. Dinner will be $50 per person. Payment must be in **cash only.** You can bring it to the June meeting or pay at the door.Please notify me or Marie Solimo if you plan on attending since we do need to give the venue a count
* June 1 – Garfield Bocce. $200 for a four-person team.

**Chapter Business:**

* If you plan on sponsoring a new member please remember that he/she must attend one of our dinner meetings or events before the application is reviewed by the Executive Committee. Applications are available on our website (nutleyunico.org) or at our dinner meeting.
* This year we are setting aside a special night for the awarding of donor scholarships. This will be Tuesday, June 10, at 7:00 pm at the Chandelier, Belleville, and will be in addition to our regular meeting on June 5. The cost will be $35 per person for members.

**Executive Committee Meeting – May 21, 2025**

* We now have 176 members.
* Dates for next year’s meetings are all Thursdays; Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, (No December meeting. A date for the Christmas party is still pending), Jan. 8, 2026, Feb. 5, March 5, April 9, May 7 and June 4.
* We plan to have an agreement soon with K & K Trophy/Apparel for an opportunity for members to purchase shirts, hats, jackets, etc. with Nutley UNICO logo. Details to follow.
* The increasing cost of our dinners has caused the Executive Committee to review the annual dues and dinner attendance. Discussion will follow at the June meeting.

**Upcoming Calendar of Events -**

(All dinner meetings will be on Thursdays at Mama Vittoria with noted exceptions)

May 26 - Nutley Memorial Day Parade

May 29 - NHS Scholarship Night (Nutley HS)

June 5 – Dinner Meeting

June 10 – **Special Scholarship event** (Chandelier) – Donor Scholarships

August 6 - **Christmas Eve in August**

August 27 (Wednesday) – **Annual Golf Outing** at Hendricks Field, Belleville. 7:00 am registration, Light Breakfast, 8:00 am Shotgun Start (Full Scramble). $195 per golfer - Includes breakfast, golf, cart, water, lunch at Nanina’s in the Park, raffle and prizes. If attending just for lunch the cost is $70.

Hole Sponsors are $100. Contact Tom Sposato (973-202-8034) or Sal Ferraro (973-495-7935).

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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*.