**NUTLEY UNICO**

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**MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER**

**OUR NEXT DINNER MEETING IS THURSDAY, JUNE 1, AT 7:00 pm at MAMA VITTORIA**

**May Dinner Meeting**

Twenty-Five Year pins were presented to Tom Sposato, Mark DiMaggio, Mario Cocchiola, and Joe Zarra (25 years); Gerard Tolve (25 yr pin and 30 yr certificate) received their pins and certificate at the May 21 Brian Piccolo Scholarship Breakfast.

Seven scholarships were presented by Scholarship Committee members and donors.

Cathy Marucci was presented with the Unican of the Year award for her dedicated service to the Chapter. Cathy fills the roles of Secretary and Membership Chair very efficiently in addition to assisting her husband, Danny, with Christmas in July and any of his other antics.

Danielle Manganello was presented with the President’s *Mille Grazie* award for all of her hard work as a member of the Executive Committee, 1st VP and substitute meeting chair. Danielle can be seen at all of our events.

Danny Marucci and Jerry Del Tufo performed the famous Abbott and Costello comedy routine, “Who’s on First”. I’m sure some of our younger members had to look it up.

**Good & Welfare**

Thanks to all the members who attended the Brian Piccolo Scholarship Breakfast. The recipients were outstanding, and Tina Cervasio’s address was very motivational. Special thanks to those members who donated scholarships in memory of family members, and to those who donated gifts for our Tricky Tray. One of the most popular gifts was a painting done by member Karen DeRose.

Dan Carnicella will be one of the honorees at this year’s Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day Parade. The first fundraiser for the parade will be an “Irish & Italian” Night at Michael’s Roscommon House, 675 Joralemon St, Belleville, on June 8. If interested call Susan LaMorte (201-618-2903).

Mauro Tucci received the Nutley Relay for Life Eternal Flame honor at the 17th annual event at DeMuro Park. This organization’s objective is to assist in finding a cure for cancer.

**Upcoming Events**

 May 29, Monday – Nutley Memorial Day Parade. Be at the Oval at 10:30 am.

June 1 – Dinner Meeting.

* Additional scholarships will be presented at this meeting.
* Officers for the 2023-24 meeting will be sworn in:

Dan Carnicella (Pres), Danielle Manganello (1st VP), Pasquale Pisani (2nd VP), Frank Russo (3rd VP), Tom Sposato (Treas), Cathy Marucci (Sec), Sal Ferraro (Corr Sec) and JR Mascolo (Sgt.-at-Arms). Members at Large will be Lenny Guglielmello and Anthony Biondi, Jr.

June 16 – Corn Hole Competition (Pizza & Beer) – Details to follow.

August 23 - **Annual Golf Outing**. Details to follow.

**Executive Committee** (The next Executive Committee meeting will take place after the June 1 dinner meeting.)

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This month I’ll take a pause from the story of the “Early Italian Settlers in Newark”. In response to the new and very popular movie about Yogi Berra, “It Ain’t Over”, I thought you’d enjoy some of the most alleged popular yogiisms attributed to him.

* “We made too many wrong mistakes.”
* “You can observe a lot by just watching.”
* “A nickel ain’t worth a dime anymore.”
* “He hits from both side of the plate. He’s amphibious”
* “If the world was perfect, it wouldn’t be.”
* “If you don’t know where you’re going you might wind up somewhere else.”
* “The future ain’t what it used to be.”
* On why he no longer went to a popular St. Louis restaurant, “Nobody goes there anymore. It’s too crowded.”
* “I always thought that record would stand until it was broken.”
* “Always go to other people’s funerals, otherwise they won’t come to yours.”
* “Never answer anonymous letters.”
* On being a guest of honor at an awards banquet, “Thank you for making this day necessary.”
* “The towels were so thick I could hardly close my suitcase.”
* “Half the lies they tell about me aren’t true.”
* “90 per cent of the game of baseball is half mental.”
* “I don’t know if they were men or women running across the field. They had bags over their heads.”
* “It gets late early out there.”
* And of course, “It ain’t over til it’s over.”
* Responding to a question about remarks attributed to him he said, “I really didn’t say everything I said.”

Smart man, that Yogi!

F. Cocchiola

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