**NUTLEY UNICO**

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**October 2021**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Next Dinner Meeting**

**Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021, 7:00 pm**

**at**

**Mama Vittoria**

**October Meeting**

The October meeting was focused on activities for the Italian-American month of October.

* Sunday, Oct. 10 - Wreath Laying Ceremony at Nutley Town Hall. Thanks to Dan Carnicella for coordinating this event.
* “ - Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day Parade. Due to the weather this was a car only parade.
* Monday, Oct. 11 – NYC Parade
* Thursday, Oct. 14 – Italian-American Organization Mass at St. Lucy’s

The results of the annual Bocce Tournament were announced. A team captained by Lenny Guglielmello and Tom Sposato took home the first place trophy. Thank you to all who helped sponsor this event, especially Atlantic Scale for their generous donation.

The guest speaker was Dr. Joseph Scelsa, Director and Founder of the Italian-American Museum in NYC. The chapter presented him with a donation towards the museum.

New members sworn in were Anthony Cavallo, Diane DeVincentis, Francesco Spina, Georgio Spina, Anthony DePersio, Susan Streaser and Lorraine Belcuore.

**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, Nov. 4**– Chapter Dinner Meeting. Our November meeting has traditionally been dedicated to recognizing members who are veterans of the US military service. This list presently includes Peter Ardito, Anthony Biondi, Mario Cocchiola, Dominick Cucciniello, Bob Montanino, Joe Zarra, Charlie Kucinski and John Kelly. **If you are a veteran and not on this list please send me your information (branch of service, rank, service assignment). Anyone bringing a guest who is a vet please send me that information also. (fcoch@aol.com)**

**Saturday, Dec. 11** – Nutley Unico Children’s Santo Breakfast (Details to follow).

**Monday, Dec. 13** – Nutley Unico Christmas Party at 6:30 pm Nanina’s.

* Ladies Grab Bag - $15-20.
* Donations to Toys for Tots
* Donations to Nutley Unico Food Drive
* Cost - $80 per person; $75 if paid before Nov. 15
* Rsvp [dbellucci@msn.com](mailto:dbellucci@msn.com) or mail checks to Debbie Bellucci, 17 Faber Pl, Nutley

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From: Heritage-Italian-American Style by Leon Radomile

Food, Music & Entertainment

1. What respected actor was typecast as the dashing villain in his early career? His movie credits include*, Ocean’s Eleven, Assault on a Queen, House of Strangers, The GreatestStory Ever Told* and the role of *Don Barzini in The Godfather.*
2. Synonymous with Turin, Napolean called them Les petits batons de Turin. In the Italian they are called Grissini. What are they? (a. thin spaghetti, b. canoles, c. bread sticks, d. wafers)
3. Born Vito Rocco Farinola in Brooklyn, he was once heralded by Frank Sinatra as the world’s greatest singer. This popular vocalist, with his smooth style was once married to Pier Angeli and Diahann Carroll. (*Chi e?)* (a. Fabian, b. Frankie Valli, c. Vic Damone, d. Tony Bennet)
4. It is said that this cooking fat was first used in a small town several miles from Milan, and that Julius Caesar is thought to have been the first great man to appreciate its culinary value. Until then, the Romans had used it for greasing their bodies before sporting competitions and battles. What is this substance? (*Identiicate questa sostanza)* (a. lard, b. butter, c. olive oil, d. pork fat)

Art, Science & Literature

1. What Latin poet was Dante’s guide through the Inferno?
2. In 1910, the first radio transmission in the United States took place from the Metropolitan Opera House involving what opera star singing an aria from *Cavalleria Rusticana*? (a. Enrico Caruso, b. Luciano Pavaroti, c. Andrea Bocelli, d. Madonna)
3. What is the Italian word, now part of the English language, that means a material made of Portland cement, sand and lime, used as a covering for exterior walls. (a. wall paper, b. stucco, c. spackle, d. sheet rock)

History, Geography & Business

1. What percentage of Italians, during the great flood of immigration between 1875 and 1920 came from areas south and east of Rome known as the Mezzogiorno which encompasses the regions of Abruzzo, Campania, Apulia, Basilicata, Calabria and Sicily?
2. 60%, b. 78%, c. 90%)
3. A variation of the Italian card game, ‘primero’ is what popular game in the United States? (a. Canasta, b. breesch, c. hearts, d. Poker)
4. This medieval traveler from Venice journeyed to Asia in 1271 as a merchant with his father and uncle. He stayed for almost seventeen years in China and neighboring lands in the service of the great Kubla Khan. He escorted a Chinese princess to Persia in 1292 and returned to Venice in 1295. *(Chi fu questo intrepido viaggiatore?)*
5. Conan the Barbarian, b. Marco Polo, c. Vasco da Gama)

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Answers

(4- b/butter; 7-b/stucco; 9-d/poker; 1-Richard Conte; 3-c/Vic Damone; 10-b/Marco Polo; 2-c/bread sticks; 6-a/Enrico Caruso; 8-90%, of which 25% were from Sicily); 5-Virgil)