



North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy
Lodge 2805
P.O. Box 193, North Haven, CT 06473

NORTH HAVEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE # 2805
JUNE - 2025 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING JUNE 3

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Greetings Members,

Our Lodge has a couple ways to communicate with our members. We have a monthly newsletter and minutes. Both are emailed and the newsletter is also posted on our website. usually in the 3rd or 4th week of the month.

You may also have them mailed to you. If you would like to receive your these in the mail, please let Sue know. To sign up to receive our Lodge emails please go to our website, once there, scroll down, you will notice an email sign up form. Fill it in and subscribe. Our Website address is:

<https://northhavenlodge2805.club>

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nhsdilodge2805@outlook.com. If you have something you would like to request us to share in the newsletter, on our website, Facebook page or in an email please email Lenny at Lric56@yahoo.com or Sue at snoozie321@outlook.com

Deadline for newsletter is the 20th of the month. We also send out emails with important updates, good and welfare, and when committee meetings are scheduled.

President's Message

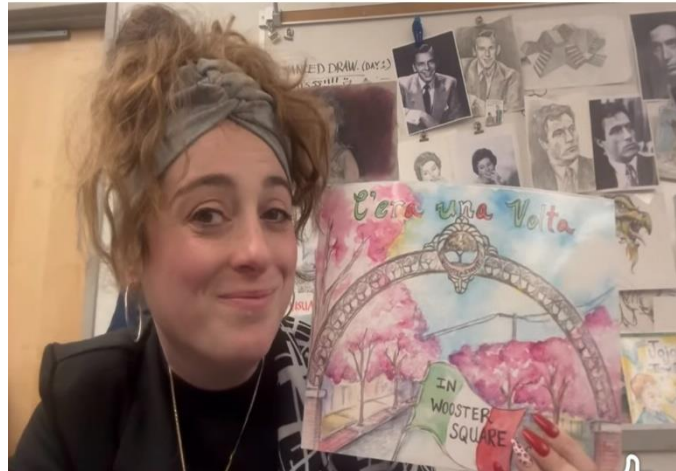
It's June and the weather is finally starting to feel like summer! The following are a few fun things coming up this summer.

- On June 14 join us at the Horse Racing. There will be good food, lots of fun, and you can even win some money betting on the "horses". Remember it will be St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Northford.
- Our summer Bocce will be starting soon. We are playing at the Elks Club in Hamden again this year. Sign up with your team, or if you don't have a team, we can place you on a team that needs players.
- The Community Outreach Committee will be hosting a Blood Drive and toy drive. Check the Newsletter for more information on all of these. Hope you will join us for one or all these events.

Hope to see you on June 3rd for our monthly Lodge Meeting. We will have a guest speaker this month, Stefania Munzi, Artist and Author, so come and join us.

Susan

Stefania Munzi teaches high school art in Hartford. After her son Joseph was born with microtia, Stefania began creating portraits that celebrate difference and representation. Her work received national attention and inspired her debut picture book, Jojo's Tiny Ear. In 2024, she published her second children's book, C'era Una Volta in Wooster Square, featuring watercolor paintings of New Haven's beloved Italian American neighborhood.



Would you like to share something with your Lodge in a 10-to-20-minute presentation after a lodge meeting

Overview

At our monthly meetings we would like to line up some speakers from time to time. The speaker can be a member or an outside individual. Below is a summary of some of the topics. Al and Michelle Clemente have volunteered to chair this committee. If you would like to join this committee, would like to be a speaker or know someone who would like to speak please contact Al or Michelle Clemente at albertrclemente@gmail.com or see them at the Lodge meeting.

2025 Social Calendar Updates Monthly

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| Saturday | 6/14/2025 | Horse Race Game |
| Sunday | 8/3/2025 | Hartford Yard Goats Game |
| Friday Evenings | Begins July 11 | Bocce League Play |
| Saturday | 8/9/2025 | Car Show |
| Sunday | 9/14/2025 | Lodge Family Picnic |
| Sunday | 9/21/2025 | Golf Outing |
| Friday | TBD | Murder Mystery Dinner |
| Sunday | 10/5/2025 | Fashion Show |

How You Can Help!

Please join us at the next committee meeting. We will be discussing the following upcoming events and more. If your interested in helping plan any of these events please come and join us.

Date of next meeting will be announced soon.

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| 1. Public speaker events | 5. Movie night |
| 2. Distinguished Citizen Dinner | 6. Golf Tournament |
| 3. Car show | 7. Fashion Show |
| 4. Mystery Dinner | Questions, call Frank at 203-410-5254 |

Golf Tournament

The Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805, Richard M. DeCrosta, Memorial Golf Tournament

The event will take place on Sunday, September 21, at Hunter Memorial Golf Course in Meriden. The fee is only \$165 and it includes:
Range balls, Green fees and Cart, Lunch, Beer/water/soda at the turn and an Italian Style Dinner Buffet.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut.
Please make checks payable to:

North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805

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PO Box 193, North Haven, Ct 06473.

Contact Neil Velleca for more information 203-239-2999 or navelleca@hotmail.com

Annual Horse Races Event



Saturday June 14th 6pm
\$20.00 per person
includes Meal and Admission

Races are \$2.00
per horse per race

St. Andrew's, Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford.

Where Rt22 and Rt17 intersect, 1382 Middletown Ave, Northford
Cold Subs, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Green Salad, Coffee, Soda, Water
Please sign up to bring a dessert

Tickets on Sale at Lodge meetings

Contact Donna @203 239-0285 or Sharon 203-234-0215 or Lric56@yahoo.com

Bocce 2025

We will start the Bocce season on July 11th. We have eight teams. There will be two sessions 6:15 and 6:45. I am going to ask that everyone please arrive at least a few minutes early, so we can ALL start on time!!! Captains—please collect the fees (\$15 for lodge members and Elks members-and \$25 non lodge members)for your team and turn in to me 1st or 2nd week of Bocce. I have appointed these people as Captains—please let me know if there are changes. I will alert Captains for any cancellations! So Captains— please make sure you have contact info for your team members.

Sally Gill

Anna Simeone

Larry Logan

Matt Gill

Mark Defranco

Denise Krause

Kathy Kelsey

Angela Vitti

Priscilla Musco will be returning as our permanent sub. I will ask Captains to contact her if you know you will have an absence on your team. I will be sending out contact info to all captains as we get closer to start date. We will be playing again at the Hamden Elks. Any questions please let me know (Sally Gill 203-645-8177). I am looking forward to another fun season!





Yard Goats.

Join us at the Yard Goats Game on Sunday, August 3, 2025. Tickets are \$19.00 per person. Game time is at 1:00.

For tickets call

Larry Logan at 203-606-8903.



Pizza, Popcorn, Salad, Dessert and a movie with Popcorn and Friends!

North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy

Saturday July 12, 2025 7 PM

Hope Christian Church

Only \$15 per person

Desserts Welcomed!

NONNAS



A grieving man finds the recipe for healing when he buys an Italian restaurant and hires four sassy seniors as the chefs. Based on a true story.

For tickets contact: Lucille 203-804-6722 or Georgianna 203-988-8006

2 Lodge Scholarship's Awarded

Michael D'Angelo II & Ava Sager



Member and Grandfather
John Georgio,
Ava Sager, &
President, Susan Velleca



Member and Grandmother
Ann Tullo,
Michael D'Angelo II, &
President, Susan Velleca



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4th Annual Car Show Flee Market & Craft Show



On the Grounds of
Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave. North Haven, CT. 06473
Saturday August 9, 2025

Rain Date August 16, 2025

Bring Your Classic Car or Motorcycles / All makes and models, no cut off year.

Large Asphalt Parking Lot - Grass Area - Bring your chairs and enjoy the day!

Pre Registration \$15.00 / Registration on Day of Show \$20.00

Registration Begins at 8:00 AM, Show 9 AM - 2 PM

Judging Starts at 12 Noon - Trophies at end of Day

For Car Show information contact
John Giorgio 203-430-6549
or email jallstarelectric@aol.com

For Flee Market or Craft Show
information contact
Angela Vitti 203-274-0001
angiem1002@gmail.com

We are planning on selling food items this year and using the hall. Lots of help is needed.

We have to monitor the hall and bathrooms too. To signup to help in kitchen please contact

Lenny 203-507-6509 or Lric56@yahoo.com

The menu is still under consideration

Price for Craft and Flee Market Vendors is \$25.00

Contact Angela for with Questions.



Date to be Determined

Will be held @ Hope Christan Church. Price to be determined.

**To Learn more talk to Lenny at meeting or give me a call 203-507-6509
or email Lric56@yahoo.com**

See list of roles on Next Page – some rolls are already cast!

The Guest List

The Governor - Marshall Inglewood - Governor of Louisiana who is hosting a Mardi Gras party. He's well known in New Orleans for his constant fundraising and elegant parties.

The Voodoo Queen - Dominique LaBranche - Well known in New Orleans for her many "reading" parlors and Hoodoo supply stores. Her readings are said to be very accurate.

The Queen Bee - Blanche Le Boeuf - The reigning social queen of New Orleans elite society. She is a member of the prestigious Le Boeuf family and is well known for her iron fist inside a lacy glove.

The Sheriff - Jacques "Jack" Le Boeuf - Sheriff Jack is a fixture in New Orleans, as he investigates most crimes in the city. He's known for his down home approach.

The Lawyer - Gabrielle Le Boeuf - Miss Gabrielle is known to be sharp as a tack and a terror in the courtroom. She's utterly ruthless behind her sweet Southern manners.

The Deputy - Jeremy "J" Porter - Deputy J is a notorious playboy, but is very loyal to the Sheriff's Office and his city.

The Hippie - Celine "Luna" Schumacher - Deputy Porter's date, Luna is a big believer in "green initiatives," but appears to legitimately like Deputy J.

The New Man - Raymond Downings - Raymond recently inherited a large estate on the outskirts of the city and just moved back to town.

The Club Owner - Derek Nordhart - Derek owns "Fantasy" a very popular club that is known for its exclusive parties and open dance floor.

The Bouncer - Sarah Corrington - Bouncer at "Fantasy," many underestimate her in her high heels, but she's broken plenty of bones.

The Good Guy - Harvey Daniels - Harvey manages the day-to-day affairs for Leon's construction firm and is known for his "good ol' boy" attitude.

The Socialite - Eloise Daniels - Harvey's mom is a well known socialite who always has a bit of gossip to share.

The Architect - Leon D'Loupe - Mr. D'Loupe runs the largest construction firm in town and is largely responsible for most of the restoration to the city as it recovered from the latest hurricane.

The Preacher - Joseph Grant - Reverend Joseph is the preacher at the Sacred Heart, a rapidly growing mega church.

The Preacher's Wife - Lettie Mae La Terre - Reverend Joseph's wife, and a member of his church. There are hints of some sort of scandal in her past.

The Showgirl - Amelie Belle - Amelie is a rising star on the stages of New Orleans and is famed for her long legs and graceful demeanor.

The New Girl - Heather Le Bois - Miss Heather just bought a large mansion on the outskirts of town and has thrown several lavish parties.

The Bodyguard - "Jack" - Heather's bodyguard, he doesn't say much.

Host/Head Caterer - Tony Cour - Tony runs one of the most successful restaurant/catering businesses in New Orleans. (Played by the Host/Hostess)

The Head Chef - Noel Bellenuit - Chef Noel is a dramatic, flamboyant and difficult man, but his food is so good even the most conservative members of high society don't complain.

The Chef - Rene Le Boeuf - Rene served in the war and returned home recently where he got a job as a chef.

Waitress - Lily Porter - A waitress, she's sometimes a little vague, but very hard working.

Waitress - Jo Ann Duluth - A waitress and member of the Sacred Heart.

Waitress - Jaquelyn D'Argent - A waitress, she is a new staff member.

The Bartender - Crystal La Terre - Crystal's cocktails are legendary in New Orleans and so is her quick mouth and bad temper.

Community Outreach News

Hello everyone! Happy Spring (finally)!

Easter Baskets for “R Kids

Our committee did a great job putting together Easter Baskets for 15 children in the “R Kids system. Their info can be found at <https://rkids.org>. They were delivered and the staff were thrilled. The picture is of our team delivering them to Anthony Fiore, Community Outreach and Development Coordinator. Thank you to Georgianna Hull for coordinating this!

Animal Haven of North Haven

Our committee also wrapped up our pet supply collection for The Animal Haven in North Haven, <https://theanimalhavenct.org> – thanks to Charlene Logan for coordinating this successful drive. The picture includes our team delivering it all to Myriam Beaudin, The Animal Haven’s shelter manager. As previously mentioned, we held a raffle for those that donated. The winners are as follows:

1st prize: Julie Anzelotto - 2nd prize: Ann Tully - 3rd prize: Jule Anzelotto

Thanks to all that donated – it was another successful drive!

Red Cross Blood Drive

We are proud to announce that we are once again sponsoring a Blood Drive! It will be held at Hope Christian Church, thanks to the giving spirit of Pastor Jim. **The date is Monday June 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** We have committed to the Red Cross that we would provide the volunteers that day, as we have in the past. If you are interested in volunteering a few hours, or helping to provide small hand-held baked goods, please let Denise know. And for all that are blood donors, please look for our drive online and register for it – it is listed under Hope Christian Church.

Christmas in July Toy Drive for YNHH

We will be once again holding a toy drive for the Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet program. We will be distributing collection boxes at local businesses in North Haven. Additionally, we will be collecting at the **June and July Lodge meetings**. Our committee will also be staged on the North Haven Green for the final collection date of Saturday, July 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have any ideas for local businesses that we can request to house a collection box, please let us know. We will be happy to reach out to them.

Reminder – our ongoing used sneaker collection is still happening! Please bring any used, bagged sneakers that you no longer need to our monthly meetings. Judy Feather will continue to ship them to Got Sneakers for recycling. The Lodge earns a few dollars for this, but more importantly it is a great way to keep these items out of the landfills!

Thanks to everyone in the Lodge for your ongoing support! Please contact us with any ideas for future activities or if you would like to join our committee!

Denise Mazzotta Krause (203-710-7397)

Donna Casciello, Georgianna Hull, Charlene Logan, Regina Najarian

