



North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy
Lodge 2805
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NORTH HAVEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE # 2805
MAY - 2024 NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING MAY 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

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

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather, at least we hope it starts getting warmer.

If you have not heard already, we must move out of St. Francis Cabrini Church by the end of the year. We have been discussing different options for the relocation. At the May 7th Lodge meeting we will be discussing the move and bringing it up for a vote. Please try and attend so you can be a part of this decision.

In the meantime, we have some great events coming up.

In May, come and honor two of our own members at our Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner. There is still time to get your tickets and help us honor two of our outstanding members, Georgianna Hull and Andy Caporossi. We will also be presenting our scholarships, come join us as we recognize these fine young people.

We are also marching in the North Haven Memorial Day Parade. Sign up at the meeting or let us know if you want to join us. Our VP Frank Mentone and his wife are hosting a cookout at their home for our marchers. We have a great fun time.

Check the Newsletter for more information. Hope you will join us for one or all these events.

Hope to see in at our May 7th 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

Bocce Anyone?



Looking for members to play in our Bocce League this summer! We may play at the Hamden Elks Bocce Courts! They, I'm sure, are in much better shape AND there's cocktails! Teams of 4 and always looking for singles to fill in some of our spots. Please consider playing this year. Even if you don't know how to play, we welcome you!

We have a great time! The cost is \$15 for the whole season. We play on Friday evenings. Times and Dates TBA. ANY questions, please call Sally Gill 203-645-8177. Looking forward to another fun season!

Annual Horse Races Event



Saturday June 8th 6pm
\$20.00 per person
includes Meal and
Admission

Races are \$2.00 per
horse per race

Meatball Subs, Sausage & Pepper Subs
Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad, Green Salad
Dessert, Coffee, Soda, Water

Tickets on Sale at Lodge meetings

Contact Donna @203 239-0285 or Sharon 203-234-0215

Community Outreach Committee

Hello everyone! The Community Outreach Committee had a very productive month of April.

Blood Drive

Our Spring Blood Drive (April 3) was very successful, in spite of the cold rain that Mother Nature provided for the day. We had 34 people arrive to donate, and the Red Cross successfully collected 29 units. We exceeded the goal of 25 units. This wouldn't have been possible without the help of our Lodge members. Thank you to those that donated blood, to those that spent time volunteering at the drive, and to those that brought the much appreciated baked goods. Here is my list of those that contributed:

Donna, Lucille, Georgianna, Judy, Regina, Dan, Sue, Neil, Sally Charlene, Angela, Mark

Collection for Columbus House

Another very successful activity was our drive for items for the Columbus House's Welcome Kits. Just Wow! Four of our committee members delivered cars full of items on April 11th. Thanks to the generosity of our Lodge members, combined with our community, we collected and delivered 18 pillows, 7 comforters, 6 sets of sheets, 20 towels, 6 mattress toppers, 6 bathroom rugs and shower curtains, and a variety of toiletries, dishes and glasses. Sherrie at Columbus House was so appreciative and impressed with our delivery!

Also, a shout out to our stores for allowing our collection boxes. Thanks to Arnold's Jewelers, Nick's CharPit and Hello Gorgeous.

Next Meeting and new activities

Our next committee meeting will be held at the church on Tuesday, May 21st. Please feel free to join us to discuss our upcoming activities of the "Christmas in July" toy drive, and a backpack drive to "RKids, to help for Back to School time. Also, please feel free to contact me with any new ideas or if interested in joining our committee,

Denise Mazzotta Krause, 203-710-7397

Donna Casciello

Georgianna Hull

Charlene Logan

Regina Najarian



Memorial Day Parade

There will be a sign up sheet at the Lodge meeting. We are asking for participation. Riding is available but limited. Speak up if you want to ride!

No one has come forward and offered a trailer or pickup for a float yet but there's still time to do so.

You can email, call or text Angela at the following:

angiem1002@gmail.com

203 274-0001

Memorial Day Picnic



Following our participation in the Memorial day Parade, the Mentone's will be hosting our second annual. We will provide hotdogs, burgers, baked chicken and sausage and peepers. Feel free to provide a side dish or dessert and your own beverages. RSVP if you plan on attending and what you will be bringing.

Fmentonejr@comcast.net

Last chance to get tickets to honor two of our own at the distinguished awards dinner. The dinner will take place on Wednesday, May 22 at Woodwind in Branford. It will begin at 5:30 and tickets are only \$55 per person. Please call Frank at 203-410-4254 by May 13.

*North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805
2024 Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner*

**Join us as we celebrate three
outstanding members of the community!**

Tickets are only \$55.00 per person!

For tickets or ads contact Frank.

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203-410-4254



HONOREES

Senator Paul Cicarella

Georgianna Hull

Andrew Caporossi



Wednesday, May 22, 2024

5:30pm - 9:30pm

Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Road, Branford, CT

FASHION SHOW NEWS

We had our first Fashion Show Committee meeting. Our basket supply for raffle items is running low. Therefore we would like to get an early start collecting items now
Thank you,
Georgianna and Regina

FAMILY FUN

YARD GOATS BASEBALL GAME



Join us for an afternoon of fun at the Yard Goats Game.
Sunday July 14th 2024.
Gates open at 11:30 am
Game time is 1:00 pm.
Contact Larry Logan for tickets.
203-606-8903