

NUTLEY UNICO

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2020

NEWSLETTER

Dinner Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2020, 7:00 pm
at
Mama Vittoria

February Meeting

- In attendance were the Unico National President, Dr. Frank De Frank and Past National President, Paul Alongi.
- The feature of the night was the selection of the \$100 ticket raffle winners. They were; 1st (\$9,000) – Mike Mafucci, 2nd (\$3,000) - Nicole Crupi Isidio, 3rd (\$2,500) – Carol Ritchie and 4th (\$1,750) – Lou Fusaro. Thanks to all who purchased and sold tickets and to our committee chairpersons, Tom Sposato, Mark DiMaggio and Sal Ferraro.
- Alsn Genitempo announced that the firm of Piro Zinna Cifelli Paris Genitempo & Smith LLC will be donating \$25,000 to our scholarship fund in the name of the firm's founder, Jim Piro, in celebration of 50 years since its inception.
- New members Carol Moschella and Cosmo Braico were sworn by Dr. De Frank.
- Dan Marucci set up a display of old photos of members' ancestors who came over from Italy.
- Dan and Sal Corvino added 14 new members to the Heritage Map showing where our family ancestors came from.
- Guest speaker was professional comedian Robert Anthony (aka Broccoli Rob). His description of the "Now & Then" in terms of holidays, marriage, funerals, dinner, grandparents, TV, water, airports, etc. was hilarious. Bob is also a Past President of the Bloomfield Unico Chapter.
- The Chapter by-laws revision was briefly described. An electronic version was sent to all members. They will be voted on at the March meeting. This committee was chaired by Andy Garrutto, and included Marie Solimo and Frank Cocchiola.

Activities

- Scholarships are now available on-line to Nutley HS seniors and Nutley seniors attending private schools.
- Cathy Marucci is coordinating several Nutley Unico trips. Her first was March 3 to the Culinary Institute of America & Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park, NY. It was sold out.

- We are looking for a project for Community Service Day. Suggestions?
- The District Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner will be March 31 at Il Villagio. The Chapter Brian Piccolo Breakfast will be Sunday, May 17, at Forest Hill Country Club, Belleville. The selection for the District VII award recipient will be announced soon. The guest speaker for the breakfast is tentatively scheduled to be Jason Bromley, former 3rd round draft pick of the NY Giants in 2014 and currently a defensive tackle on the DC Defenders of the new XFL.
- Ben Costa is accepting teams for the Bocce Tournament to be held on Sunday, May 3.

Executive Committee Notes

- A donation of \$300 to the Nutley American Major Little League for uniforms was approved by the committee. An additional \$250 was allotted to the Nutley Minor East Little League for sponsorship. Both donations will come from the 2019-20 budget.
- Two new applications for membership (Bill Algieri & Kathy Rempusheski) were reviewed and approved by the committee.
- A \$100 gift was made to the Basking Ridge Chapter at its Charter dinner.
- Since only one Nutley UNICO sign still stands as you enter the town a decal will be fabricated to be placed on existing poles on the main streets entering Nutley.

Upcoming Events

- March 5 (Thursday) – Chapter dinner meeting
- March 7 (Saturday) – St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- March 29 (Sunday) – Taste of Italy
- March 31 (Tuesday) – District VII Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner, Il Villagio, Garfield
- April 2 (Thursday) – Chapter dinner meeting
- April 19 Sunday) – AC Trip
- May 3 (Sunday) – Bocce Tournament
- May 7 (Thursday) – Chapter dinner meeting
- May 17 (Sunday) – Chapter Brian Piccolo Scholarship Breakfast, Forest Hill Country Club
- June 4 (Thursday) - Chapter dinner meeting.

How about some more Italian-American slang?

- ...*scooch* – pest
- ...*scustomad* – stupid person (*scustomato*)
- ...*scungill* – cooked snail (*sconciglio*)
- ...*sfacimm* – bad person (*sfacimma*)
- ...*scumbari* – disheveled/mess (*scumbari*)
- ...*strunz* – you know! (*stronzo*)
- ...*statagitt* – Be quiet (*stai zitto*)
- ...*stugots* – Screw it (*stu cazzu/questo cazzo*)
- ...*umbriago* – drunk (*ubriaco*)

Phrases

...*Mettere il carro davanti ai buoi* – To put the cart before the horse

...*Chi troppo vuole null astringe* – He who wants too much gets nothing

...*Cogliere in castagna* – “To pick in chestnut”, means to catch someone red-handed

...*Avere un chiodo fisso in testa* – Literally to have a nail fixed in one’s head. It is used as a metaphor for being fixated on something.

...*Amore a prima vista* – Love at first sight

...*Far ridere i polli* – “to make a chicken laugh”. An expression for something that is ridiculous.

...*Se non e’ zuppa e’ pan bagnato* – “If it’s not soup, it’s wet bread”. Synonymous with, “six o’ one, half dozen o’ the other”

...*Il diavolo fa le pentole ma non I coperchi* – “The devil makes the pot but not the lids”. Combination of “what goes around comes around” and “there’s no such thing as the perfect crime”.

...*Piove sul bagnato* – “It rains on the wet”. Expression equivalent to, ”When it rains it pours”

...*La goccia che has fatto traboccare il vaso* – “The drop that made the vase overflow”. Same as our, ”The straw that broke the camel’s back.

...*Mangiari cadaveri* – “Eating dead bodies”. Bad Breath!

...*Spavoneggiarsi* – “To peacock oneself”. Showing off.

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