

June 16th, 2014



- U—Unity
 - N—Neighborliness
 - I—Integrity
 - C—Charity
 - O—Opportunity
- "Service Above Self"*

Italian Proverbs:

"Old wine and friends improve with age."

"Better a near neighbor than a distant cousin."

Upcoming Meetings/Events - Save The Date(s)

<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Wednesday the 25th - Monthly Meeting @ Johnny C's Deli (7012 Universal Ave, Kansas City, MO)	Wednesday the 30th—Monthly Meeting w/spouses @ Staley Farms Clubhouse—Swearing in of Officers	Saturday August 16th —Annual Microbrew Festival at Zona Rosa

Dear Friends -

I want to first take a moment to thank every UNICAN, their families and their friends for all of the support shown at Festa Italiana 2014. Your time and effort is sincerely appreciated, and it truly honors me to be a part of such an amazing organization. I would also like to send a special thank you to every member of our Festa Committee who donates important insight, support and execution to the event... not to mention the hundreds of volunteer hours in planning.

With the final numbers still coming together, I am very excited to see the results of the entire weekend. We had the most successful 3 days of Festa Italiana in our history, and our spirit and pride was at an all time high. Though our sponsor support was down in 2014, our overall revenues are still something to be very proud of, and it gives us a great foundation to build for 2015. We will have more detail by our next chapter meeting, so please join us for dinner for more information.

"UNICAN's who eat together, stay together." - Frank Cherrito

Though the Festa is over, we still have plenty to keep our organization busy! Our June meeting is set for the 25th at Johnny C's, and we strongly encourage everyone to attend. We will be presenting our 2015 slate of officers to the organization for their vote and approval, and we welcome as much participation as able to attend.

"To be a good UNICAN, you have to be a giver, not a taker." - Phil Balano, Sr.

Our next fund raising event is the Annual Microbrew Festival held at Zona Rosa on Saturday August 16th from 4pm to 9pm. We will need a limited number of volunteers for this event to help pour, so please let us know if you are available. Pre-sale tickets will be \$25 each and can be purchased beginning July 11th at Zona Rosa customer service or eventbrite (link still TBD).

"We all joined UNICO for a reason, what's yours?!" - Michael Mange

Festa Italiana is still fresh in everyone's mind, so now is the prime time to recruit that friend or family member you believe would be a great addition to our organization. Please invite them to be your guest at the next meeting and UNICO will cover the cost of their dinner. We are only as strong as our membership, and we are always looking for additional friends and family to support.

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From the President's Desk

As we come to a close of our fiscal year, I need to send out a reminder to everyone that Annual Dues need to be paid for the next year. If you are a new member that joined after 1/1/2014, then nothing is due. All other members need to submit their \$80 back to the chapter. Dues can be paid in one of the following ways:

- Online at www.unicokc.org you can simply click on the "Pay Dues" button on the top of the page.
- Bring your payment to the next meeting on June 25th.
- Mail a check directly to our Treasurer. Checks should be made out to UNICO KC.

UNICO Kansas City
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In closing, I want to again thank everyone who had the opportunity to spend time with us at Festa Italiana, either as a volunteer or as a patron. We need both to be successful, and every minute spent at Festa simply makes our event stronger. We gave away \$54,000 in scholarships this year which is a direct result of your support!

Please continue to share our social media information with our friends and family and invite everyone to attend our events so that we can continue to develop and grow as an organization.

Distinti Saluti,



Michael Cucchiara

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Congratulations fellow UNICAN's!!!

June Birthdays

John Defeo—June 30th
Nick Fazzino—June 9th
Ross Passantino—June 26th
Joe Privatera II—June 6th
Richard Retrum—June 29th

UNJCO Anniversary

Frank Ancona—6 years
Chris Atkeisson—3 years
Fred Bonadonna—3 years
Dominic Brancato—3 years
Sal Cannova—1 year
Pete Catalano—1 year
AJ Falcone—6 years
Jerry Fornelli—22 years
Michael Gorozzo—3 years
Joe Janacaro—1 year
Nick LaBruzzo—1 year
Vito LaBruzzo—1 year
Ross Marine—20 years
Joseph Mazza—1 year
John Paterni—3 years
Michael Quarrato—4 years
Tony Ross-Maddi—3 years
Tom Scott—2 years
Ron Spano—1 years
Mark Spano—1 year
Vito Spino—1 year
Jim Trecuzzi—1 year
Sam Valenti—1 year