

**Carlo's Copa Room**

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Cocktails 6pm - Dinner 7pm*"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***Upcoming Meetings/Events - Save The Date(s)****February**

- Friday, the 15th - Fish Dinner @ St. Andrew's
- Wednesday, the 20th @ Carlo's Copa Room

March

- Thursday, March 21st - (Location TBD)

April

- Wednesday, the 24th - (Location TBD)

Greetings -

I hope this finds everyone well. If you hadn't heard, the attendance for our January meeting was pretty thin - it reminded a few of the dinners back in 05'! Along with myself, I have heard from several folks that illness kept them home with many others out of town on business - but what I can tell you is that the meeting was conducted by three past Presidents - Jerry Fornelli, Joe Nastasi and Frank Cherrito - and from what I've heard, they will be receiving a few nominations come election time.

Our next fundraiser will be our annual fish fry at St. Andrew's Catholic School. The dinner will be held the first Friday of Lent, February 15th, 2013 - please mark your calendars. By now, all members should have received tickets to sell or purchase as a donation - prices are \$8 for an adult and \$4 for children. A special thank you goes out to Jerry Viviano for donating all the food for this event, along with Phil Balano and Anthony Pace who have donated all the beverages. We would like to encourage everyone to come out and support us by bringing your family to attend and/or by lending a hand so if you can help in anyway please let Joe Nastasi know. If you're unable to attend kindly mail a check to Mike Cucchiara, 1307 NE 86th St., KCMO 64155 for your ticket sales.

If you can believe it, Festa is a little over 4 months away and the planning is in motion. If you would like to get involved with the planning committee please let our Festa Chairman, Frank Cherrito, know. This year, Festa will once again be held at Zona Rosa, May 31st, June 1st & 2nd. Also, one thing we would like for everyone to keep in mind is that the more corporate sponsorships we are able to secure, the less up front risk/exposure we have, so if you have any leads please pass them on to Frank or I to pursue.

And in the spirit of the Festa, I wanted to include a bit of information on how to learn more about our scholarship program: completed scholarship applications must be postmarked by **Friday, March 1, 2013** to be considered for selection. Please visit our UNICO website, www.unicokc.org, for additional information.

In closing, I am looking forward to all that the upcoming year holds. A few people have told me that they have the feeling this is going to be our best year yet - hopefully that feeling isn't just gas! :-)

*Bene a te stesso,**Michael Mange**816.210.3897*

Happy Birthday fellow UNICAN's!!!

February Birthdays

4th - Ray Bagnaschi
9th - Dr. Gerald Lee
15th - Mike Bonadonna
21st - Nic Merenda
25th - Anthony Tocco

March Birthdays

2nd - Vic Seeman
2nd - John Scott
3rd - Tony Vannicola
5th - Tony Campobasso
10th - John Gianino
14th - Fred Bonadonna
21st - Jack Ancona
29th - Daniel Pompey
30th - Steve Bagnaschi