

OUR NEXT MEETING—Wednesday, Dec 5th

Words to live by:

“UNICAN’s who eat together, stay together” -Frank Cherrito

“To be a good UNICAN, you have to be a giver, not a taker” -Phil Balano



Cascone’s - North

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Cocktails 6pm - Dinner 7pm

Upcoming Meetings/Events - Save The Date(s)

December

- Wednesday, the 5th - Our Christmas Dinner w/spouses @ Cascone’s North

January

- Wednesday, the 23rd - (Location TBD)

February

- Wednesday, the 27th - (Location TBD)

Greetings -

It’s hard to believe the holidays are already upon us, it seems just like last week when our esteemed Treasurer received his prestigious award at the Christmas dinner. I truly love this time of year and while it is hard to complain with the great weather we have had, it just doesn't feel as much like Christmas without the winter weather - my ideal holiday season is cold and snowy from Thanksgiving until New Years Day, then go right into Spring. So if you are like me, you will be sending those letters to Santa, wishing for a white Christmas!

I would like to take a moment to briefly recap our accomplishments in 2012;

- We had our most successful Festa to date, showcasing The Rat Pack Reprise and Louis Prima Jr.
- Nominated for the Favorite Ethnic/Heritage Festival or Event
- Gave away a record \$54,500 in scholarships
- Gave an additional \$25,000 away to several not-for-profit groups and families in need
- Had a record turnout for our 4th annual Brew Fest.
- Held our 2nd annual Texas Hold Em’ Tournament.

And last but not least, I am happy to say we have once again finished the year with more members (130 vs. 119) then we had at this time last year!

As you know, we are giving away a \$500 gift card and a \$500 grocery card to 4 families again this year. To date I have received 3 so if you know someone who may qualify please submit to me a brief bio, by November 25th, why this family should receive the donation and any other helpful information. I'd like to give first consideration to any Italian families and then consider anyone thereafter. All submissions will be kept confidential and will not be shared with the chapter - the intent is to help someone who needs it and in no way want to embarrass anyone.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas Dinner at Cascone’s North on Wednesday, December 5th and ask that you RSVP if you haven't already. Remember your spouse or significant other is welcome to join. The cost will be \$25 per member and UNICO will cover the cost for your spouse. Along with the smooth sounds of Frank Cherrito Sr., I will have copies of the long anticipated UNICO Directory to pass out and a few awards to present. So feel free to stop by for an after dinner cocktail or two and celebrate the holidays if you are unable to make dinner!

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UNICO - KC CHAPTER
From the President’s Desk

Happy Birthday fellow UNICAN's!!!

November Birthdays

*7th- Chris Atkeisson
7th - Carl DiCapo
7th - Michael Mange
9th - Jimmy Bonadonna
11th- Anthony Totta
28th - Mike Garozzo*

December Birthdays

*9th- Mike Termini
13h - Charlie Malaponte
17th - Joe Nastasi
17th - Carl Privatera
17th - Tom Rago
17th - Victor Teevan
20th - Joe Dold
20th - Vince Siraguso
23rd - Tony Conforti
28th - Vic Cascio
29th - Joe Guerra
31st - Carl Genusa
31st - Chuck Romano*

As our scholarship program gains recognition and grows each year, so does the interest and people asking for information so I wanted to include a bit that may prove helpful: completed scholarship applications must be postmarked by **Friday, March 1, 2013** to be considered for selection. Please visit the UNICO website, www.unicokc.org, for more information.

In closing, let us all keep in mind that as UNICAN's our giving is not just done during Christmas but throughout the year! I think each of us should feel proud to belong to a group that does so much. I would like to thank each of you for your continued trust and support. Without you, our success would not be possible.

Buone Vacanze!

Michael Mange

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