NUTLEY UNICO

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OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Next Dinner Meeting – WEDNESDAY, Nov. 6, at 7:00 pm at Mama Vittoria

Members are reminded to pay their dues asap.

**October Meeting:**

* Two new members were sworn in, Bill Palase and Adam Sahelli.
* Culture & Heritage

Dan Marucci reminded everyone to contact him ([grampymarucci@gmail.com](mailto:grampymarucci@gmail.com)) re: where in Italy your ancestors came from. He will then enter you on our Italian ancestry map.

Dan also spoke to the number of inventions attributed to Italians. Among them are: Radio (Marconi), Banking System (Medicis), Newspaper (Venice), Telephone, Battery (Alexandro Volta), Eyeglasses, Thermometer, Typewriter, Piano, Jacuzzi, Gelato, Parachute (DaVinci), Micro Chips, Dentures and Nitro Glycerin

* October’s dinner was the annual “Depression Meal”. We enjoyed neck bones, polenta, potato and eggs, sausage and peppers, broccoli rabe, and *tripa*.
* Local donations of $250 were made to the following organizations: Nutley Family Service Bureau, Scarpelli Civic Assoc., Nutley Thriving Survivors, Multiple Sclerosis, Cancer Institute NJ Prostate Center, 1st Cerebral Palsy Center of NJ and the Nutley Public Library.
* Frank Russo informed the membership of the upcoming Columbus Day activities and reminded them of the 2024 Nutley UNICO Legacy Bocce Tournament to be held on Sunday, Oct. 27, at Cedar Grove Community Pool, 99 Slattery Dr., Cedar Grove. It appears that the slots are all filled but you can attend as a guest for $20 which includes food and beverages.
* The 2024-25 budget was presented by Sal Ferraro and approved by those in attendance.
* Alan Genitempo discussed the status of the Scholarship Committee and scholarship donors. He is requesting that donors send in their donations for scholarships by January.

**Good & Welfare:**

* Congratulations to Tom Evans on being selected to the FDU Silberman School of Business Hall of Fame.

**Upcoming Activities/Events:**

Thanks to all who attended the Oct. 13 Columbus wreath-laying ceremony and the Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day Parade. Special thanks to Frank Russo who coordinated the wreath-laying ceremony, Mark DiMaggio who was our MC, the Park Dept workers who helped set up and break down the area and to our principal speaker, Dr. Elaine Poiani.

* Oct. 27 – Legacy Bocce Tournament
* Nov. 6 – Monthly dinner meeting. We will be recognizing members and guests who are veterans of US military service. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6, NOT THURSDAY.**
* Dec. 7 (Saturday) - Breakfast with Santa
* Dec. 10 (Tuesday) – Annual Christmas Party at Nanina’s. The cost is $90 per person if paid before Nov. 20 and $95 if after the 20th. Checks should be mailed to Debbie Bellucci, 17 Faber Pl., Nutley. RSVP to (dbellucci@msn.com)

**National Business:**

* It was announced that the “Meet the President” dinner was cancelled.

**District VII Business:**

**Chapter Business:**

* Our November 6 dinner meeting theme is recognizing and celebrating our members and guests who are veterans of the USA military. If you plan on bringing a veteran guest please notify me so that I can prepare the presentations properly. (fcoch@aol.com)
* If you plan on sponsoring a new member please remember that he/she must attend one of our diner meetings or events before the application is reviewed by the Executive Committee. Applications are available on our website (nutleyunico.org) or at our dinner meeting.
* The Chapter is still considering recommendations for speakers at our Jan. 9, Feb. 6 and March 6 meetings. If you have a recommendation please notify me and I will pass it on to the Executive Committee.
* The qualifications for the status of “Senior Member” were clarified. You must have been a member for 30 years and be 75 years of age or older. Senior members pay a reduced dues.

**Executive Committee Meeting – Scheduled for Oct. 23**

* Applications of several new applicants will be reviewed by the committee.
* A proposal to charge any member who attends a dinner meeting but has not paid their dues the guest fee of $40 will be discussed.

**2024-25 Dinner Meetings:**

**(All Thursdays at Mama Vittoria with noted exceptions)**

**Nov. 6 – Veterans’ Day Recognition meeting. (Please note that this meeting has been moved to Wednesday, Nov. 6, due to a scheduling conflict at the venue.)**

**Dec. 10 – Christmas Party. No dinner meeting this month.**

**Jan. 9**

**Feb. 6 (Nanina’s)**

**March 6**

**April 3**

**May 1**

**June 5**

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THE POPPY

The poppy has been a symbol of remembrance for over 100 years, representing those who lost their lives in war and the contributions of the military and civilian services. It is worn on Memorial Day and during Veterans’ Day ceremonies. It became popular after WWI when Canadian doctor Lt. Col. John McCrae wrote the poem, “In Flanders Fields”, after seeing poppies growing in battlefields. This is his poem.

*IN FLANDERS FIELDS*

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow*

*Between the crosses, row on row,*

*That mark our place; and in the sky*

*The larks, still bravely singing, fly*

*Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago*

*We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,*

*Loved and were loved, and now we lie*

*In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;*

*To you from failing hands we throw*

*The torch; be yours to hold it high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die*

*We shall not sleep, though poppies grow*

*In Flanders fields.*

Please forward any changes in email addresses, good & welfare items, questions for the Executive Committee or questions concerning the newsletter to me at [*fcoch1212@gmail.com*](mailto:fcoch1212@gmail.com).

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