NUTLEY UNICO

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P.O. Box 43, Nutley

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Next Dinner Meeting – Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7:00 pm at Mama Vittoria

Members are reminded to pay their dues asap.

**September Meeting:**

* The September 5th meeting was the first under new president Danielle Manganello. Danielle is also being honored as the Nutley Woman of the Year by the Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day parade Committee.
* Two new members were sworn in, Robert Frannicola and Paul Falduto.
* A report was given on the Unico National Convention. We had ten members in attendance.
* Amy Celento distributed information re: ” Care Walk 2024, which is a fund raiser for the Cooley’s Anemia Foundation. This will be held on Sept. 22 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm at Woodland Park, 2 Cleveland Ave. Hasbrouck Heights.
* Information was also distributed by Frank Russo re: the 2024n Nutley UNICO Legacy Bocce Tournament to be held on Sunday, Oct. 27 at Cedar Grove Community Po0ol, 99 Slattery Dr., Cedar Grove. Entry fee is $200 per 4-man team or $20 for guests which includes food and beverages.

**Good & Welfare:**

* Congratulations to tom Evans who welcomed a new grandson, Stephano Thomas Evans, to the family on August 7.
* Mark Arcuti’s son, Anthony, wed Cassandra Angelo on Sept. 8. Congrarts!
* Our condolences to the family of John Cafone on the recent passing of his nephew, James Joseph Ciampi.

**Upcoming Activities/Events:**

* Sept. 25 – Nutley-Belleville Columbus Parade Committee Dinner at Nanina’s.
* Oct. 3 – Dinner meeting. The theme of the October meeting is “depression dinner”.
* Oct. 13 – Co\lumbus Wreath Laying Ceremony at the statue in front of Town Hall at 11:00 am. Our MC will be Mark DiMaggio and our guest speaker will be Dr. Eileen Poiani.
* Oct. 13 – Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day Parade. Parade begins at 1:30 pm. We will meet at Belleville HS at 1:00 pm
* Oct. 14 – NY Columbus Day Parade
* Oct. 17 – Italian mass at St. Lucy’s at 7:00 pm
* 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

**National Business:**

* At the convention our chapter was awarded 2nd place in the National Model Chapter Award and received Chapter Achievement recognition. We also received a banner patch for our $500 donation to Armed Services.
* Although our amendment was defeated the new President, Anthony Bencevenga, removed the DNA option for establishing Italian heritage from the membership application.
* Basilone Parade – Sunday, Sept. 22, at 1:00 pm at 22 First Dt., Raritan.

**District VII Business:**

* Dan Carnicella was sworn in as District VII 1st Deputy.

**Chapter Business:**

* Local donations for the 2024 year will be distributed at the October meeting. They include $250 to Nutley Family Service Bureau, Scarpelli Civic Assoc., Nutley Thriving Survivors, Multiple Sclerosis, 1st Cerebral Palsy Center of NJ and the Nutley Public Library.
* Members to be sworn in are Jacqueline Rubino, Adam Sahelli and Bill Palase.
* 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.

**Executive Committee Meeting – Aug 21**

* Tom Sposato reported that some sponsorship money was still to be collected, but the annual golf outing raised approximately $8,000. Great job by Tom and his committee.
* A 2024-25 budget will be presented to the membership shortly for approval.
* The cost per person for our annual Christmas Party on Dec. 7 was set at $90.
* Kathy Russo-Rempusheski will assume the duties of publicity chair.

**2024-25 Dinner Meetings:**

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

**Oct. 3**

**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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We are all aware of member Dan Marrucci’s culinary talents and commitment to presenting us with interesting Italian culture and heritage items at our monthly dinner meetings. But, there is another side to Danny; author! Danny has written a novel, Fifty-Six. This is a non-fiction novel dealing with, “…a marginal ballplayer, Vince Donato, in the twilight of a long career, who has been known for his running with Hollywood starlets, racketeers, and barroom brawls”. It has a little of everything, and a cast of characters who will remind you of former professional players, managers, and starlets.

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*.