



North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy
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NORTH HAVEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE # 2805
OCTOBER - 2025 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 7

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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>

Our Lodge email address is

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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

Happy Fall!

Happy Columbus Day! Columbus is an important part of our heritage that has been under attack in recent years. We have included in the newsletter a handout "Why Columbus Matters" that you can use to help educate yourself and family members about Columbus. October is Heritage Month. For our monthly meeting on October 7th, we are going to have a guest speaker, Arnaldo Aranci. Arnaldo is the author of Nicla's Story which retells his parent's journey from war torn Tuscany to the United States.

On Friday October 17th we will be having a Fried Dough Pizza night. Member Al Clemente will be singing for our entertainment, and we will also have a guest speaker.

The CT Grand Lodge Columbus Luncheon is on November 9th. Each year the Grand Lodge Honors a member from each of the state's local lodges. This year our lodge will honor Sally Gill with the Meritorious Member Award. Please consider joining us to celebrate Sally award. More information can be found in this newsletter.

Check the Newsletter for more information on everything that is going on. Remember you can join any committee, it's the best way to meet people and get involved. We are always looking for help and don't worry, you will always be welcome.

Hope to see you at the meeting or one of our events.

Susan

October Meeting Guest Speaker

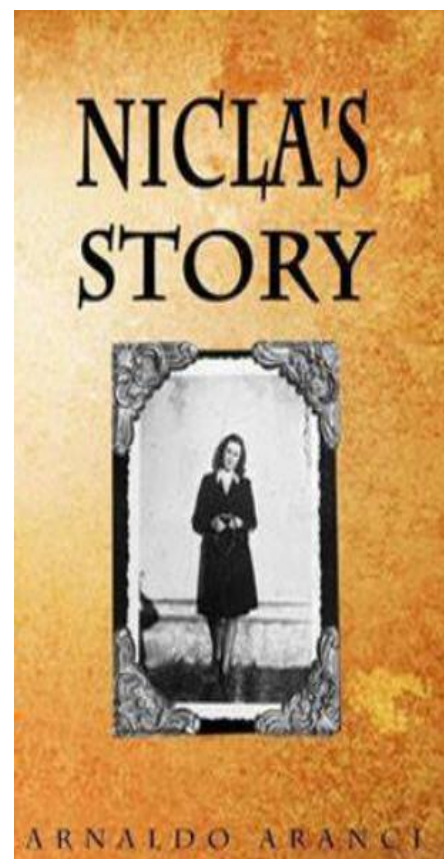
Local author Arnaldo Aranci will be the guest speaker at the North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy meeting on Tuesday October 7th. There will be a brief business meeting starting at 7:00 PM followed by the author's presentation.

The topic will cover his book called Nicla's Story. It is a love story and a tale of survival and danger set against the backdrop of a war. It is full of Italian culture, language, food, places and history. It has received rave reviews on Amazon.

Arnaldo is a first generation Italian American and the book is inspired by his parent's experience during World War II in Italy. His dad was an Italian American soldier who met and married an Italian girl.

The presentation will take place at the Hope Christian church Hall on 211 Montowese Avenue in North Haven. It is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. There is no charge to get in.

This is the first event which honors our Heritage Month.



2025 Social Calendar Updates Monthly

Sunday	10/5/2025	Fashion Show
Tuesday	10/7/2025	Guest Speaker at Lodge meeting Author Arnaldo Aranci
Friday	10/17/2025	Fried Dough Night
Friday	11/14/2025	Murder Mystery Dinner
Sunday	12/7/2025	Christmas Party

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.

Questions, call Frank at 203-410-5254

Lodge Christmas Party.

Biagettis Restaurant, 77 Campbell Ave, West Haven

Sunday December 7, 2025 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Dinner is \$43:00 for members \$48:00 for non members.

Dinner choices 1 per person

Must receive payment by the December 2nd Meeting

- Prime Rib of Beef
- NY Strip w/Mushroom Ajus.
- Baked Stuffed Shrimp.
- Veal Parmigiana.
- Veal Ricardo
- Stuffed Filet of Sole
- Broiled Scrod
- Chicken Parmigiana.
- Chicken Ricardo

Entree's Include : Soup of the Day, House Salad. Garlic Bread, Pasta Potatoes, Vegetables, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert

Tax & Gratuity Included.

Please pick your choice of meal and sign up at the meeting or contact Donna 203-239-0285 .



The North Haven
Sons and Daughters of Italy

13th Fall Fashion Show and Buffet
Honoring Italian Heritage Month

Woodwinds

29 School Ground Road
Branford, CT

*11:30 am
to
3:30 pm*

*Reserve Your
Table Now*

*Credit Card
Bar Only*



*Sunday
October 5th*

*Advanced
Tickets Only*

*\$55 per
Ticket*

View Fashions for the Fall and Holiday

Carol's Creations

Clothing-Jewelry-Accessories

Contact Regina
Committee Chairperson
203-376-8524

www.northhavenlodge2805.club

Contact Georgianna
Committee Chairperson
203-988-8006

Fried Dough Pizza Night

Friday, October 17, 2025, 6:00PM



Featuring Mark Hehl

Talking about growing up as an Italian American

also Featuring Al Clemente

with a musical presentation

Enjoy a fun evening.

2 Fried Dough pizzas, Salad, Beverages, Coffee and Dessert.

6:00 PM

Hope Christian Church

211 Montowese Avenue, North Haven

Only \$15 per person.

For Entertainment and Supper

For tickets call SueAnn at 203-710-4186

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MARDI GRAS, MASKS, MURDER! **Mystery &** **Dinner**

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Dessert

\$20.00 for Members - \$25.00 for non-Members

Friday November 14, Doors open at 6:00 pm. Show starts at 6:30.

Seating is Limited! All Acting Roles are taken.

All guests can participate in solving the mystery.

For Tickets come to September meeting

or Contact Lenny or Sharon for tickets

203-507-6509 or Lric56@yahoo.com

Held at Hope Christian Church



Bocce 2025

Our 2025 Champions are Angela, Joya, Judy and Lee! Congrats to Sharon, Maria, Chris and Joan for 2nd place!

It was a great season. Next year we are always looking for additional teams. Will plan to start the season Mid June???

Angela's team has decided to make the donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital." Thanks to all that helped me out this season (and to Ellis for doing my stats)!

Sally



SHARE THE WARMTH



The Social Outreach Committee is collecting
NEW winter hats, scarves, mittens and gloves
for R Kids

We will be collecting the items at the October and
November monthly lodge meetings
You can also contact Georgianna 203-988-8006

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Community Outreach report for newsletter – 9/20/25

Red Cross Blood Drive – September 3, 2025

Our Blood Drive was a success! We hosted the event from 1:00 – 6:00 pm and netted donations of 25 pints of blood. Thanks to all that came to donate blood and to volunteers Dan Krause, Lucille DeGregorio, Georgianna Hull, Regina Najarian and Charlene Logan. We have not yet scheduled another date, but will notify everyone when it is scheduled.

Help for VFW Auxiliary Providing Snacks to West Haven VA Hospital

As many will recall, last February we collected single serving snacks and delivered them to the VFW Auxiliary at the West Haven VA Hospital (WHVAH). See attached pictures. They in turn maintain a table at the Hospital's main entry way and distribute these snacks to the many patients that come and go for outpatient services. Our delivery allowed the VFW group much needed assistance for buying these snacks, and was greatly appreciated.

We are ready to start the collection again, as they need our help again to restock. If you are interested in helping this cause, please bring boxed single serving, individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, chip bags, snack crackers, marshmallow treat bars, etc.) to our **October 7th and November 4th Lodge meetings**. Please note – no beverages are needed. Thanks in advance!

Hat/mitten/glove/scarf drive for 'Rkids

First, we would like to again thank the members that donated additional clothing for 'Rkids after our official drop off in August. Please know that Georgianna dropped them off and they were very much appreciated. This is an ongoing need, so feel free to contact one of us any time you have gently used clothing for kids of all sizes.

We are now hoping to further help this organization by providing NEW winter hats, mittens, gloves and/or scarves for kids of all ages. For those interested in supporting this drive, please bring the items to our **October 7th and November 4th Lodge meetings**. "RKids Family Center, (<https://rkidsct.org/>) supports at risk families and children in foster care. We hope to have a representative of this group visit our Lodge soon, so the members have a better understanding of what they do. Thanks to all that plan to support this drive!

Toy Drive for YNHH Toy Closet Program

Please keep in mind as we all start our holiday shopping, that we will once again hold our toy drive in November and December. More info to follow next month, but please let us know if you have suggestions of businesses that we can approach to house our collection boxes.

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! While we have more planned for the coming winter months, 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

Charlene Logan

Georgianna Hull

Regina Najarian

Christopher Columbus changed the world. He took his world, the late Middle Ages, and set it on it's way to becoming the place we inhabit today. Though his acts were forceful and deliberate , their results were unintended; in fact, he went to his grave without realizing that he had discovered two vast new continents.

The story of Columbus is a story of self-exaltation and humility, of vainglory coupled with dedication to Church and Crown, of Mysticism and Materialism. As you try to come to grips with the power conflicts within his personality, you can begin to understand the equally compelling paradoxes that mark his era, his accomplishments and his legacy.

The Pinta



DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED PUBLICLY FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME BY PRESIDENT HARRISON DURING A CEREMONY HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ON THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS FIRST VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY.

**YOU CAN
LOOK
IT UP!**



**FUN
FACTS**

The Santa Maria



The Nina



COLUMBUS NEVER TORTURED THE NATIVE POPULATIONS

- This lie is in *A People's History of the United States* by Howard Zinn
- Zinn gives no evidence for this falsehood, which is now wide-spread
- Zinn's book also attacks Washington, Jefferson, and other American leaders
- This book has been used in U.S. schools for more than 40 years

THE RECORDED HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS

- No written history about these vast continents and their peoples existed before Columbus
- After him came European missionaries who created grammars and dictionaries of native languages which saved them from being lost forever
- The missionaries wrote down native customs, beliefs, and traditions
- They preserved Indigenous art, and established schools for the children

CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN EUROPE AND AMERICA

- After Columbus came millions of Europeans who brought their science, medicine, inventions, technology, art, music and manpower to America
- They brought Greek democracy, Roman law, Judeo-Christian ethics, and the tenet that "all men are created equal."

COLUMBUS DAY IS A LEGAL U.S. HOLIDAY

- Columbus Day was first celebrated in 1792 on the 300th anniversary of his first voyage
- The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 on the 400th anniversary
- That year, President Benjamin Harris declared Columbus Day a legal holiday
- In 1971, the U.S. Congress made it a legal federal holiday
- Columbus was once admired as much as Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln
- Our nation's capital and more than 50 cities, towns and counties are named for him
- The United States has more monuments and other tributes to Columbus than any other nation in the world

FROM ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS TO ITALIAN AMERICANS

- Columbus Day celebrates the heritage and contributions of the nation's estimated 20 million Italian Americans
- It also recognizes their ancestors' early struggle to overcome poverty, discrimination, and exploitation
- Italian immigrants were lynched in the South; paid less than White and Black workers in the North; and declared "Enemy Aliens" in WWII
- In WWII, Italian immigrants were interned, had their property confiscated, were forced to move, and subjected to curfews and travel restrictions
- The holiday marks their journey from denigrated immigrants to successful citizens of our nation
- On Columbus Day every year, Italian Americans say "thank you" to the land of opportunity



COLUMBUS UNDER ATTACK

- For 200 years, Columbus was revered in America for permanently opening relations between the Americas and the rest of the world
- In 1992, however, on the 500th anniversary of his first crossing, special interest groups destroyed Columbus' reputation to further their own political and social agendas
- As a result, so far, 14 states and more than 130 cities observe "Indigenous People's Day" instead of or in addition to Columbus Day
- The U.S. has an estimated five million people of Native American descent and 20 million Americans of Italian descent

**TURN OVER TO DISCOVER
HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

The Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations is committed to preserving the legacy of Christopher Columbus. To this end, we have put together the following facts about why Columbus should be remembered and celebrated, not just by Italian Americans, but by all Americans.

COLUMBUS CONDEMNED SLAVERY

- Columbus was against slavery
- He never bought, sold, or owned slaves
- He never brought any slaves from Africa to the Caribbean

COLUMBUS CHAMPIONED INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

- He protected Tainos from the Caribs and Caribs that practiced slavery, torture, human sacrifice and cannibalism
- He was blood brother to Taino Chief Guacanagari
- He adopted Guacanagari's orphaned son
- He ordered his men to trade fairly with indigenous tribes

COLUMBUS ADMIRER THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

- In his logs, he describes them as 'well-made, with fine shapes and faces...their eyes were large and very beautiful.'
- He praises their intelligence
- He hoped to convert them to Christianity

Learn More

To discover more ways to help preserve the legacy of Christopher Columbus, visit the following websites:

The National Columbus Education Foundation

www.knowcolumbus.org

Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Commission for Social Justice

[www.osia.org/
commission-for-social-justice](http://www.osia.org/commission-for-social-justice)

Italian American One Voice Coalition

www.iaovc.org

To join us as we unite Italian Americans across the United States, visit

www.italianamericaonline.com

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of Major Italian American Organizations

www.copomiao.org

Why Columbus Matters

