

NUTLEY UNICO

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

NEWSLETTER

Dinner Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 7, 2020, 7:00 pm
at

NANINA'S IN THE PARK

(Please remember that all members attending this meeting contribute an extra \$10 due to the change in venue.)

January Meeting

- Sal Ferraro reported on the success of the Breakfast with Santa event. Thanks to all who worked so hard on this activity.
- Debbie Belucci reported on the Christmas Party held at Nanina's. Over 110 people were in attendance. Food was great as usual, John Cafone's music was seasonal and fun and Lenny G. MC'd the "Swap Raffle" with his usual tact and humor.
- Todd Petrina was sworn in as a new member. *Benvenuta!*
- Dan Marucci's Culture & Heritage meal was aligned with the Italian New Year traditions; Rice balls, Black Olives in oil and garlic, Mussels with white wine sauce, Mozzarella & Cherry Tomatoes, Orechette with Broccoli and Sausage, Chicken with Roasted Potatoes and Cod with green beans.
- Lorraine Kucinski told us of some other Italian New Year's traditions; Lentils (shaped like little coins), Raisins (for a sweet year), Red wine for fertility and good luck, throwing a plate out the window (out with the old to bring in something new), fireworks to scare away evil spirits Risotto and the Drink of choice (Prosecco). Small packets of lentils and raisins were provided each attendee along with a Prosecco toast to welcome in 2020!
- Pasquale Pisani explained some of his "phrases/words" of the month; Scusi, Grazie and Prego (you're welcome/welcome, come in)

Activities

- The February meeting will be the big night for a few people. We will be drawing the winners of our annual \$100 raffle. Please be reminded that **all tickets** must be sold or returned.

- Chapter by-laws are being reviewed by an ad hoc committee (Andy Garrutto-Chair, Marie Solimo & Frank Cocchiola). Plans are to present revised by-laws to the executive committee in March, then to the membership at the March meeting. Approval would be at the April meeting.
- Scholarships are now available on line to Nutley HS seniors and Nutley seniors attending private schools.
- Dan Marucci and Sal Corvino are coordinating a map of Italy identifying the location of your ancestors who originally came to this country. Send them the town, province and region for your maternal and paternal sides at grampymarucci@gmail.com. The map will be available for viewing at each dinner meeting.
- Dan is also collecting old family pictures of your relatives for a Nutley Unico family photo gallery. Any submitted will be returned. Send to D. Marucci @ 39 Hampton Pl, Lorraine Kucinski @ 21 Ravine Ave or Marie Solimo @ 175 Ridge Rd.
- Cathy Marucci is coordinating several Unico trips. The first is March 3 to the Culinary Institute of America & Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park, NY. This trip may be sold out, but others are scheduled to follow.

Executive Committee Notes

- Discussed the upcoming procedures for the nomination and selection of this year's Award winners; Unican of the Year and Outstanding/Lifetime Achievement.
- Reviewed all District and National business
- Reviewed two new applications for membership; Carol Moschella and Cosmo Braico, Jr. Both will be sworn in at the Feb. meeting.
- New members joining after mid-year will have their fees reduced by \$15 due to the shortened year.
- Next year's Christmas Party will be Dec. 8, 2020.
- The National President, Dr. Frank DeFrank, & his wife were invited to attend the Feb. meeting and have accepted.
- Work is beginning on securing a guest speaker for our Sept. meeting.
- Next Exec Committee meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 13

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 28 - District VII meeting at Mama Vittoria.
- Feb. 6 – Chapter dinner meeting
- Feb. 25 – District VII Carnevale, Brownstone
- March 5 – Chapter dinner meeting
- March 31 – District VII Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner, Il Villagio
- April 2 – Chapter dinner meeting
- May 7 – Chapter dinner meeting
- May 17 – Chapter Brian Piccolo Scholarship Breakfast, Forest Hill Country Club
- June 4- Chapter dinner meeting.

How about some Italian-American slang?

...*aduzipazz!* – You're crazy (*ma tu sei pazzo!*)
...*bacous* – Bathroom (backhouse)
...*basanagol* – basil (*basilica*)
...*biangolin* – bleach (*bianco lino*)
...*boombots* – an idiot (*u' pazzo*)
...*chooch* – jackass (*ciuccio*)
...*disgrazat'* – dirtball (*disgraziato*)
...*facciabrut*' – ugly face (*faccia brutta*)
...*frittad* – fried egg sandwich (*frittata*)
...*fugazi* – fake (*falso or fake*)
...*gabbadost* – hardhead (*capa dura/capa tosta*)
...*gabbagool* – type of meat (*capicola*)
...*gabish?* – understand? (*capisci?*)
...*gaguzz* – sauash (*cucuzza*)
...*gavone* – gluttonous eater (*cafone*)
...*giambott* – Italian Stew (*giambotta*)
...*giamoke* – idiot (*giamope*)
...*gumad* – mistress/girlfriend (*cumare/comare*)
...*gidrul* – stupid person (*cetriolo*)
...*mameluke* – idiot/fool (*mamalucco*)
...*maloicch* – evil eye (*malocchio*)
...*menzamenz* – half and half (*mezza mezza*)
...*mezzamort* – half-dead (*mezzo morto*)
...*mortadavam* – rally hungry/death from famine (*morta da fame*)
...*mooshad* – soft (*musciata miao*)
...*schifozz* – disgusting thing (*schifosa*)
...*scoochamend*- pain in the ass (*scocciamento*)

Yes, these will be on the test! (more to come later)

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