



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**  
**FEB. - 2024 NEWSLETTER**  
**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 6**

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> 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

[nhsdilodge2805@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:Lric56@yahoo.com) or Sue at [snoozie321@outlook.com](mailto:snoozie321@outlook.com)

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

# President's Message

Welcome to Winter!

As we are looking forward to a busy February. We have brought back our Valentines Dinner on February 10<sup>th</sup> and Bingo at the end of the month.

We are also planning another membership dinner. Last year we gained almost 40 members from our Porchetta dinner. We are planning another for March so please start thinking of friends or family members that you think would like to join the Lodge. More information will be coming soon.

Don't forget to send in your due's payment. You can also bring the payment to the February or March meeting. We mailed dues notice to all members. If you did not receive one, there is a copy in the newsletter or you can let Sueann or I know, and we will get you one.

Hope to see some of you at the February 6th meeting.

Susan



**Sunshine Note: If you know someone who is a member or connected to a member and would like the Lodge to send a card to that person please contact Donna at 203-239-0285**



**Last call for  
Valentine Porchetta Dinner.  
Saturday, February 10, 2024  
St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall  
Porchetta, Pasta, Vegetables, Salad,  
Desserts & Coffee or Tea.**

*Last minute entertainment cancellation  
so we are working on a new plan.*

**Entertainment**

**\$20 for Members, \$25 for Non-Members**

***For Tickets call Frank by Tuesday, 2-6-24  
at 203-410- 4254 or fmentonejr@comcast.net***

## Donation from Our Club Fashion Show Proceeds

On Thursday, December 28th, Georgianna, Jon and Regina went to Ronald McDonald House in New Haven to present our donation of \$775.00. This was a part of the proceeds from our Fashion Show. We met with Michelle D'Amore, the CEO of Ronald McDonald House and presented the check. We wouldn't be able to donate anything if it wasn't for the support of our membership. Thank you, Everyone. Now, we are ready to move on to the next Fashion Show!

Pictured Right to Left:  
Regina Najarian, Michelle D'Amore,  
Georgianna Hull



It's That Time Again  
Saturday February 24, 2024  
At St. Frances Cabrini, 7pm  
\$15.00 per person. Please Sign  
up at February's Monthly meeting  
Or Call Sally 203-645-8177

***Even Italians are Irish on St. Patrick's Day.***

***Celebrate our Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner &***

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!**

**Saturday, March 9th at St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall at 7:00**

**Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, & Carrots.**

**Coffee & Desserts.**

**All Members who sign up a new member at the dinner will receive a voucher worth \$15.00 to be used for any in-house event.**

**Anyone who signs up for a membership at the dinner will get a 50% dues reduction for the full 2024 year.**

**Only \$20.00 per person.**

**For tickets contact Frank at 203-410-4254  
or [fmentonejr@comcast.net](mailto:fmentonejr@comcast.net)**





# Community Outreach Committee

As February approaches, the Community Outreach committee is ready to gear up and begin activities for the winter/spring months. Please feel free to join us for any or all events - we welcome the support!

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Our Spring Blood Drive has been confirmed and should be on the Red Cross website shortly! Please note the date will be Wednesday, April 3rd and it will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please spread the word to all you know that give blood!

**New Project - Blankets!** Do you knit or crochet? Would you be interested in joining a group that will create blankets for the Arden House in Hamden and possibly other skilled nursing facilities? We are hoping to put an informal group together that would be interested in doing this. We are still deciding the details of what we will create - possibly lap blankets for full afghans? Crochet or Knit? If interested in this, please call or email Denise Mazzotta Krause (203-710-7397 or [krau11@comcast.net](mailto:krau11@comcast.net)).

**Dinner for Ronald McDonald House:** Another new endeavor we are putting together is cooking dinner for the Ronald McDonald House. This would entail a group of up to 8 members creating/cooking a meal onsite at their facility in New Haven. We will be selecting a date soon. If you are interested in helping with this, we can accept 4 additional people to join us. Please call Georgianna Hull if interested (203-988-8006). If we have more than the needed volunteers, we can try to repeat the activity later this spring so others may also participate.

**Columbus House Welcome Kit items:** Our committee would like to once again assist the Columbus House in New Haven. Attached please see the flyer explaining the program. They put together "Welcome Kits" for those that leave the Columbus House for their own housing - these kits assist their transition and "welcome" them to their independent space. We would like to collect items listed under the Bedroom kits and the Bathroom kits. We are NOT asking each individual to provide all the items in these lists. Simply one or two items per person will add up nicely, and we will organize the kits. If interested in assisting with this collection, please bring items to the Lodge meetings on March 5th or April 2nd.

I would like to thank Judy Feather for her important contributions to our committee from day one. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, she will no longer be an official committee member, but will continue to support us, and we appreciate it. She has sent our first shipment of sneakers out for recycling. Once we get a response from "Gotsneakers?" we will determine whether this is a worthy endeavor or not. Will keep everyone posted!

Also, we thank each member that has supported our past activities and look forward to your support with these new ones. We can't continue to have the successful community impact without your support!!

Feel free to contact us with any questions or new ideas!

Denise Mazzotta Krause (203-710-7397)

Georgianna Hull (203-988-8006)

Donna Casciello (203-887-7308)



**North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy's Community Outreach Committee is coordinating the collection of items listed below for Bedroom and Bathroom to support The Columbus House's Welcome Kits Program.**

# WELCOME KITS



**M**ost of those we serve have limited incomes and often need help with basic necessities once they secure housing. Help give them a warm welcome into their new home with some basic household items to get them started.

Please help by purchasing one of the kit options below, or purchase one of each kit to create a **FULL WELCOME KIT** (APPROX. COST \$300).

## 1 FUND KITS

Funding a Welcome Kit ensures people receive what they need and gives them the option to make their own decisions on sizes, colors and designs.

## 2 MAKE A KIT

Get together with family, friends, or co-workers and put together a kit, or two, or ten! Each kit will go directly to someone moving into a new home.

## 3 GIVE A GIFT CARD

Gift cards to Big Lots, Family Dollar Store, Target, Dollar Tree and Walmart are a great way to help. They can be used to purchase additional household items.



### CLEANING KIT (APPROX. COST \$30)

- ☐ Bucket
- ☐ Mop
- ☐ Ouster
- ☐ Broom
- ☐ Dust Pan
- ☐ Laundry Soap
- ☐ Laundry Basket
- ☐ Window Cleaner
- ☐ Powder Cleanser
- ☐ Sponges
- ☐ Cleaning Rags
- ☐ Disinfecting Wipes
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer



### BEDROOM KIT (APPROX. COST \$120)

- ☐ Twin Sheet Set
- ☐ Comforter
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Bed



### BATHROOM KIT (APPROX. COST \$50)

- ☐ Shower Curtain/Rings
- ☐ Garbage Pail
- ☐ Bath Mat
- ☐ Bath Towels
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Toothbrush



### KITCHEN KIT (APPROX. COST \$100)

- ☐ Dish Rack
- ☐ Dish Towels
- ☐ Pot Holders
- ☐ Dish Soap
- ☐ Paper Towels
- ☐ Reusable Plastic Cups
- ☐ Plates
- ☐ Pots/Pans
- ☐ Cooking Utensils
- ☐ Can Opener
- ☐ Flatware
- ☐ Garbage Pail

Please consider giving extra **GIFT CARDS** that can be added to a kit for the purchase of additional items.



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For more information or to schedule a drop-off please contact Sherree at 203-401-4400 ext. 138 or [sdmarino@columbushouse.org](mailto:sdmarino@columbushouse.org). If you would like to fund a Welcome Kit, please make checks payable to "Columbus House" and include "Welcome Kits" in the memo. Mail to: Columbus House, PO Box 7093, New Haven, CT 06519. You can also give online at [www.columbushouse.org/welcomekits](http://www.columbushouse.org/welcomekits).

Figure 1

Please drop off items by April 2<sup>nd</sup> Lodge meeting, or contact one of our members for more information:

**Georgianna:** 203-988-8006 **Denise:** 203-710-7397 **Donna:** 203-887-7308



**OUR LODGES 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY**  
Held Jan. 6, 2024 at Wallingford Country Club  
Jan. 11, 2004 to Jan. 11, 2024



North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805  
2024 Membership Dues Bill

Make Checks Payable to:  
North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805

**Due Date before or on March 5, 2024**

To Renew Dues is \$45.00 per person Student, or Senior Dues (age 80 and over) are 25.00

Please Return this form with your Full Payment

Any Questions or concerns please contact SueAnn Mentone-203-710-4186 or Sue Velleca 203-239-2999

We are trying to keep our Lodge records up to date, if you would like to update your contact information it would be helpful. Please fill out for each member in your household.

Name:		
Phone:		email:
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Phone:		email:
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Calculate Total Payment			
Member Type	Number of Members	Dues	Total (# of Members x Dues)
Regular Member		\$ 45.00	
Over 80		\$ 25.00	
Student		\$ 25.00	
		Total Due	

Please make checks payable to North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805

Mail this form and payment to: North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805  
Atten: SueAnn Mentone  
P.O. Box 193  
North Haven, CT. 06473

You may also bring payment to the January, February, or March Meetings.

Please pay before March 5, 2024 we don't want to lose you as a member.