

April 2025



U—Unity
N—Neighborliness
I—Integrity
C—Charity
O—Opportunity
“Service Above Self”

Monthly Quote

"Chi vive sperando, muore cantando" - Italian quote
Translation : He who lives hoping, dies singing.

Upcoming Meetings/Events - Save The Date(s)

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>May</u>
Wed April 23rd Monthly Meeting @Caddyshack 700 E. 3rd St. KCMO 64106 Cocktails at 6pm Dinner at 7pm	Wed May 21st Scholarship Dinner Jewel Event Space Scholarship Winners w/Families in Attendance, spouses welcome	Festa Italiana Friday May 30th, Saturday May 31st and Sunday June 1st at Zona Rosa

Buona Pasqua!

It is the season of rebirth, resurrection and growth! I am sending out prayers for blessings to all during this week and truly hope you spend time celebrating with those that are of most importance to you. Enjoy your family traditions or start something new! Either way, the Cucchiara family wishes you a Happy Easter!

UNICO Scholarship Dinner—This year our chapter was able to give away \$58,500 in scholarships to students pursuing their post-secondary education. Our first opportunity to celebrate these recipients will be Wednesday May 21st at the Jewel Event Space. UNICO invites all winners to have dinner with us and our membership and bring their families. UNICAN's are welcome to bring any guests, but guests are not free for this event.

UNICO Website— <https://www.unicokc.com/>

We are currently in process of migrating our website over to a new platform. The new platform provides us with more flexibility and functionality, You will likely see changes as you navigate our page, and this does include our family business page that is currently getting rebuilt. If you are navigating the website and notice anything else we are missing from the previous site let me know.

We are also working to support local community events on our event page. However, we want to distinguish a UNICO event from other un-affiliated events on our site, so you will see differences in how these are displayed.

Heritage Committee—Heritage Committee is working hard bringing more to light about us, our families, and our stories. Please check out the UNICO Heritage Page on the website at your earliest opportunity. They are always looking for additional cultural stories and/or recipes to share, so if you have something you would like to add please let us know.

Jasper Mirabile is hosting monthly dinner adventures where you can learn to prepare some of their Italian specialties. There will be a new dinner each month, so follow the link to our events page for more information.

Festa Italiana—Please mark your calendars for all 3 days. We have so much to enjoy and celebrate, and we will most certainly need support with volunteers. Entertainment is already up on our site, so please share with your friends and family!

Bring a potential member—The April monthly meeting is a great time to bring a potential member with you as your guest to dinner. Our Chapter covers the dinner expense for all 1st time guests you have invited as a potential member.

Monthly Dinner—We have a new events page to collect monthly dinner RSVP's. Please RSVP with the link provided. <https://www.unicokc.com/events>

You now have the option to pay online, RSVP online, and register a guest online.

Saluti,

Michael A. Cucchiara

UNICO NATIONAL - KC CHAPTER
From the President's Desk

UNICO National

Kansas City Chapter, Past Presidents

Frank Mazucca 1950-52

Nicholas J. Nero 1952-54

Louis Tritico 1954-56

Dr. James A. DiRenna 1956-59

Nicholas Lombardo 1959-61

Americo Felici 1961-63

Louis Bellanti 1963-65

Anthony Pace 1965-68

Alexander Nigro 1968-70

Dr. Louis Badeen 1970-72

George Grego 1972-74

Tudie S. Patti 1974-77

Ross J. Cascio 1977-79

Carl DiCapo 1979-81

Tom Rago 1981-83

Victor G. Cascio 1983-84

Joseph D. Vigliaturo 1984-85

Ross J. Cascio 1985-86

Phil Balano 1986-88

Charles Malaponte 1988-89

Larry Janacaro 1989-90

James B. Murray 1990-92

Dr. Henry Cosentino 1992-93

Jerry Fornelli 1993-96

Bennie Sciortino 1996

Glenn Kesse 1996-98

James LaSalle 1998-99

Joseph LoCascio 1999-2000

Carl DiCapo 2000-01

Ross Marine 2001-03

Eric Parrinello 2003-04

Anthony Pace 2004-05

Joe A. Nastasi 2005-07

Melchior "Mike" Cucchiara 2007-09

Frank Cherrito 2009-11

Mike Mange 2011-13

Michael Cucchiara 2013-15

Mark Enna 2015-17

Frank Cherrito 2017-19

Nicola Merenda 2019-21

Frank Cherrito 2021-24

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