

NUTLEY UNICO

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November NEWSLETTER

Please note that we will not be having a January dinner meeting.

Next Dinner Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, 7:00 pm
at
Mama Vittoria

Annual Raffle

All members have received a minimum of two \$100 raffle tickets for our annual fundraiser. We have distributed 325 tickets which **must all be sold**, as they have been each and every year. If you are having a problem selling them please contact me or the raffle chairpersons, Mark DiMaggio, Tom Sposato and Sal Ferrara. The drawing will be at the Feb. 3 dinner meeting. Raffle money can be sent to our mailing address, P.O. Box 43, Nutley or to J & N Service Center, 29 Franklin Ave., Nutley.

Buona fortuna a tutti!

Good & Welfare

- Congratulations to Sal & Donna Cocco, grandparents to a new baby boy, Anthony Salvatore Hubbert, born to their daughter, Ashley, and husband, Mark, on Nov. 19.
- Bill and Joe Algieri each recently became grandparents for the first time. Bill and Debbie's grandson, Santino William, was born on Sept. 23 to Ann Marie and Nick Albanese. Joe and Carol's granddaughter, Arianna Grace, was born on Oct. 14 to Nicole and Donald Algieri.
- Lou Crupi's dad, Louis Crupi (91), a US Army veteran, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 26. Our condolences to Lou and his family.
- Alan M. Genitempo and his new wife, Robin, were wed on Dec. 17.
- Joe DiPosto and Kelly married on Sept. 7, and honeymooned in Italy.
- President, Vito Matturro, is recovering from a medical issue.
- Frank Grossi is also recovering well from a medical matter.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is presently reviewing revised Chapter By-Laws presented by a committee chaired by Andy Garruto, with input from committee members Marie Solimo and Dr. Frank Cocchiola. Once this review is completed and any edits made they will be sent to all members to review prior to a vote being taken at an upcoming dinner meeting. The Executive Committee's next meeting is Jan. 20.

Other items discussed at the Dec. 30 virtual Exec Committee meeting were:

- **Dues** – Members who have not paid their dues but still wish to be part of the Chapter need to submit the dues asap. They will be contacted regarding their member status.
- **New members** to be sworn in at our next meeting are David Ingrassia, Lorraine Belcuore, Basilio “Leo” Vitale and Carlo Vitale.
- The **annual budget** was reviewed and will be submitted to the membership for approval.
- The **Breakfast with Santa** event was a big success with over 80 attendees, including 32 children, and was a financial break-even for the Chapter. Thanks to Alan Genitempo, Gerry Del Tufo, Dan Carnicella, Sal Ferrara, Marie Solimo and all who helped with the purchase and wrapping of the presents. And, a special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Santa who took time out from their busy holiday season to meet the children and distribute the gifts.
- Debbie Bellucci's hard work with the **Christmas party** preparations paid off with a great night of food, music by John Cafone, raffle fun with Lenny and good company. It also earned a profit of \$1,300, including the 50-50 receipts.
- The Exec Committee is working on a **“Corn Hole”** Tournament in the near future. Details to follow.
- The **Brian Piccolo Scholarship Breakfast** has been scheduled for Sunday, May 15, at the Chandelier, Belleville. Save the date!
- A list of **standing committees** with the chairpersons and membership is being compiled for member review. Hopefully you will see something you like there and submit your name for consideration to be part of a committee next year.

So, we all love the Culture & Heritage theme presented by Dan Marruci through the food at our monthly dinner meetings, however how about these great moments in Jersey food history (NJ Monthly, Jan. 2020, by Marissa Rothkopf Bates).

1856 – John Taylor of Hamilton Square creates the recipe for Taylor Ham (no, not pork roll).

1885 – Joseph Fralinger popularizes salt water taffy in AC.

1897 – Campbell's introduces canned condensed soup.

1900 – Hoboken Clam Broth House opens. (Women were not allowed until 1972. Must have been boring in there.)

1912 – Joe Papa brings pizza (tomato pies) to Trenton.

1916 – Elizabeth White turned what Pine Barrens residents called “swamp huckleberries” into what is now NJ's biggest cash crop, blueberries.

1919 – Custard is invented by the Kohr brothers. The orange floats and swirl cones are a shore hit.

1928 – The “Ripper” was born to Abe Rutt.

1941 – Forrest Mars and Bruce Murrie introduced the M & Ms in Newark. They were later provided in soldiers rations because they didn’t melt.

1946 – Atlantic City’s White House sub shop opens.

1967 – Charles “Stretch” Verdicchio invents the Belmont Restaurant’s signature dish, Chicken Savoy.

2007 – Holsten’s ice cream parlor in Bloomfield becomes Tony’s final stop.

A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

Please forward any changes in email addresses, good & welfare items, questions for the Executive Committee or questions concerning the newsletter to me at fcoch@aol.com (Frank Cocchiola)