**General Dinner Business Meeting – Tuesday March 12th – Meeting Minutes**

* Prayer & Flag Salute
* Presentation & Approval of 10/10/23 Meeting minutes & Treasurer’s Report
* Membership Report
	+ 2 New Member applications received, voted, and approved: Lisa Tomasulo Forrester & Thomas J Magg.
* Scholarship Report: 2024 Scholarship applications are available on the website with a deadline of 4/30/24; to date no applications have been received.
* Dues: concern was raised that the cost for mailing and maintenance will increase significantly, and the dues have been the same for almost 30 years, so we will vote on a possible increase in dues at the June meeting. After the June meeting, the notice for renewal of dues for 2024-2025 will be sent out.
* Final Report given on Christmas Luncheon; 128 members/guests attended; large quantity of door prizes (we thank Gary Zarrilli for the large amount of prized he obtained); successful return of the cookie table (we thank Lisa Splendido for initiating and coordinating and look forward to it again this year); we thank all those that attended – a good time was had by all.
* Website: Position still open, we have been in contact with an outside source if we cannot find someone to volunteer with the organization. Kathy Clancy offered to reach out to Mark Giallella (our current webmaster) and is open to taking over the website. We will have final resolution on this matter by June.
* 2024 Calendar
	+ - June (date to be announced) General Business/Dinner Meeting (Tuesday evening)
		- June 30th  Kelsey Theater – Sound Of Music 2 pm $25 per ticket, we have reserved 20 tickets, please contact Rose Stia at 609-588-0290 to reserve your ticket.
		- July 19th Trenton Thunder – 7:00 pm, we have reserved 20 tickets, please contact Frank Bruno at 609-588-9546 or pbruno02@gmail.com to reserve your ticket.
		- August 17th Our Lady of Pierno Mass/Dinner – 4:00 pm Mass St. Joachim’s Church/dinner to follow at Padrino’s Restaurant Kuser Rd. Hamilton – details to follow.
		- October 5/6 Italian American Festival Mercer County Park – details to follow.
		- October (date to be announced) General Business/Dinner Meeting (Saturday afternoon)
		- December 8th Christmas Luncheon – 1:00 pm Mercer Oaks West Windsor – details to follow.
	+ Presentations
		- Mary Rorro gave an update on the restoration of the Christopher Columbus Statue
		- Susan Burns presented the schedule for the La Boheme opera
		- Rich Steo recommended trying a meeting on a Saturday afternoon which we will do in October.
		- Tom Frascella shared some historical facts of interest /members have been emailed his articles.
	+ Correspondence
		- 2 thank you notes from 2023 scholarship recipients
		- St. Patrick’s Day Parade program journal provided by Ancient Order of Hibernians for our ad placement.
		- St. Jude annual donation request
* Adjournment/Dinner