



# The Cosmos Club



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## THE PRESIDENT'S POST



**Nicholas Brancato Jr.**  
*President*

Hello Cosmos Club of Fair Lawn, Inc. Member(s)!

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer. As the slower pace of the season comes to an end, we are eager to get back into the rhythm of club life and reconnect with one another.

Although the third quarter was quieter than usual, it still gave us an opportunity to reflect on what makes our community so special. While we were saddened to see the cancellation of the *End of Summer Bash*, we are excited to turn the page and focus on the many activities and traditions that lie ahead. Our board has been hard at work preparing a strong calendar of events that will keep our members engaged, connected, and proud to be part of this longstanding institution.

The fourth quarter promises to be one of the busiest and most memorable stretches of the year. From the return of our beloved Friday night dinners to a variety of social and cultural gatherings, there will be plenty of opportunities to come together in fellowship. The holiday season is

upon us shortly, and with it comes some of the most meaningful traditions of our club. These months are always filled with warmth, celebration, and generosity. We look forward to sharing them with you.

You will find our calendar of events later in this edition of *The Cosmoscope*, outlining what is in store for the fall and early winter months. I encourage each of you to take part, bring along friends and family, and continue to make the club a place where memories are created and traditions are preserved.

In addition to returning favorites, you can expect to see some fresh new ideas introduced that will modernize and strengthen our programming. As always, we welcome your input—if you have event ideas or suggestions, please feel free to email the executive board or share them at one of our membership meetings. Your participation helps shape the direction of our club and ensures we remain vibrant for years to come.

Finally, I invite you to join us for our first membership meeting back on Tuesday, September 23rd. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together, share ideas, and officially open what I believe will be one of our best seasons yet.

Thank you, as always, for your loyalty, support, and enthusiasm. Together, we will continue to make our club stronger than ever and ensure that it remains a proud part of our community.

**Sincerely,**

**Nicholas Brancato Jr.**  
Cosmos Club of Fair Lawn, Inc. President.



# THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

## WELCOME BACK!

by Bett Ann Agresta



**Bett Ann Agresta**

*Women's Auxiliary President*

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."

—**Eleanor Roosevelt**

It is a pleasure to serve as President of this fantastically imaginative and cooperative *Cosmos Club Women's Auxiliary*. Each year, we harness the creativity, ideas, and compassion of our members to strengthen our community through friendship and shared values. By working closely with the Men's Club, the Cosmos family continues to thrive.

The Women's Auxiliary has an exciting, activity-filled year ahead. Our *Boo-Bash Bingo Fundraiser* will be held on *Thursday, October 23, 2025*. Gather your friends, reserve a table, and join us for a night of fun and prizes—men are always welcome! For more information, please contact Bett at 201-670-6070.

Looking ahead, we plan to chase away the winter doldrums with laughter at a *Comedy Night Fundraiser* on *February 28, 2026 (Rich Meyer)*. More details and flyers will be available soon.

We also encourage you to help us spread the word that *membership is open* to the wives of current members, as well as to any woman over the age of 21 with Italian ancestry—or whose husband has Italian ancestry.

Finally, please join us in welcoming *Kelly Penna* as our Interim Corresponding Secretary. Kelly will be available for membership applications and to provide the most up-to-date schedule of events.

## Upcoming Events

### SEPTEMBER

September 25 Fun Night (Lorraine)

September 26-28 St. Anne's Carnival and Food Fest (volunteers needed - Auxiliary contributed)

### OCTOBER

October 9 Meeting/Social

October 14 Tricky-Tray Fundraiser

@Westmount C C see Kelly P for fliers/reservations (cell# 201-655-3891)

October 23 Boo Bash BINGO Night

### NOVEMBER

November 6 Meeting/Social

November 20 Bring-a-Friendsgiving: Open House Coffee Social

### DECEMBER

December 4 Christmas Tree Lighting

December 13 Adult Christmas Party

December 14 Children's Christmas Party

December 15 (Mon.) Ladies' Christmas Party/gift exchange





# UPDATES & INFORMATION

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### SEPTEMBER

9/13 Winter Coat Drive Begins  
9/23 Gen Membership Meeting

### OCTOBER

10/12 Sunday Funday Brunch (Foundation Event)  
10/21 Executive Board Meeting  
10/28 Gen Membership Meeting

### NOVEMBER

11/11 Executive Board Meeting  
11/21 BrosGiving  
11/27 Gen Membership Meeting

### DECEMBER

12/4 Christmas Tree Lighting  
12/9 Executive Board Meeting  
12/13 Adult Christmas Party  
12/14 Children's Christmas Party  
12/19 Men's Fish Dinner  
12/23 Gen Membership Meeting



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INFORMATION & EVENTS ONLINE AT:  
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## WINTER COAT DRIVE: A WARM EFFORT FROM THE COSMOS CLUB

by Stephen Gambuti

As the colder months approach, the *Cosmos Club of Fair Lawn, Inc.* is proud to announce our *Winter Coat Drive*, running from September 13<sup>th</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup>. This charitable initiative will benefit *The Church of St. Anne Food Pantry*, helping ensure that those in need within our community have access to warm clothing during the winter season.

Collections will take place at the drop box located in the coat closet of the main hall at the club, located at 33-02 Morlot Avenue, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. Members and friends are encouraged to donate new or gently used winter coats of all sizes.

Every contribution makes a difference, whether it helps a child walk to school warmly or provides comfort to a family struggling through the season.

THE COSMOS CLUB OF FAIR LAWN, INC.  
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# WINTER COAT DRIVE

TO BENEFIT  
THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE  
FOOD PANTRY

COLLECTIONS  
SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

LOCATION  
DROP BOX IN THE COAT CLOSET OF THE MAIN HALL  
33-02 MORLOT AVE, FAIR LAWN, NJ 07410

PLEASE HELP KEEP SOMEONE WARM THIS WINTER



## **COOL COMFORT IN THE MAIN HALL**

by Dan Hauser, Dan D'Amore & Jorge Quintana

The House Committee is pleased to announce that a brand-new air conditioning system has been installed in the Main Hall thanks to new member *Nick Kantor* of *Joe Cools Heating and Cooling LLC*. This upgrade ensures a more comfortable environment for all our members and guests, whether enjoying dinners, events, or meetings. This improvement at the club is ready to keep everyone cool and comfortable for seasons to come.

## **PLANNING BEGINS 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

by Chris Lamazza & Alessandro Bruno

As we approach a monumental milestone—our club's 75th Anniversary—we are beginning to lay the groundwork for what promises to be a truly unforgettable celebration. To make this momentous occasion as special and meaningful as possible, we are inviting our members to get involved in the planning process.

Whether you have ideas for events, want to help organize, or simply want to lend a hand behind the scenes, your input and energy are welcome! This is a chance to honor our club's rich history, celebrate our present, and help shape the future—all while having fun and building memories together.

If you are interested in joining the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee, please reach out to *Chris Lamazza* or *Alessandro Bruno*. Let us make history together!



## **COSMOS FOUNDATION OF FAIR LAWN EVENTS**

by Ron Agresta

The *Cosmos Foundation of Fair Lawn* cordially extends an invitation to attend a new event, on *Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>* called *Sunday Funday*. This is a brunch gathering held in conjunction with the live broadcast of the *National Football League* games from London.

The featured contest will present the *Denver Broncos* versus the *New York Jets*, offering guests an engaging and spirited viewing experience.

In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a raffle for a YETI Roadie 15 Hard Cooler with Shoulder Strap, an exceptional prize designed for both durability and convenience. *Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event.*

We look forward to your presence at this event, where community, fellowship, and sport unite for an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

For more information please visit:

[WWW.COSMOSFOUNDATIONFAIRLAWN.COM/EVENTS](http://WWW.COSMOSFOUNDATIONFAIRLAWN.COM/EVENTS)

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# ***SUNDAY FUNDAY***

**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
9:00AM**


VS


**\$25.00**

BAGEL ASSORTMENT  
EGG FRITTATAS  
BACON  
SAUSAGE  
HASHBROWNS

**RAFFLE**

ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN:  
YETI ROADIE 15 HARD COOLER  
W/ SHOULDER STRAP

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# NEWS IN THE COSMOVERSE

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER RECAP

by Nicholas Brancato, Jr., John Battista, Chris Lamazza  
& Bob Sharples

On Friday, July 11th, the Cosmos Club of Fair Lawn, Inc. proudly hosted its Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner, a tradition that continues to highlight our club's commitment to education and community. The evening began with our members gathering before the traditional Friday Night Dinner, setting the stage for a heartfelt program dedicated to celebrating the achievements of this year's scholarship recipients.

It was truly a night to remember, filled with pride, joy, and a strong sense of family. The following students were recognized for their accomplishments and dedication:

- James King (son of James King)
- Julian Graziano (grandson of Angel Mirabal)
- Alex Vasquez (son of Luis Vasquez)
- Gavin Hinds (grandson of Joseph Montanaro)
- Christopher Conroy (son of Jim Conroy)



Each of these recipients demonstrated qualities of hard work, perseverance, and promise for the future—values that align with the spirit of the Cosmos Club of Fair Lawn, Inc.

In addition, a very special moment of the evening was the presentation of the *Ray Orlando Excellence Award* to Christopher Conroy. This award, honoring the legacy of longtime member *Ray Orlando*, was presented by *Louise Orlando*, his wife. It was a moving reminder of the lasting impact that dedication, service, and leadership leave behind in our community.



In total, the Cosmos Club of Fair Lawn, Inc. awarded \$2,500 in scholarships this year, a contribution made possible by the generosity and continued support of our members and friends. These scholarships are more than financial assistance—they represent encouragement, belief in the next generation, and a reminder that the club stands behind its young people as they pursue their goals.

The Scholarship Awards Dinner once again underscored what makes the Cosmos Club of Fair Lawn, Inc. special: tradition, generosity, and the celebration of family and heritage. It was an evening that brought us together not just as a club, but as a community invested in shaping the future.



# BEHIND THE BAR

## BAR ANNOUNCEMENT

by John Battista

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! As the seasons change, the excitement at the bar is in full swing with plenty of sports to watch—whether it is the heat of the baseball season or the thrill of football Sundays.

The club is also excited to announce a new beer on tap: *Garage Beer*, co-owned by NFL stars *Jason and Travis Kelce*. It is the perfect pairing for catching a game with friends or enjoying a relaxing night at the club.

Whether you are here for **Friday Night Dinner**, to cheer on your favorite team, or just to unwind, stop by the bar and give it a try!

In addition, please note that a list of bar procedures will soon be posted to help guide members on how to properly open and close the bar. These guidelines are intended to keep everything in order and ensure that the bar runs smoothly and efficiently for everyone's enjoyment.

Finally, a *special thank you* goes out to our dedicated bar crew—*Mike Simcic, Joe Mosca, and Dave Librera*—for always stepping up, helping, and making sure we continue to provide the very best service to the club.



**John Battista**  
*Sergeant at Arms*

## BARTENDER JOKE

An Italian walks into a bar and says,  
“I’ll have a martini... but make it al dente.”

## HALL RENTALS

by Bob Sharples

Celebrating a special occasion? Our newly renovated banquet hall has everything you need to host your next event such as:

*Baby/Bridal Showers*

*Birthday Parties*

*Corporate Events*

*Formal Gatherings*

*& more!*

Send us an inquiry at:

[WWW.COSMOSCLUBNJ.COM/HALL-RENTAL](http://WWW.COSMOSCLUBNJ.COM/HALL-RENTAL)





# SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL



On this solemn day, we pause to remember the events of September 11, 2001—a day that forever changed our nation and our world. Twenty-four years later, the memories of that tragic morning remain etched into our hearts, and the lessons of unity, sacrifice, and resilience continue to guide us.

The Cosmos Club of Fair Lawn, Inc. stands united in honoring the nearly 3,000 innocent lives lost. We remember the countless families whose loved ones never returned home and the millions who still carry the weight of grief. We also pay tribute to the brave first responders—firefighters, police officers, EMTs, healthcare professionals, and volunteers—who ran toward danger with courage, giving everything they had to save others. Their bravery is a legacy of hope in the face of unthinkable tragedy.

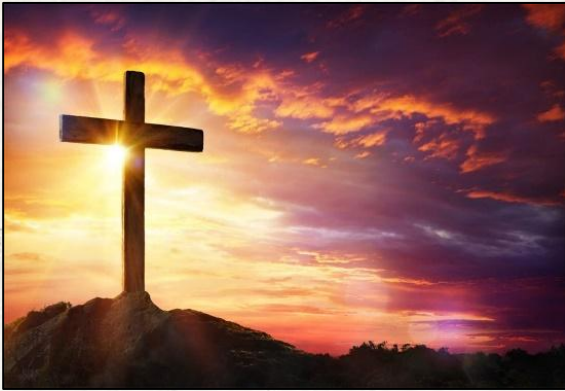
In the days and years that followed, many more continued to serve. Members of our armed forces defended freedom abroad, while neighbors, friends, and communities across the country came together in solidarity at home. That spirit of togetherness is something we, as a club and as a community, strive to uphold each day.

Today, we also extend our thoughts and prayers to the souls of any loved ones connected to the Cosmos community who may have been lost on that tragic day. We offer a prayer for them, and for all those who gave their lives, that their memories may always live on through us.

As we gather in remembrance, let us also commit ourselves to honoring their legacy by living with compassion, service, and strength. Though 24 years have passed, the memory of 9/11 remains with us. Today, and every day, the Cosmos Club of Fair Lawn, Inc. pledges to remember, to honor, and to give thanks—for the lives we lost, for the heroes we cherish, and for the freedom we hold dear.



## **BLESSINGS**



### ***September Prayer***

Heavenly Father, as we begin the month of September, we thank You for the blessings of summer and the gift of community that surrounds us. As the seasons begin to change, remind us of the beauty in new beginnings and the strength that comes from tradition. Bless our families, our friends, and our Cosmos Club community. May our gatherings be filled with laughter, kindness, and generosity, just as our ancestors taught us around their tables. We pray for those in need, that they may find comfort and warmth, and for those who serve, that they may be rewarded with peace. Grant us the wisdom to work together in harmony, the courage to face life's challenges, and the grace to always be grateful for Your many gifts. Let this September be a time of renewed spirit, deeper friendships, and joyful celebration of the heritage we cherish. In faith and unity, we place this month in Your hands.

***Amen.***

## **DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION?**

Please ensure we have the correct information for you on our roster. It is important for us to keep these records accurate so we can keep you up to date with all Cosmos News!

If you see an issue, please address it to [cosmosclubfairlawn@gmail.com](mailto:cosmosclubfairlawn@gmail.com)!

## **WORDS FROM THE EDITOR**



Hello Cosmos Club!

I hope you enjoyed this edition of *The Cosmoscope*. I look forward to working with all our Cosmos Club members in the future! If you have anything that you would like featured, please send an email to:

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### **Alessandro Bruno**

*New Membership Applicant Chairman  
The Cosmoscope Chief Editor*

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