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## Playing with Words

As a writer, I like to play with words. When I am serious, I carefully use words to create images in the reader's mind to make a person feel a strong emotion. I may search for just the right adjective or use a verb that literally makes the sentence move.

But I absolutely love to laugh which is why I am always on the lookout for a good pun or a funny acrostic.

While I was deciding on what to write for this issue, I thought of our cover family: the Caltagirones. What delightful people they are! Their children are adorable and the photos prove that.

When I was writing their story, the idea of family was foremost in my mind. I pondered the meaning of family and then I went to look for an acrostic.

I found this one: Father And Mother I Love You (Family).

I like that.

Then I decided to create an acrostic for Nutley.

Nice Unicorns Tap-dance Lightly Every Year (Nutley)

Okay, that doesn't make sense, right? But maybe it does.

Every issue of *Nutley Neighbors* features families (like the Caltagirones) and people doing amazing things (like Walt Smith and his distinguished career in volunteerism) and businesses (like all of our generous advertisers).

But what does that have to do with unicorns tap-dancing?

Unicorns represent the magical possibilities that exist right here and now and every year in Nutley. As each issue is put together, I see the common theme of ordinary people in an ordinary place making each day extraordinary.

In these pages, we introduce you to residents who really make a difference, whether in their own homes or in the community or the business world.

So even though you may not have seen nice unicorns tap-dancing lightly every year in Nutley, their magic is making this town special.

May each of these pages remind you of the possibilities that exist here in town.

And who knows ... maybe a unicorn might be dancing down Centre Street one day.

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Enjoying a sunny  
Nutley afternoon

# The Caltagirones Focus on the Family

By Joyce Corey

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**W**hat determines the upbringing of a child? Is it nature or nurture?

Monica and Frank Caltagirone are bringing both to the lives of their children and our town of Nutley is playing a big role in their family.

"Frank and I met in 2003 at my old job at New York-Presbyterian Hospital," Monica tells us. "I was an occupational therapist there and he was working for a company that was doing construction at the hospital. We have been together ever since and got married in Puerto Rico (where I was born and raised) in 2006."

They are now the proud parents of three children: Alejandro Jose (7 years old), Elena Maria (5 years old) and Ana Lucia (2 years old).

When the Caltagirones were deciding on where to live, their vision for their children's future played a large role in the location they chose.

"We live on Walnut Street, in the Nutley Park section of

Nutley," Monica said. "We moved here three years ago, before our oldest began kindergarten. We had lived in Belleville since we had been married, but once Alejandro was going to go to school we began looking for a home in a good school district and were lucky to find the one we live in now. Even while we lived in Belleville, our kids attended The Community School in Nutley for daycare so we were familiar with this area and loved the feel of it. Also, Frank's cousins live on Nutley Avenue and have always had great things to say about Nutley."

Their children keep them busy with a variety of activities, many of which are right here in town.

Monica tells us a little about each of their children.

"Alejandro Jose is a big sports fan. Besides following the professional sports teams, he has played both soccer and baseball through the Nutley Parks and Recreation department. He loves to play the piano and takes lessons at Nutley School of Music. He is a Cub Scout with Troop





Game night!

141 and also enjoys reading, particularly about sports!"

"Elena Maria has been taking dance lessons at Ellis Dance Studio for the last three years and likes to dance all over the house. She recently began playing soccer and enjoys that as well. Elena began reading this year in kindergarten and loves to show off her reading skills with a good book. She participated in the Nutley Academic Booster Club's history fair this year and won first place for kindergarten! She was very proud of herself and enjoyed the experience of working on it."

"Ana Lucia is the baby of the house so she can usually be found following her older siblings to whatever activities they have. Her favorite things are to be outside and running around with her brother and sister and their friends. She currently goes to The Community School and loves her friends and teachers there tremendously. So much, that she gets upset when I pick her up and doesn't want to leave!"

Frank and Monica are extremely proud and happy with their family and the place where they call home.

"Neither Frank nor I are from Nutley," she said. "He was

raised in Vernon, New Jersey and I was raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. We were married in Puerto Rico but have lived in northern New Jersey since we were married. We are happy we picked this as the place to raise our family."

The Community School has not only nurtured their children but has introduced them to other families in town.

Monica said, "We enjoy the friends we have made through our children at school. It is nice to be able to walk to the nearby parks and to our favorite restaurant, Queen Margherita on Washington Avenue. Most of our neighbors have lived here a long time. They have been very welcoming to us and to our children."

And that is the key word for the Caltagirone family: children. Their focus is on Alejandro Jose, Elena Maria, and Ana Lucia.

"Most of our activities are through the kids," Monica said. "Alejandro's involvement with the Boy Scouts has encouraged all of us to be part of the food drive to benefit the Nutley Family Service Bureau. I am involved in the PTO for Yantacaw School and have been a class parent the last two years. I try to volunteer for activities in



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1. The schools. Community School is the best. Also, our kids have been very happy at Yantacaw School.
2. All the parks
3. Great friends we have made.
4. Queen Margherita; they have the best Italian food
5. Nutley traditions like Santa flying into town in the helicopter and lighting of the Christmas tree.

the school, such as Curiosity Shop."

Frank and Monica have given their children a healthy dose of both nature and nurture. Their children have a family life that promotes their activities and interests, and they live in a town that is welcoming and supportive.

Monica sums up their lives in Nutley: "We always try to be there for one another and to be present for the kids and their activities."

And it's this mindset that makes the Caltagirone house a home.

And it's *Nutley Neighbors* like the Caltagirones that make our town more than a location.

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Time: 2-8pm

Cost: Free

For more information visit  
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**Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Wed.****Essex County Aerobic Exercise Program**

@Parks and Recreation Building,  
44 Park Ave.

Time: 9:30am

For more information and to register call 973-735-6228

**Aug. 3, Fri.****Tusk: Fleetwood Mac Tribute**

@Brookdale Park  
Enjoy a relaxing evening in the park with live music.

Time: 7:30pm

**Aug. 4, Sat.****Buzzfest**

@Environmental Center,  
621-B Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland  
For all ages. Come join a local beekeeper as he extracts honey from a real hive! You'll even get a sample taste. Learn about bees, their current challenges, and how we can help. There will be crafts, games, an observation hive, and more. Advance registration required.

Time: 11am-1pm

Cost: \$5 per person for ages 2 and up

For more information and to

register call 973-228-8776

**Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, Sun.****Nutley Farmers Market**

@Municipal Parking Lot 9,  
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Time: 9am-2pm

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**Aug. 5, Sun.****Maternity Meet and Greet**

@Clara Maass Medical Center,  
1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville  
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Time: 9am-10pm, 10-11am

For more information and to register call 1-888-724-7123

**Aug. 6, Mon.****Surgical Options for Weight Loss Informational Seminar and Bariatric Support Group**

@Clara Maass Medical Center,  
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our Bariatric Support Group meeting with Registered Dietitian Silvana Blanco in partnership with the local YMCA introducing new techniques in yoga.

Time: 6-7pm seminar. 7-8pm support group.

Cost: Free registration and parking  
For more information and to register call 973-450-2476

**Aug. 7, 21, Tue.****Board of Commissioners Meeting**

@Town Hall, 3rd Floor Commission Chambers, 1 Kennedy Dr.

Time: 7pm

Open to the public

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**Aug. 8, Wed.****Living Well with Parkinson's Disease Support Group**

@Clara Maass Medical Center,  
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This event is designed to provide an opportunity to share experiences and challenges and help others in a caring and safe environment. Parking validation available for all attendees.

Time: 10-11am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register call Dhyana Velez, RN at 973-450-2559

**Aug. 9, Thurs.****Night Hike**

@Environmental Center,  
621-B Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland  
For all ages. Discover what lives at the Environmental Center after the sun goes down. First make your own natural insect repellent

before wandering into the wooded wetland to look for 'whoooo' might be awake. Advance registration required.

Time: 6:30-8pm

Cost: \$8 per child. \$10 per adult.

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**Aug. 13, Mon.****Considering Breastfeeding?**

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Time: 7-9pm

Cost: \$25 per person

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**Aug. 16, Thurs.****Page to Screen Club**

@Nutley Public Library,  
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Time: 7pm

For more information or to register visit [www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/pagetoscreen/](http://www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/pagetoscreen/)

**Aug. 19, Sun.****Kingsland Manor Open House Tour**


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By Barry Lenson

If you ask current Nutley residents if they know about a book that tells the history of our town, chances are that most of them will reply, "Of course I know it . . . it is *Nutley Yesterday-Today*, written in 1961 by Ann Troy." And those people will be right. *Nutley Yesterday-Today* is still the most important reference book about Nutley history. You can buy a copy of it at the Nutley Museum, because some years ago the Nutley Historical Society printed a new edition.

But those same smart Nutley residents might not know about an earlier history of our town that was written by Elizabeth Stow Brown, way back in 1907. It is called *The History of Nutley, New Jersey*, and you can find a copy at the reference desk of the Nutley Public Library.

You will find that it contains a wealth of information about our town's past. You will also discover that it paints



Van Riper house

a vivid description of our town that is still relevant today.

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# The Faithful Soldier

By Frankie Turano

The Korean War began when approximately 75,000 North Korean soldiers crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea and attacked viciously and without provocation. The Soviet Union, a social agitator, was secretly backing North Korea, and the spread of communism, a pestilence feared more than Adolf Hitler, was like the proverbial wave engulfing everything in its path. Soon after, United States President Harry S. Truman issued a statement to Congress that went as follows:

"In these circumstances, I have ordered United States air and sea forces to give the Korean government troops cover and support. The attack upon Korea makes it plain beyond all doubt that Communism has passed beyond the use of subversion to conquer independent nations and will now use armed invasion and war."

And so, good men and women entered the Korean War, to fight for a moral cause and repel the threat of communism. One of those good men is named Herb Mason.

Herb Mason started his basic training like many soldiers at the legendary Fort Dix. He had previously been in the New Jersey National Guard, but when duty called to go to war, Herb deliberately enlisted to bravely do his part for his country. He attended Officers Candidate School and finished at the top of his class before finally beginning a long journey that would land him in Pusan, South Korea. Although he was trained as a rifleman, he learned the skill of becoming a wireman. He explained how he would



string telephone lines from headquarters to the front lines. Most of this was accomplished on the ground as you maneuvered around mines and booby traps, all the while under fire.

I inquired what he considered a memorable experience.

"My first memorable experience was to go with another wireman up to the front. It was on-the-job training. We went by jeep and came to a destroyed bridge over a dry stream where a GI was standing guard. We drove at a high rate of speed to a levee alongside a river where the troops were deployed. Small arms fire was taking place. We finished our work and returned back. When we got to the bridge, the GI was laying in the road with missing pieces. That was my first exposure to the casualty of war."

"There were plenty of battles," he continued calmly. "My unit had been through a terrible

battle in Taejon where General Dean got captured. We were somewhere northwest of Tague on the Nakdong River defensive perimeter. Many times the hills changed hands. I was very lucky to be a part of this unit, which was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. I received my Combat Infantryman's Badge here and also made Private First Class," he said with pride.

I had asked him about his Purple Heart. Herb began to explain. "As you know, it is awarded to you for being wounded. I was climbing a hill with seven or eight other men when a machine gun opened fire directly in front of us. The bullet that hit me in the shoulder, lifted me off my feet, knocked off my helmet, and I rolled down a hill to the very bottom. I did the best I could to stop the



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bleeding but I was alone and knew to head back to headquarters. When I arrived, the doctors said they would do more damage trying to remove the bullet under these conditions, so I have lived with a bullet lodged in my chest for decades," Herb explained. "For many years I had thought we had come under enemy fire. I later had learned that it was friendly fire, which is something that sadly happens in the chaos of war."

I asked what it was that got him through the war. He answered quickly. "While in Korea, I attended a service and made a commitment to serve the Lord if I could survive the war. My faith carried me through. I believe prayers of family and friends had much to do with it. I carried a small Bible with me in my breast pocket. Once, while under a mortar attack, I took it out and read a passage and passed it on to my partner. The attack subsided and we survived it," he informed me.

Herb Mason, it was my honor, sir, to meet you. Your country, your town, and I salute you.

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# Youth Service Summer and Fall Programming

By Michelle Salimbene Albert

It's August, and as we begin thinking about school supplies, first day outfits, and anticipating the new school year ahead with teachers and friends, there are still many summertime youth service programs being offered at the Nutley Public Library. Youth Service programs happening in August include:

■ **2018 Free Summer Reading Program:** There is still time to register for the Summer Reading Program, log books read throughout the summer, earn weekly rewards, and receive raffle tickets for a chance to win big prizes such as a Nintendo Switch, Sony Playstation, Fuji Polaroid Camera, Turtle Back Zoo family annual passes, gift cards, book bundles, and more. This program is available free for all ages, birth to teen.

■ **End-of-Summer Reading Live Animal Show:** At this end-of-summer celebration for patrons registered for the Summer Reading Program, join the Nutley Public Library and Rizzo's Reptile Discovery of New Jersey to learn about nature through this live animal presentation! The Summer Reading Program's big prize raffle and book bundle winners will be announced after the show.

■ **2-D Video Game Design Workshops:** Join educator Dr. Christopher Masullo for these hands-on game design workshops. Learn to code, design, test, play, and improve upon some of the greatest video games ever played! These technology workshops are available for students entering grades 4-7 and are a fundraising event for the Friends of the Nutley Public Library.

■ **PAWS Story Time:** Meet therapy dogs Rodney, Baby Ruth and their owner Ms. Carol at this special story time. Ms. Carol will read a few of Rodney and Baby Ruth's favorite stories and discuss the role of therapy dogs. Afterwards, take a photo with Rodney and Baby Ruth, challenge your nose with a smell test, and make a craft to take home.

■ **Reading Buddies:** A reading program where



beginner/young readers choose a book of their choice and pair up with a high school buddy to practice their reading and public speaking skills. Patrons can register online for a date and time spot.

■ **Author Visit with Dr. Masullo:** Meet and greet Dr. Christopher Masullo as he reads his new book "Are You My Motherboard"? Learn about computers, participate in a computer building demonstration, and win a chance to take the computer home! Craft, games, prizes, book sale, and signing will follow. This story time is a family reading for all ages.

■ **Additional Summer Programs:** There are programs for all ages such as Maker Mondays, Video Game Freeplay, Family BINGO Night, Minecraft Meet-ups, Drop-In-Craft Saturdays, STEAM Story Times, and LEGO Play Times.

Once the summer comes to an end, the children are back in school, and the leaves start changing color, the Youth Services Department will be offering fall programs to keep children and teenagers engaged and entertained. Some fall programs include:

■ **Story Time Sessions:** Story times will be offered for children of all ages. During story times, caregivers and their children enjoy books, rhymes, songs, play time, yoga, STEM activities, and crafts. Fall session Babygarten, Two-Year-Old Story Time, and Preschool Story Time require online registration.

■ **National Library Card Sign-Up Month:** On September 8, celebrate having a library card with a morning visit from Local Author Ilene Dudek as she reads her new book "Little Ant Saves the Day" with a craft, games, activities, book sale, and signing to follow. Later in the afternoon,



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join family and friends to watch a super-hero movie on the big screen, enjoy a snack, and make crafts.

■ **Teen Clubs:** Twice a month, teens in grade 7-12 are welcome to join their peers to play video games or watch and discuss anime and manga. Additional teen programming include pumpkin painting, bath bomb making, rock painting and craft sessions.

■ **Paint-A-Pumpkin:** Join us on the library grounds for our annual pumpkin painting event sponsored by the Friends of the Nutley Public Library. This program is for children ages six and under. Online registration is required.

■ **Holiday Magic Show:** Joe Fischer, magician extraordinaire, will help us welcome the winter holiday season with his fun, interactive show. This family event, sponsored by the Friends of the Nutley Public Library, will be followed by a craft time.

Whether it's looking for the next book to read, attending a program, or spending time with family and friends, there is something offered for everyone at the Youth Services' department of the Nutley Public Library.

For further information about programs and events, please visit the Youth Services' website at [youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org](http://youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org), email Michelle Albert at [michelle.albert@nutley.bccls.org](mailto:michelle.albert@nutley.bccls.org), or call the Children's Desk at 973.667.0405 x2623.

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# Allegri Ice Company Addendum

By David Wilson

About one year ago we wrote about Allegri Ice Company. Inspired by Dad to search for more history and photos, I found John Brown and Bob DiBello were schoolmates with Barbara Allegri-Baldino. A few phone calls and e-mails with son, Geordie, provided us with additional history.

Anthony Allegri opened the Nutley ice plant in 1929. Anthony was a mechanic on the ill-fated Andria Doria where he developed his refrigeration skills needed to make ice. He also served in the Italian Merchant Marine, the U.S. Navy, and later at New York breweries and Morse Dry Dock.

Sons Gaetano (Tom), Charlie, Jimmy and Fred took over the business in 1947. Pictures were supplied showing the family and two trucks outside their building in 1932. A second photo, taken from a diesel power ad, shows



Tom stacking ice blocks supplied by a mechanical lift.

Started as Allegri Ice and Coal, later changed to Allegri Ice and Fuel, the company became Allied Allegri during World War 2 making electronics and machine parts for the war effort. Later Allegri Tech was formed to help pioneer the printed circuit board industry.

Tom trained neighbor, Martha Stewart, in the art of growing holly bushes. His wife Adele, schooled Martha on Italian cooking. *Nutley Neighbors Magazine* connects the past and present as we explore Nutley history.

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# Walt Smith Receives New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Award By Joyce Corey

Each year the New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Awards highlight the spirit of civic engagement among New Jersey's 1.5 million volunteers in 22 categories of community service.

The 2018 New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Awards presentation ceremony and celebration of volunteerism was held at the War Memorial in Trenton at 3 pm on the afternoon of Saturday, June 2, 2018.

Nutley's own Walt Smith was there to receive an award for which he justly earned.

He said it was a "nice surprise" and "that I didn't know I was even nominated."

Eileen Painter, Executive Director at the Nutley Family Service Bureau, was the person who nominated him. "Walt Smith is an inspiration," she wrote in the nomination. She said, "He always asks what he can do to help."

Walt's participation in community service included a variety of fundraisers and activities that supported many worthwhile causes. When reviewing his career in volunteerism, a couple of events stood out in his memory.

Walt said that his introduction into community service was through the Nutley Jaycees. "My first fundraisers included the Annie Oakley Rodeos in 1966 and 1967. They will always be remembered as the most fun."

He said that the "most meaningful" service was "as one of the founders of Camp Jaycee, a residential summer camp in the Poconos for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

Walt had served as vice president of the U.S. Jaycees, and as national director, board chairman, and president of the 9,000-member New Jersey Jaycees.

In addition to the Jaycees, Walt served as president of the Nutley Central League, volunteered with the Cub



Scouts and Scouting for Food and served three times as president of the Nutley Rotary Club.

On the day of the award presentation ceremony, he and his wife went to Trenton along with one of his sons and his daughter-in-law. He said, "There was an air of secrecy on that day. We were not allowed to tell anyone about the upcoming awards until they were announced. After the ceremony, we went out for a congratulatory dinner. I was also happy and surprised at all of the kudos from my Facebook community. I heard from people there that I had not heard from in years."

The Jefferson Awards were established in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft Jr., and Sam Bear as the official recognition program of the United States Senate. They are considered America's highest honor for public service and volunteerism.

In New Jersey the awards are also the official recognition program of the Governor's Advisory Council on Volunteerism, administered by a partnership that includes the NJ Office of Volunteerism, NJ Advance Media, the Community Foundation of New Jersey, and corporate sponsors, such as PNC Bank, PSEG, BD and others.

Walt has been especially inspired by the last sentence in the Jaycees' values statement: "Service to humanity is the best work of life."

A review of his enthusiastic and tireless dedication to the community is a testament to how he has taken those words to heart.

The New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Awards has recognized him as a "Community Pillar" and to those of us in town, we know Walt Smith as a *Nutley Neighbor* that makes us proud.

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## A Nutley Tradition Continues!

By Joyce Corey

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All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to Nutley charities. This past year they donated more than \$15,000 to deserving charities.

The event starts with a barbeque lunch served on the patio from 11am to 12:30 pm. Tee off time is 12:30pm with a shotgun start.

Cocktails will be served on the patio



at 5:30pm with dinner and the program in the Tillinghast Room immediately following.

Defending champion this year is Sal Cocco, who is also the tournament's Committee Chairman.

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## Three Cheers for Two Sisters

By Joyce Corey

Jaclyn and Anna Guglielmi share more than sisterhood; both had impressive success as cheerleaders. They were each captain of the Nutley cheerleading team in their respective years at high school.

They each cheered competitively for 10 years as they traveled across the country and participated in 30 national championships. Jaclyn's team advanced to the Cheerleading World Championship, in which her team placed 8th in the world.

Both competed at different times in the NCA College Nationals in Disney which were televised on ESPN.

Jaclyn attended Villanova University and cheered at the 2016 NCAA Men's Basketball Big East Tournament, Sweet 16, Final Four and National Championship when Villanova won it all.

Anna is currently attending Villanova University and cheered at the 2018 NCAA Men's Basketball, Big East Tournament, Sweet 16, Final Four and National Championship when Villanova also won it all!

Jaclyn graduated in 2017 and is now a chemical engineer working for Praxair in South Carolina.

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