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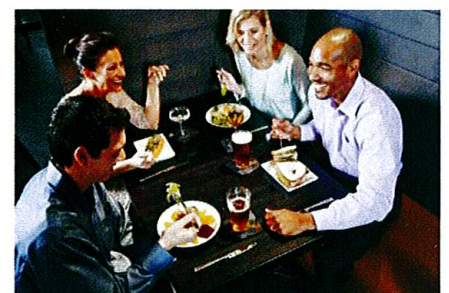
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TOP MAIN PICTURE: The D'Arminio Family from left: Erica, UNICO National President Richard D'Arminio, First Lady Manuela and Nicole.

BOTTOM MAIN PICTURE: Past National President Michael Mariniello, Former First Lady and Mother of new President May D'Arminio and UNICO National President Richard D'Arminio.

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2014-2015 CALENDAR

Eastern Regional Meeting	October 30 - November 2, 2014	Newport Marriott, Newport, Rhode Island
Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting	March 5-8, 2015	Memphis, Tennessee
93rd Annual Convention	July 29 - August 1, 2015	Newport Beach Marriott Hotel and Spa, Newport Beach, California

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A Message from National President: Richard D'Arminio

First let me congratulate our good friend Mike Veselka for paving the way and working very closely with all of the Vice Presidents. He gave me the opportunity to bring forth some new ideas and programs while I served as Executive V. P. All of the Vice Presidents communicated well on a weekly basis and began to push Mike's growth initiative.

I stressed the need for all of us, especially our Chapter leaders, District Governors, Chair Persons, National Officers, etc. to get more people active on Committees, and communicate more through monthly conference calls and e-mails and keep everyone active versus waiting for our Regional meetings or Mid Year Board meeting to report. To help further our many causes, I will ask the four new District Governors that I appointed to the Executive Board to work closely with all of the District Governors, and I will appoint a very committed Immediate Past District Governor to get other Immediate Past District Governors more involved and work closely with all of our Chapters and Districts every month.

The Expansion and Membership/Retention Directors need assistance. They cannot do it alone and I am hopeful that the District Governors appointed to the board will work closely with them and some of the Immediate Past District Governors to call those Chapters who are losing members, and come up with new ideas on growing Membership. Our new Expansion Director, Antonino Randazzo, will be very proactive in doing mailings and reaching out to states with a large Italian American population. Both Directors need to work more closely with our National Youth Chairman, Robert Kievit of the St. Joe's Montville High School Chapter, in promoting more ACES and Youth Members.

We will have some new Chairs of committees and I will ask every Chairperson to e-mail all Chapters and Districts, and communicate your goals now for the entire year. There should be more Chapters and Districts sending in reports, nominating more students for our various Scholarships, sending in applications for awards and achievements, more nominees for our National

Awards. Every Chapter should have one member chair a committee and report to their President monthly, who in turn should report to the National Vice Presidents.

Our work with the Jimmy V Foundation and St. Jude's will only get stronger with our new Chairman, Dr. Frank DeFrank of the Roseto Chapter. Having Dick Vitale at our National Convention and having our Mid Year Board meeting in Memphis, Tennessee in March will bring us to new heights.

Our Cooley's Anemia committee and Chairman Peter Pettinato of the Carbondale Chapter bring us more hope in all of the new research going on and you will hear firsthand from someone who beat this disease and no longer needs transfusions. He will speak at our Eastern Regional in Newport, Rhode Island, the weekend of October 30-November 2.

We are hopeful that the 21st Century Campaign will finally reach its goal of \$1,000,000 very soon under Chairman Chris DiMattio, Past National President and his committee so that the interest alone will be able to fund our many Charities.

The Scholarship committee under Director Joan Tidona gets better every year and with the new DiMattio Celli, and Torracco scholarships every Chapter should be very active in submitting candidates.

Mike Mariniello, Past National President, will Chair the Italian Studies Committee with Co-Chair Ralph Torracco and strengthen the relationships with our existing Chairs by promoting and attending events. We are also proud to announce a new relationship with Loyola University so we now have a presence in the Mid West.

One of my goals is to establish some new relationships with other Italian Organizations who share our objectives, and assist us in promoting our Culture and Heritage. We have already been in touch with "WE THE ITALIANS" and I encourage all of you to look at their website as we work closely with them. I will ask our Culture and Heritage committee under Chairman Sal Mangano, Past National President and our Anti-Bias committee under Chairman Manny Alfano to further assist us. The Anti-Bias committee needs more active members, and we have already begun efforts in Minnesota to speak out when anyone defames our great Heritage.

We will introduce some benefits that will be made available exclusively to UNICO members through Voluntary Benefit Programs. We will encourage Chapters to invite them to your monthly meetings and hear what they have to offer.

I have introduced a new initiative that I hope will bring everything together under one roof. Better communication among our Officers and members, all members being able to connect with one another, potential sponsors and vendors in our own private network offering different services, members doing business with other members if

they wish, more Culture and Heritage offered, new relationships and sharing of information among other Italian Organizations with UNICO, increased Membership and lower Retention, Expanding more Chapters in other States, increased awareness of our many Charities that we support, and the ability to do more things ITALIAN on a local and National scale.

Please look at piazzaunico.us and tell us what you think. It is a place where all members can gather and talk. I am hopeful that this private site for UNICO will accomplish all of the above as I worked hard with our Executive Director Andre DiMino, our Office Manager Pat Pelonero, Past President Mike Veselka, and our Vice Presidents in putting this together. Thanks to our Strategic Partner, Solutionize Inc. in helping us get things moving in the right direction. You will hear more from them and we certainly hope to hear much from you.

May God guide me and my administration, and Bless all of you for the work in which we are engaged.

HILLSIDE, NJ



Remembering Independence Day at Hillside UNICO's Mini Park was Angelo Bonanno, Chapter President. The Hillside Chapter routinely decorates the site by placing flags and wreaths in commemoration of patriotic holidays. This year, in further support of America's veterans and current military, the Chapter is seeking corporate and individual sponsorships of the aforementioned to play at the Chapter's 20th Annual Charity Golf outing.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



A Message from Executive Vice President: Ann Walko

We have completed another Convention with a new focus and new President. Thanks to Michael Veselka for a very productive year and best wishes to Rick D'Arminio as he plans for his year highlighting **CHANGE AND COMMUNICATION**. Please accept my thanks for continuing your faith in my ability to serve as one of your leaders. Your support was appreciated and I will continue to do my best to help us remain a viable organization. I have completed four phases of a five year plan and I am looking forward to working with the new administration as we **serve with you**, the members, as **PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS**.

Where do we go from here so there is movement into the future? Here is what I envision as we work the **MISSION, VISION, VALUES, AND GOALS** which are vital to a strong organization:

1. We will follow the theme set by our new President. In Phase V, there will be more **INPUT** from the District Governors as they are held more accountable and visible in setting plans and programs in motion with their Chapters.
2. We will continue to establish a line of **COMMUNICATION** between the National Officers and the District Governors who will, in turn, establish their line of communication with their Chapters.
3. We will continue to **CREATE MORE COLLABORATION** between Districts and more **CONNECTEDNESS** between Districts and the National Officers.
4. Because we are the best kept secret in the country, we will continue to build a massive **PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM**. Our first effort highlighting our charitable work has been prepared and will be released for country-wide distribution.
5. We will open up **NEW GROWTH MARKETS**, which is our first priority. This will include not only **GAINING MEMBERS, BUT BY DESIGNING STRATEGIES FOR RETAINING MEMBERS**. The administrative team will work closely with the Membership and Retention Chair and the Expansion Director to develop plans of action to accomplish this important task.
6. We will be **MORE DILIGENT IN OUR REPORTING AND ADHERING TO DEADLINES**.
7. There will be more **ACCOUNTABILITY** on the part of those in leadership positions.
8. We will **CAPITALIZE ON THE STRENGTHS OF OUR MEMBERS**, our strengths are our tools to move

forward. Everyone will be involved in **RESHAPING, REFUELING, RETOOLING AND STREAMLINING** our wonderful organization by continuing to be the **STEWARDS OF CHANGE**.

9. Above all, we will **SET OUR STANDARDS HIGHER** than ever before and **WE WILL MODEL THE PILLARS** upon which our organization was founded.
10. All of these initiatives will be accomplished by developing **HIGH- PERFORMING TEAMS** across the country.

Continue to be the **PATRIOTS OF HUMANITY**. Thank you for making life a little bit better for others through your charitable works. I look forward to a wonderful and exciting UNICO year. **WE ARE TEAM UNICO!**

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



A Message from First Vice President: Dominick Nicastro

By the time this article comes out the National Convention will have finished. Anyone that attended I'm sure had a great time.

This year went so fast for me. A lot of business was conducted and this Executive Board accomplished a lot. From chartering new Chapters to reorganizing some by-laws and making some positive changes to our great organization UNICO.

We still have a lot more work to be done. I am looking forward to working with this year's Executive Board to make this happen.

I want to thank our outgoing President and my good friend Michael Veselka for doing a terrific job as President. I wish him and his family the best of everything to come in the future.

Congratulations to our newly elected President and close friend Rick D'Arminio. I am looking forward to working with you this upcoming year.

As Second V. P. this year, all went well. I was in touch with by phone and personal visits to as many Chapters as time allowed.

If elected to be your First V. P. I promise to cover this position to the max. I will be making visits to the Districts and holding workshops at the Eastern Regional, Mid Year and next year's Convention. It's important to have the Districts well structured and fully staffed. It is also important to get your Chapter reports in to the office and that you make your regional meetings.

Most of all every District is the main hub between National and the Chapters. So please guide them in their business and go to their meetings at least twice a year. Bring your 1st Deputy Governor to the second visit. This way the Chapters and members get to know them.

Lastly, please stay on top of your 990 post card tax returns. This is very important. If you miss three years of filing, your 501-C 4 Charter will be revoked.

In closing, I want to thank you all for your support and ask you to please support me this upcoming year as First National V. P. Thank you and God Bless.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



A Message from Second Vice President: Tom Vaughan

Greetings UNICO members! After three years of writing columns for ComUNICO as Expansion Director, this is my first as UNICO National Second Vice President. I am honored to serve this great organization in this capacity. I would like to thank Chairman Jim DeSpenza and the Nominating Committee for having the confidence in me to endorse my candidacy. I would like to thank all of the delegates and members that congratulated and wished me well at the Convention. I will do my best to make you proud. I wish our new Expansion Director, Antonino Randazzo, luck in his new position. It is a difficult, but rewarding one. I hope our new President Rick D'Arminio gets to accomplish everything he is striving to do and I will help him in my position as much as I can.

The UNICO National Second Vice President is responsible for assisting Chapters. I look forward to working with the Chapter Presidents. I know that my predecessors, Ann and Dominick, have worked really hard with you and I want to keep up that momentum. I am available anytime you need me. My e-mail is tvaughan@unico.org and I have a reputation for responding very quickly to any messages I receive. Also, feel free to call me at 860-563-8400 if you want to talk with me personally.

I have served as a Chapter President, District Governor, and on the Executive Committee. I have been on the Board of Directors for my Chapter for 15 years and have helped organize many events. I believe my experience can help guide and advise those Chapter Presidents that ask for assistance. UNICO is only as strong as its Chapters and I want to help make us stronger and more unified.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Wethersfield Chapter for its support as I have served UNICO in National positions. Just because you are a National Officer does not mean you stop being a Chapter Member. I would not be where I am without their support. I love going to our meetings, having "spirited" discussions, and working at our events. We have over 100 members and I consider all of the men and women of my Chapter friends. In that vein, I would like to extend best wishes to Mike Rizzo Sr. on his recent 90th birthday!

Mille Grazie! I am excited to meet and work with you all.



EDITOR'S DESK



Editor's Comments: Pat Pelonero

Welcome to our new President Rick D'Arminio and First Lady Manuela. The Convention at the "Breakers" in Palm Beach Florida was delightful and much fun was had by all the attendees. As always it was nice seeing all our friends from all over the country and spending time catching up. Of course the business of UNICO National and the UNICO Foundation was conducted and it always feels good to come back with all the donations and pledges for our charities. God Bless all the Members and Chapters for their dedication of helping others less fortunate.

At the Board of Directors meeting August 9th, the Board of Directors voted to change the format of ComUNICO to a magazine full color publication. The change will take place for the November 2014 issue. This is very exciting for many reasons. The publication will be first and foremost all color and glossy and have more of a magazine type look. Having this format will leave us open to entice more advertising from national corporations through the assistance of the Fra-Noi publication. The ComUNICO will now have 72 pages in a smaller size which will allow for all the Chapters and Districts to capture their shining moments. There will be five issues going forward November, January, April, July and September. We will need to ask that everyone submitting pictures and articles conform to the guidelines that have been set up and approved by the Board of Directors. ComUNICO is a great tool for the organization and is not only seen by our membership, but also is seen by many universities, colleges and libraries around the country. It is given to all new prospective members and in heritage and membership events. As with every new project the staff hopes for a smooth transition and that you will all like the new product that we will produce. As the editor of ComUNICO I have tried very hard to listen to all comments regarding the publication and I certainly hope to present you with one that our organization can be proud of.

Hope all of our members have a great fall season and many wonderful events. Please participate in the celebration of Columbus Day. Join in the many festivities in the month of October and show how proud you are to be an Italian American.

The deadline for the November Edition of ComUNICO is Friday, October 17, 2014

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SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarship Director: Joan Tidona

"Con niente non si fa niente." Italian Proverb
"You can't make something from nothing."

"Nothing gets done without money." American Proverb
"Niente ottiene fatto a meno di soldi."

UNICO awarded close to \$70,000 in National Scholarships for 2013-2014. There were 206 individual candidates for our undergraduate programs. Since all entrants submitted for the four offerings, 824 applications were considered. Chapters/Districts sponsored 173 nominees. The National Office served as sponsor for 33 candidates. The number of applicants for all other programs combined, totaled 87. Of those, 52 were nominated by Chapters/Districts; 35 were accepted through National.

UNICANS fully understand that education is an essential investment in the future. We recognize and respect the far-reaching, life changing empowerment education enables. We know that as we help talented young people to realize their potential, we also benefit society by encouraging our recipients to become exceptional, contributing adults.

We also know, "Nothing gets done without money."

Newly established UNICO National scholarships are fully funded by our patrons. Earlier programs are underwritten by interest generated by the corpus account, supplemented by member donations. Owing to careful investments and Chapter support, we have been able to fully finance our programs in recent years without invading the corpus. This was not always the case. To help continue our success, financial donations are essential. Our traditional programs could not exist without the support of Chapters, Districts and individuals who provide funding.

Mille grazie to our generous 2013-2014 contributors:

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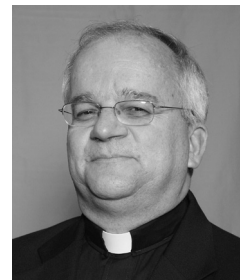
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Chris and Ann DiMattio.

To acknowledge the supportive contributions of our members to the Scholarship Fund, we will continue to issue certificates of appreciation to those donating \$500 or more. Chapters contributing \$1,000 and better will receive a banner patch.

Now, if you did not find your Chapter/name on the list: **NOT A PROBLEM! There is still time.** Do what you can, but please do something. Another Italian proverb comes to mind; "Non è mai troppo tardi per fare del bene." It is never too late to do good.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Chaplain's Message: Fr. Bob Wolfee

Jesus invites us to follow him as one of his disciples. Our response must be a whole-hearted one. We cannot claim discipleship only when it is convenient or when things are going well for us. Jesus often told the people that it was necessary for them to carry their crosses. He was not wishing bad things for them, but he knew that some type of cross or burden is a reality of life. We might envy others for their apparent good fortune, but even those whom we think "have it made" have some cross to bear. Some burdens just are not noticeable.

To follow Jesus is always a radical decision. The Gospel is not one where we can pick and choose the parts we like and ignore the ones we do not like. There can be no divided loyalties. We cannot truly be Jesus' disciples unless we give ourselves over to him completely. We have to be willing to accept whatever comes our way and do our best to deal with it appropriately. Helen Keller said that she thanked God for her handicaps or crosses because through them she found herself, her work and her God.

Sometimes, carrying our cross may mean stepping out of our comfort zone to do something bold. To be one of Jesus' disciples involves embracing new priorities and imitating his selflessness. We may have to sacrifice personal ambitions and the comforts we enjoy. Being one of his followers may require making a career change or breaking off a relationship that is leading us away from him. We may experience misunderstandings, opposition from family and/or friends, or the threat of being ostracized. The more "we die with Christ" through the faith decisions we make, the more we live with him. Therefore, we should embrace our crosses rather than fear them. We have been assured that, no matter how big or small our cross is, we will be equipped to carry it adequately, and we will never carry it alone. God bless!



MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION



Membership and Retention Director: Francine Nido

At the end of 2014, UNICO's membership was 5,811 which was an increase from last year by 27. However, that number dropped to 5,786 at the end of July. After returning from our 92nd Convention where less than 150 delegates were in attendance, it is evident that UNICO is suffering from the trend that has affected all service organizations- a decrease in membership participation. We must find a way to renew the spark in our existing members to get them excited and passionate about UNICO on a local, regional and national level.

As indicated in my report at the Convention, studies show that while volunteering is at a 30-year high, the increase has been in episodic participation as opposed to substantial long-term involvement. This can be seen across UNICO as many Chapters hold large events and heavily attended fund-raisers but then have trouble recruiting new members.

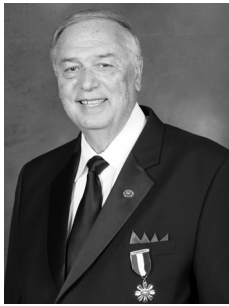
Based on data received from the Corporation of National Service, only 27% of all Americans participate in some type of volunteer activity. The majority of such activity is religious and/or educational based. The primary age groups of volunteers are: older teenagers (age 16-19); mid-life adults (ages 45 to 64); and older adults (65 years old and older). This shows us that we must continue to pursue high-school and college age members and encourage Chapters affiliated with universities and high schools. It also indicates that active adult communities should also be targeted for potential members and Chapters.

This year, my committee and I will focus not only on increasing membership but on retention of existing members. Chapters will be contacted for input on ways we can best serve our members. While tools and assistance is available on the website or from the National Office, I am extremely eager to work directly with each of you on a membership event or heritage night. Please do not hesitate to contact me at unicodoll@gmail.com.

Success will require passionate members, adaptive leadership and a pragmatic approach. It is up to each of us to continue to seek new members while keeping our current members active and engaged. The work is continual, and reaching the next level requires UNICO to market itself nationally to become the service organization of choice for all Italian Americans.

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FOUNDATION



UNICO Foundation President: John DiNapoli

On Thursday, August 7, 2014, the Board of Trustees of the UNICO FOUNDATION, met at The Breakers Hotel in Florida.

Michael Spano, Treasurer, reported on the account balances in the Foundation as of June 30, 2014. Total balances in various accounts in the Foundation totaled \$2,724,530. A copy of this report is available at the National Office.

There were four positions on the Board of Trustees that were up for election. Three existing Trustees were re-elected. They were as follows, Frank Blasi, Luciano DiRico and Paula Varsalona-Marino. Kathy Strozza was elected as a new member of the Board replacing Frank Caperino.

The Trustees approved the following

Grants:	
Cooley's Anemia	\$10,000
Mental Health	10,000
Torraco Food Bank/Shelter Fund	5,000

The Board approved a Grant of \$25,000 to Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois to establish an Italian Studies Chair at the University. The Grant will be paid in five annual payments of \$5,000. The Foundation will be requesting all UNICO Chapters and Districts to pledge \$250. This amount can be paid over a two year period at \$125 per year. This is the first Italian Chair that UNICO has sponsored in the Mid-West. Our Grant will be matched by the University. Therefore; we will receive a credit for \$50,000. This is a major UNICO project and we are asking all UNICANs to contribute to this very worthy project.

On Saturday, August 9, 2014, the raffle was held. The winning tickets were as follows:

1 st prize - Christopher DiMattio	\$3,750
2 nd prize -Paul DiGennaro	2,250
3 rd prize - Debbie DeMarco	1,125
4 th prize - West Essex Chapter	375
TOTAL	\$7,500

Robert Tarte informed the Board that he is considering establishing a new Scholarship.

The Trustees met to elect the officers for the year. They are as follows:

John J. DiNapoli - President
John Alati - Vice president
Michael Spano - Treasurer
Peter Pettinato - Secretary

At the Convention we received \$69,732. in various checks and pledges. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the UNICO FOUNDATION throughout the year.

If anyone has any questions regarding the UNICO FOUNDATION, please do not hesitate to contact me.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Three days after we returned from Convention 2014, delivered to our front door were the two Banner Stands we had ordered at Friday's General Meeting. **That was fast!** One stand is for our Keystone Chapter and the other is for our Pennsylvania District II. We immediately opened the packages to find two nice carrying cases with the UNICO National Logo prominently displayed. Inside the cases were all the rods needed for assembly. With a little imagination, Michele and I got it assembled with our Chapter Banner hanging nice and high in our living room. Then, we dismantled it and in less time, we assembled the second one. The tripods can reach the ceiling, so be careful! The following week we used one at our Chapter Meeting and got great reviews. Something nice about the carrying case is the banner can "just fit" inside it. Also, you can use the top rod to carry your banner for all the Columbus Day Parades you are going to march in this October.

With some T.L.C. these stands should last a long time.

Great investment!

Mark McDade, Pennsylvania II District Governor

JOSEPH COCCIA, JR. AWARD

The Cavaliere Joseph Coccia, Jr. Heritage, Language and Culture Award had been formally established at UNICO National's Ninety-First Annual Convention in August 2013 and will be bestowed annually at the Eastern Regional Meeting. UNICO National Past National President Cavaliere Joseph Coccia, Jr. has aggressively pursued the preservation of our proud Italian Heritage, Language and Culture. Through his tireless efforts, Joseph, together with his wife Elda, founded the Coccia Institute for the Italian Experience in America at Montclair State University. It soon established itself as a leader in Italian American programs, education and outreach activities.

The Coccia Foundation, also founded by Joseph and Elda Coccia, provides a broad range of philanthropic aid in education, as well as instituting "Student Italian Clubs" in numerous Colleges and Universities. Additionally, the Coccia Foundation awards scholarships and grants in the support and promotion of Italian Study Abroad programs. The Foundation supports Italian Studies Chairs in Universities in New Jersey, New York and California and promotes the teaching of the Italian language, heritage in schools across our country.

This award was created in order to memorialize the exemplary efforts of UNICO National's Past National President, Cavaliere Joseph Coccia, Jr. for his promotion and preservation of our Italian Heritage, Language and Culture.

With this award, those who have worked toward the same goals, with equal efforts as did Cavaliere Joseph Coccia, Jr. in promoting and preserving our Italian Language, Heritage and Culture, will be acknowledged and honored for their accomplishments.

HACKENSACK, NJ

The Hackensack Chapter Continues to Support the Strategic Plan for The Italian Advanced Placement Exam and Hosts Hackensack High School Italian Honor Society Induction

At a recent meeting of the Hackensack Chapter, the Hackensack High School World Language Department inducted six new members into the Dante Alighieri Chapter of the Italian Honor Society. The new inductees were introduced and feted for their exceptional accomplishments in Italian and their overall academic excellence at a formal dinner at Dolce Novità Restaurant in Moonachie, New Jersey. Initiated in 2011, with the involvement of Hackensack UNICO Past President Ralph Contini, this now 4th annual event is sponsored by the Hackensack Chapter of UNICO National.

The Chapter continues to support the Strategic Plan for the Italian Advanced Placement Exam to meet the target of 2,500 students nationally. Working with the World Languages Dept. at Hackensack High School, they have been able to steadily increase enrollment in the program annually. With the participation of four students in 2013, and six students in 2014, the goal for next school year is to increase to eight students.

As per the bylaws of the Dante Alighieri Chapter, each member must complete ten hours of community service within the Italian program and upon completion, they receive their service medal. This year, Mr. Contini received an honorary service medal for having fulfilled his "community service hours" via his ongoing support to the program throughout these past four years.

SADDLE BROOK, NJ



The Saddle Brook Chapter recently held its first ever Wine Tasting Event at Biagio's Restaurant. This was a very successful fund-raiser. A larger than expected crowd attended. Judging from the conversations, we will probably schedule another one in the near future. We want to thank the Committee for the super job they did in planning this event. From left: Sal Mangano, Past National President; Ed Ebel, President Joe Nasello, Jerry Taylor and Lou Verile.



The Saddle Brook Chapter is proud to announce that Joe Nasello, Past President and Jerry Taylor have been elected as officers in New Jersey District VII. Joe and Jerry are very active members of our Chapter. Joe served as President for the past two terms. Jerry is now serving as a Vice President of the Chapter. We wish them good luck. From left: Jerry and Ann Taylor, Joe Nasello and Carol and Phil Sergio.

MONTVILLE, NJ



This year Montville UNICO awarded a total of \$16,000 in Scholarships: \$5000 each to Samantha Suppa and Madison Gamba from Montville High School and \$3000 each to Stephanie Gebbia from Boonton High School and Daniel D'Addato from Morris Plains High School. From left: Tony Malanga, Benny Catanzariti, President of Montville UNICO; Madison Gamba, Samantha Suppa, Stephanie Gebbia, Karen Arakelian and James Cleffi, Chapter Foundation President.

ORANGE/ WEST ORANGE, NJ



The Orange/West Orange Chapter recently held their 17th Annual Bocce Tournament. From left: Joe Vena, Chairperson; Joe Calderone, Fred Greco, Anna Marie Russo, Chapter President; Carmine Campanile, New Jersey District XI Governor and David Campanile.

HAZLETON, PA



The Hazleton Chapter is proud to announce that their nominee, Miranda Matz of Drums, Pennsylvania, has been named as a winner of the Bernard and Carolyn Torracco Memorial Nursing Scholarship for 2014. Miss Matz, daughter of Patty and Joe Matz, will enter Luzerne County Community College in the fall. From left: Miranda Matz, Daniel DeMelfi, Gloria Cerullo, and Hazleton President Michael DeCosmo.

MEDIA, PA

Media Chapter News

The Media Chapter would like to proudly announce our newest member Aldo Giannantonio. Aldo recently joined the Media Chapter and we all are extremely excited in the enthusiasm, intelligence, and energetic attitude that Aldo brings to our Chapter.



The Media Chapter recently threw its 23rd Annual Golf Outing. Approximately 80 golfers came out to show off their skills on the green. We were also joined by honorary UNICO Members Joe Watson and Bernie Parent (Former Philadelphia Flyers Stanley Cup Winners). More importantly, everyone attended because they knew the outing was to raise money for charities that the Media Chapter has been donating to for many of years. The Media Chapter was able to raise approximately \$6,500 to distribute to various charities. Thank you to everybody that attended and everyone that helped sponsor this special event.

The deadline for the November Edition of ComUNICO is Friday, October 17, 2014

LYNDHURST, NJ



The Lyndhurst Chapter recently held their Annual Installation Dinner at Turano's Pizza and Pasta Grill. We were honored to have First Vice President Dr. Ann Walko install our new Chapter President Al Somma and all of our Officers. The Lyndhurst Chapter would like to thank V. P. Walko for attending and our Chapter is looking forward to a prosperous year. From left: Patty Hirsch, Chapter President Al Somma and Ann Walko.

BROOKHAVEN, NY



The Brookhaven Chapter recently awarded its 2014 college scholarships at Mario's Restaurant. Scholarship Chairman Tony Bocchimuzzo and Chapter President Steven Bonventre presented checks to Sachem High School students Vincent Oliveto, and Christina Rizzo who received the Bibiana Bisagni Scholarship, and to Chiara Repetti-Ludlow from Earl Vandenmulen High School. From left: Steven Bonventre, Christina Rizzo, Chiara Repetti-Ludlow, Vincent Oliveto and Anthony Bocchimuzzo.

MEMPHIS, TN

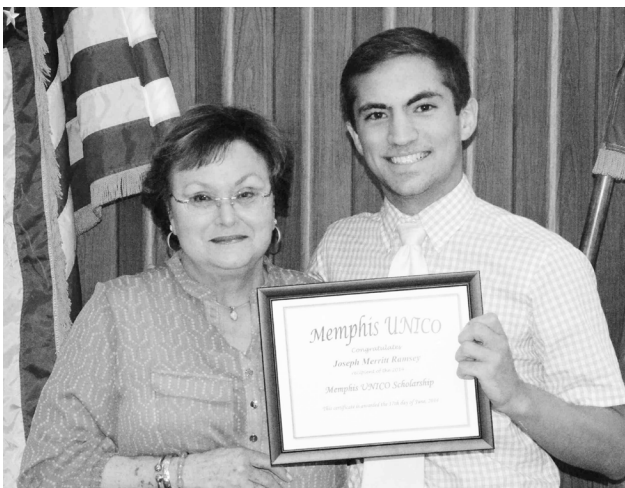
Memphis Scholarship Winner

The Memphis Chapter proudly announces the winner of our local scholarship this year, Joseph Ramsey. Joseph is the son of James and Desiree Ramsey. He has one younger brother, Sean. Joseph is a graduate of Christian Brother High School in Memphis. This young man graduated with a GPA of 4.896!! This average included mostly honors and AP classes at CBHS. Looking over his transcript we noticed that he only had one B in all four years there at the Brothers and that was in Drivers Education!

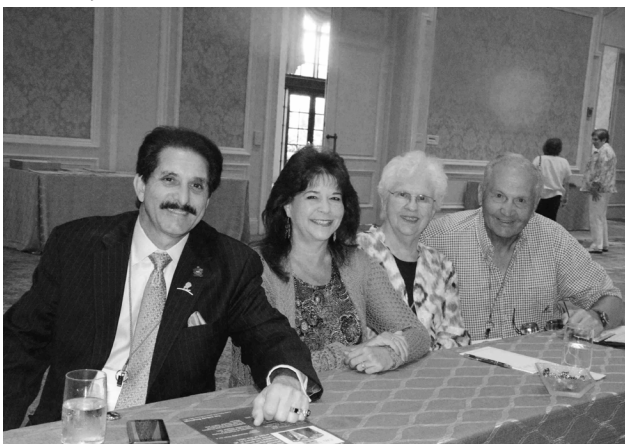
Joseph will be attending Tulane University

in Louisiana. He is interested in the field of medicine and plans to have some kind of career in the health field. At our local meeting, he also shared his love of cooking that he learned from his mother and plans to continue this as a hobby in life. Joseph's ancestors came from the Northern part of Italy and he is proud of his Italian origin.

We proudly salute and congratulate our scholarship winner, Joseph Ramsey.



Alicia McKenzie Scholarship Chairman and Memphis Chapter 2014 Scholarship winner Joseph Ramsey.



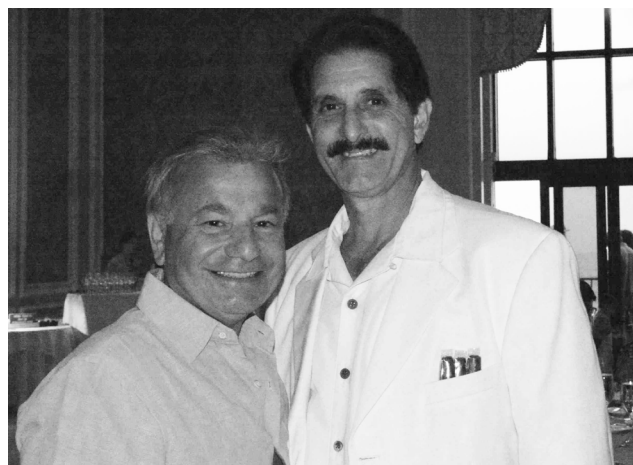
The Memphis Chapter Convention attendees had a wonderful time at the Convention. It was a very productive meeting. The ambience was exquisite and we especially liked the Gold Room that featured a wall painting of Christopher Columbus directly above the fireplace. As always, it was great to see our many friends from across the country and to have a chance to get caught up on what is going on in our lives and share a meal together. From left: Past National President Michael Spano, Linda Spano, Regina Giometti and Ron Giometti.



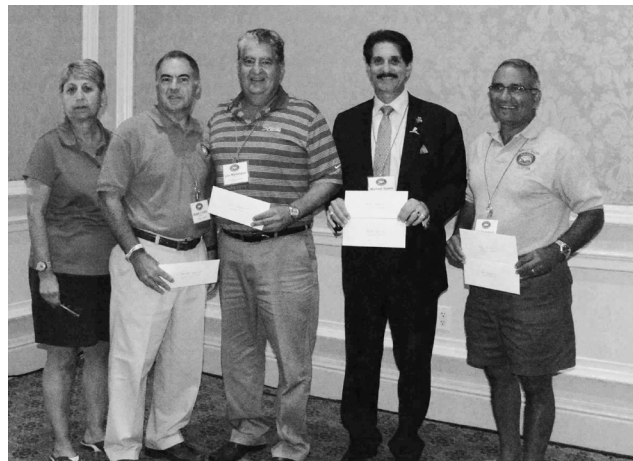
Ron and Regina Giometti.



From left: Carol Cannata and Linda Spano.



From left: Frank Paolercio Vastola Award Winner and Past National President Michael Spano.



Winners of the Golf Outing from left: Rosie Heytink, Ralph Contini, Closest to Hole; Lou Mattaliano, Longest Drive; Michael Spano, Low Gross and Sal Benvenuti, Low Net.

STAMFORD, CT



Sam and Rocky Cingari were honored as the 2014 Stamford Chapter Garibaldi Award recipients because of their community service and their contributions to a multitude of civic and charitable causes. The 9th Garibaldi Award Dinner Dance was held at the Italian Center of Stamford. More than 400 people attended the event. The award criterion is to honor a man or woman of Italian descent who has made significant and quantifiable contributions to the advancement of the Italian culture and tradition in the United States. This individual, by his/her life, work and example, has brought honor to the Italian heritage. In addition, an individual can qualify because of his/her personal philanthropy and/or work with charitable organizations. Sam Cingari (L) and Rocky Cingari (R).

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WESTWOOD, NJ

Westwood UNICO Awards Scholarships, Donates to Fight Autism, Elects New Officers

At its June 18 meeting at the Florentine Gardens, the Westwood Chapter awarded four \$1,000 scholarships to students at local high schools. Paul Gugger of the Chapter chaired the nominations committee.

The Fred DiRossi Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Renee Gioe, a graduate of Westwood High School, who will major in accounting at Muhlenberg College. The scholarship was established to honor Fred DiRossi, a former resident of Washington Township and past member of Westwood UNICO. It is available to graduating local high school seniors of any major, but who are of Italian descent.

The Josephine Cifelli/Marie Hanlon Elementary Education Scholarship was awarded to Brielle Soluri, a graduate of Pascack Valley High School, who will attend Montclair State University. She will major in Elementary and Special Ed/Psychology. This scholarship is available to local high school seniors, undergraduate students, or graduate students of Italian descent who are pursuing a degree in education.

Two Ben and Marie Miraglia Nursing Scholarships, in memory of Ben and Marie Miraglia, former UNICO members and residents of Washington Township, were awarded to Ken McGlone and Alyssa McLeod. This scholarship is offered to graduating seniors, undergraduate students or graduate students pursuing a degree in nursing, regardless of nationality. Ken is studying nursing at Sacred Heart University, while Alyssa has just graduated from Pascack Valley High School and will attend Ramapo College.

At the same June 18 meeting, a check for \$8500 was presented to the EPIC School to help educate autistic students. Additionally, new officers were sworn into office. They are: President Steve BiFulco, First Vice President Frank LoPiccolo, Second Vice President Howard Snyder, Sergeant-at-Arms Marie Hanlon, and Secretary Cathy Gurman. Treasurer Dina Pizzella will continue for a second year.



From left: Marie Hanlon, scholarship winners Brielle Soluri, Renee Gioe, Kenneth McGlone and Alyssa McLeod, and Paul Gugger.

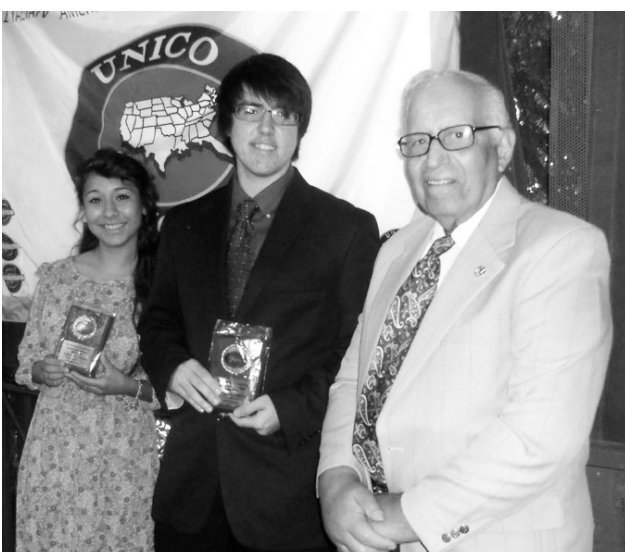


From left: Ann Marie Marrone, EPIC School Director Dr. Paul Argott and Principal Bill Schmaltz.



From left: UNICO National First V. P. Ann Walko, New Jersey District IX Governor Gerry Heytink, Chapter President Steve Bifulco, Marie Hanlon, Frank LoPiccolo, Cathy Gurman, Howard Snyder, and Marge Spataro.

SAN ANTONIO, TX



San Antonio Scholarship Winners from left: Adrian-Lerma, The Antonio and Angelina Mangiapane Memorial Scholarship; Brandon Abbate, The Bartolli Scholarship and Anthony Arabia.



Members of the San Antonio Chapter gather for a picture at the awards dinner.

PITTSFIELD, MA

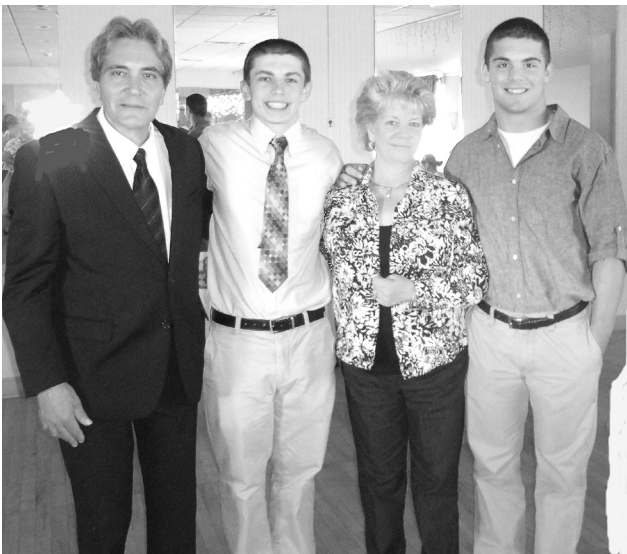
Pittsfield Chapter Awards \$16,000 in Scholarships

On Tuesday, June 17, the Pittsfield Chapter held its scholarship awards ceremony at the Italian American Club in Pittsfield. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the Paul J. Capitanio Jr. Memorial Football Scholarship Award Ceremony. Since 1987 the Pittsfield Chapter has given out over \$254,000 in scholarships throughout Berkshire County. The ceremony was the culmination of the Chapter's fund-raising efforts throughout the year which included a wine tasting, a golf tournament and other events.

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Fran Marinaro, awarded sixteen scholarships of \$1000 each. The Paul J. Capitanio Jr. Memorial Football Scholarship committee, chaired by past Chapter President Paul Capitanio Sr., awarded two scholarships at \$1000 each. The Paul J. Capitanio Jr. Memorial Football Scholarship Committee has awarded \$26,000 in scholarships over the past ten years and has raised funds through its annual golf tournament and other donations.



Pittsfield Chapter 2014 Scholarship Recipients: Sitting from left: Lauren Russo, Madisen Wickler, Megan McCauley, Allison Tassone, Natasha MacLeary, Gianna Renzi, Makayla Powers and Mackenzi Powers. Standing from left: Jack Quattrochi, Joseph Dewey, Benjamin Stohr, Deaglan Giarolo and Brendan Wincek.



Paul J. Capitanio Jr. Memorial Football Scholarship Recipients for 2014 from left: Paul Capitanio, Lucas Fitch, Beth Capitanio and Dominic Traversa.

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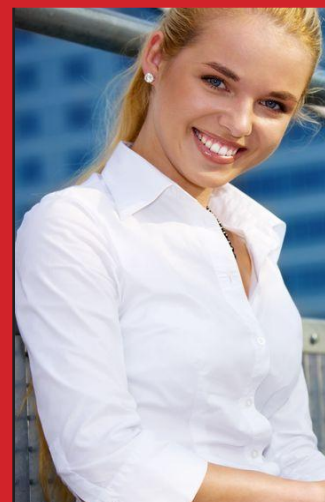
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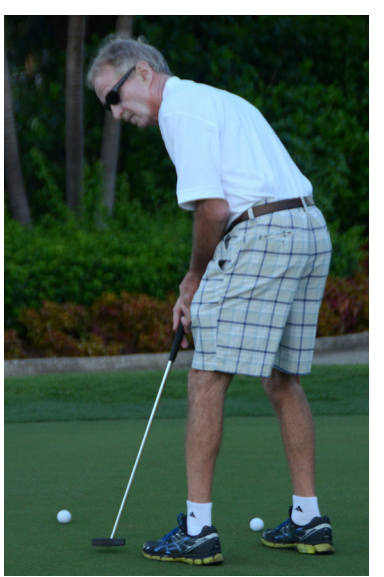
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From left: Ron Giometti, Michael Spano, Past National President and Ralph Contini.



From left: Joe McGill, Paul Benvenuti, Sal Benvenuti and Steve Pelonero.



From left: Ralph Contini and UNICO National Executive Vice President Rick D'Arminio.

UNICO NATIONAL CONVENTION-FRIENDS



From left: UNICO National President Michael Veselka, Geraldine Allendorfer and Jim Fornelli.



From left: Mary D'Elia Burd, cousin of Mary Marrara and Mary and Phil Marrara.



From left: Past National President John Alati and UNICO National Executive Vice President Rick D'Arminio.



From left: Nina Held, Ellen Leone, Elsa DiRico and Nicki Carpinelli.



Past National Presidents from left: Andre' DiMino, Frank Cannata, John Alati and Tony Fornelli.



The Torracco Family.



From left: Jean and Walt Chomko, Ann Straeb and Howard Goldberg.



From left: Marlene Veselka, Criss Mangano, Bob Buonomo, Lupe' Fornelli, Linda-Gail Alati, Debbie Benvenuti and Jenny DiMino.



Lunch at Green's with our favorite waitress Alice. Seated from left: Sue Anzelmo, Lisa Aduato, Andre' DiMino and Steve Pelonero.



From left: John Alati, Lou DiRico, Donna Fama and Michael D'Arminio.



From left: Jim Murray, Pat and Steve Pelonero and Joe Iula.



From left: Ron Giometti, Dominick Nicastro, Regina Giometti and Betty Russo.



The Vaughan's and the Pelonero's.



The Pandolfi's and the DeSio's.



The Alati's and the Nicastro's.



UNICO NATIONAL CONVENTION-AT WORK



Monday morning before the Convention from left: Andre' DiMino, and Steve and Pat Pelonero.



Rick D'Arminio and Criss Mangano begin to tackle the gift bags.



Tuesday office meeting, checking the gift bags and reviewing the seating arrangements from left: Steve Pelonero, Andre' DiMino and Pat Pelonero.



Tuesday afternoon assembly line. Preparing the Ice Breaker Center pieces from left: Lisa Aduato, Pat Pelonero, Jenny DiMino, Manuela D'Arminio and Nicole and Erica D'Arminio.



Selling raffle tickets from left: Sue Anzelmo, Gerry Heytink and Peter Pettinato.



Monday morning member bag assembly line from left: May D'Arminio, Criss Mangano, Angela Donaldson and Manuela D'Arminio.



Bags, bags and more bags!



The President checks in with the office. From left: Andre' DiMino and Michael Veselka.



Wednesday morning registration from left: Pat Pelonero, Paul Domico and Sue Anzelmo.



Thursday morning Opening Ceremonies from left: Pat Pelonero, Lisa Aduato and Andre' DiMino.



No one was safe from work. Not even Manuela's mother Tina Trovarelli!



The Tuesday morning gift bag assembly line from left: Sue Anzelmo and Debbie Benvenuti.



Tuesday afternoon last minute member registration folders from left: Sue Anzelmo and Lisa Aduato.



Wednesday afternoon Credentials from left: Patty Hirsch, Father Bob Wolfee, Lisa Aduato and Sue Anzelmo.

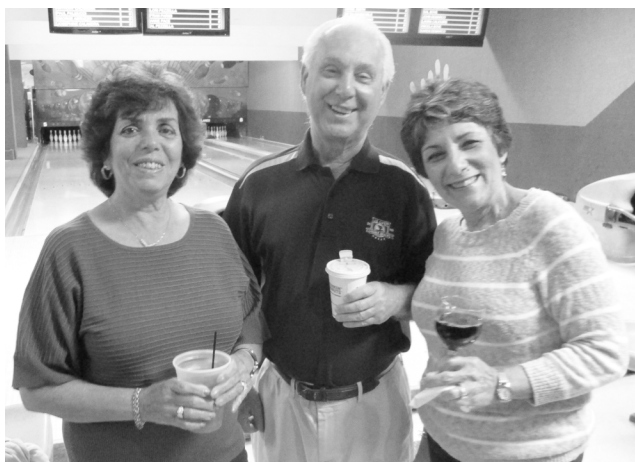


And finally the General Session from left: Pat Pelonero and Lisa Aduato.

CLARK, NJ



Clark UNICO held their annual Bowling night at Garwood Lanes. Over 40 UNICAN bowlers participated, complete with donated dinner and prizes. UNICO member John DeMarco prepares for a strike!



UNICANs Jo and Tony Calandra and Vera Abruzzo enjoy the festivities.



Group shot.



The Clark Chapter of UNICO marched in the Annual Clark Memorial Day Parade on Memorial Day. Members marched down Westfield Ave to ALJ High School for the Ceremony. UNICO has participated in festivities for the past eight years.

SAN DIEGO, CA

San Diego Honors Scholarship Recipient

The San Diego Chapter met at Mona Lisa Restaurant in San Diego's Little Italy recently. Members enjoyed delicious pizza and salad and celebrated the selection of Michelle Schorn as the UNICO National Louise Torracco Memorial Scholarship Doctorate in Science recipient. Michelle graduated from Yale where she studied the history of medical science. Now she is working on a PhD at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolla, California. Her research involves searching for new bacteria in the ocean that can provide genomes to be used to fight cancer. Part of her work will be done at sea on a Scripps Institute research vessel.



From left: Western Regional District Governor Jim DeSpensa, Louise Torracco Memorial Scholarship Doctorate in Science recipient Michelle Schorn, Chapter President Valerie Orsini and San Diego Chapter member and Michelle's mother, Jo Ann Schorn.



Matteo Risi congratulates Louise Torracco Memorial Scholarship Doctorate in Science recipient Michelle Schorn.



Chapter members gathered to watch the Italy versus Uruguay World Cup Soccer Game at the Convivio Event Center. From left: Bob Gaglione, Valeri Orsini, Eve Mazarella, Tom Cesarini, owner of Convivio and Joseph Pieri.

GREATER BINGHAMTON, NY



The Greater Binghamton Chapter supported the mission of The Broome County Urban League with a donation of household items that were collected at the May 2014 meeting. Pictured is Maria Pezzuti helping Vincent Lewis from the Broome County Urban League load the donations.



The 2014-2015 Officers and Board of Directors for the Greater Binghamton Chapter. The group was sworn in at the June 2014 meeting. The group is striving for another successful year under the guidance of President Barbara Wahilia.



The Greater Binghamton Chapter recently held their Annual Service Awards Dinner at Traditions At The Glen. The Angelo Zuccolo Service Awards were presented to the following students: Margaret Galatioto, Nicholas Henenlotter, and Georgia Westbrook. From left: Marielle Zuccolo, Nicholas Henenlotter, Margaret Galatioto and Nick Pianella.

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GREATER ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

Ciao UNICANI!!

We are always proud to be UNICANS. That pride swells when we see the results of our fund-raising efforts being shared with our worthy benefactors.

On July 18th at Resorts International, in Atlantic City, the Greater Atlantic City Chapter awarded \$27,000 in scholarships to eight exceptional high school seniors from area high schools. Additionally, we honored a local internationally recognized surfer and philanthropist. This event was our Annual Scholarship Dinner. Local dignitaries, UNICO Officers, as well as Chapter Members and honoree family members attended this wonderful affair.

This year's Scholarship awardees include Atlantic City High School graduates Jordan Wiesen, Vincent Salerno and Joseph Cutugno, as well as Christina Bongiovanni, Nicole Giordano, Alyssa Raymond, Emilee Dalessio and Danielle D'Alessio from Egg Harbor, Absegami, Oakcrest, Mainland and Lenape High Schools respectively. Each awardee has been accepted into outstanding colleges and universities and shared grateful commentary upon receiving their awards. In Atlantic City UNICO's 30+ years of existence, we have provided over \$650,000 in scholarships to deserving students.

Philanthropist and award winning surfer Dean Randazzo was also honored for his fund-raising efforts that were spawned as a result of his struggle to overcome cancer several years ago. Dean's foundation has raised over \$450,000 to help cancer victims and their families.

Our service to others continues. Plans are afoot for our ALS Walk in September, our Annual Golf Tournament held on Columbus Day and our Christmas Party in December. There are so many in need. We are proud of whatever part we can play in assisting them.

EASTON, PA



Easton UNICO celebrated its Annual Scholarship Dinner on June 8th at The Castel Club in Easton. Five very worthy students were awarded scholarships to assist them in furthering their education. From left: Matthew Trovato, Notre Dame High School/Easton; James Federico, Notre Dame High School/Easton; Samantha Sostorecz, Wilson Area High School; Benjamin Matase, Easton Area High School; Cameron Casciole, Easton Area High School and Chapter President Angelo LaDuca.



ST. LOUIS, MO

St. Louis Holds Golf Tournament

The St. Louis Chapter recently held the 2014 Alphonse Lordo Memorial Golf Classic Four-Person Team Scramble at Tapawingo National Golf Club. Immediately following, the golf dinner was served, both oral / silent actions were held and tournament prizes were awarded. We had a great turn out and everyone enjoyed a fun day of golf!



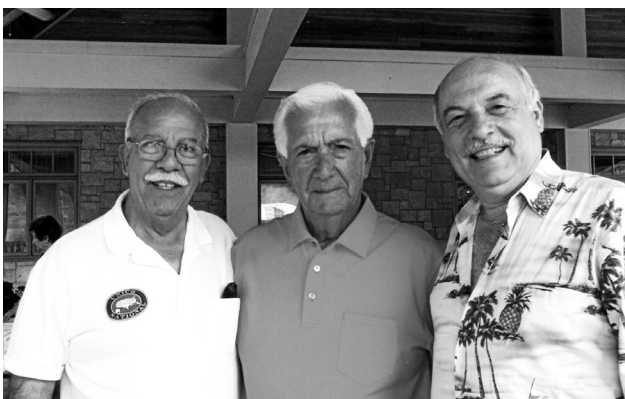
Past National President Michael Spano addressed St. Louis Chapter members, golfers and guests.



From left: Chapter President Gabriele Lancia, Jim Ferrante, Joseph Palazzo, Paul Urzi, Joseph Tortorici and John Mandala making salsiccia and hamburgers for lunch.



From left: Josephine Lancia, Nina Lancia-Held, Emily Ferrante, Aggie Santangelo, Dee Tortorici and Connie Varsalona making the lunch buffet.



From left: Vincenzo Monteleone, Joe Boccardi and Michael Lombardo greet golfers at registration.



From left: Steve Pascoe and Jody Null man the registration table.



From left: George Stark and Theresa Monteleone at the golfer sign-in table.

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WILKES-BARRE, PA

2014 Wilkes-Barre Scholarship

The Wilkes-Barre Chapter recently instituted its own scholarship program. The Chapter has created a scholarship to benefit a graduating high school senior of Italian American decent. The student must meet specific qualifications and standards.

This year's recipient was chosen from numerous applicants; Peter Paul Shaver exemplified the qualities and attributes the scholarship committee felt made him the best choice. He is a 2014 Graduate of the Dallas Area High school, and plans to attend the University of Scranton in the fall.



From left: David Fusco, Angela Sperrazza, Leo Sperrazza, Scholarship Recipient Peter Paul Shaver, Chapter President Robert DiPietro and Daniel Fusco.

UNICO WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations and welcome to UNICO National-the largest Italian American Service Organization. The National Office Staff looks forward to meeting all of you in the near future.

We apologize in advance for anyone missed, or names misspelled. If you notice a new member missing or name misspelled, please notify the National Office.

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CARBONDALE, PA



From left: Chapter President Thomas Gretzula, Scholarship recipient Meckenzie Voglino, Past National President Glenn Pettinato and Meckenzie's grandmother Elaine Wall.



From left: Chapter President Thomas Gretzula, Chip Calabro accepting for his grandson Anthony Calabro who won an appointment to West Point and could not attend the meeting, Past National President Glenn Pettinato and grandmother Pat Calabro.



The Carbondale Chapter placed a canister at Auntie Annie's Pretzels at Steamtown Mall to benefit Cooley's Anemia. From left: Christine Feola, Manager; Nunzio Gatto, Mary Lynn Brannon, and Mary Ann Kearney.

GREATER RAMSEY, NJ

Greater Ramsey UNICO Awards Scholarships to Graduating Seniors

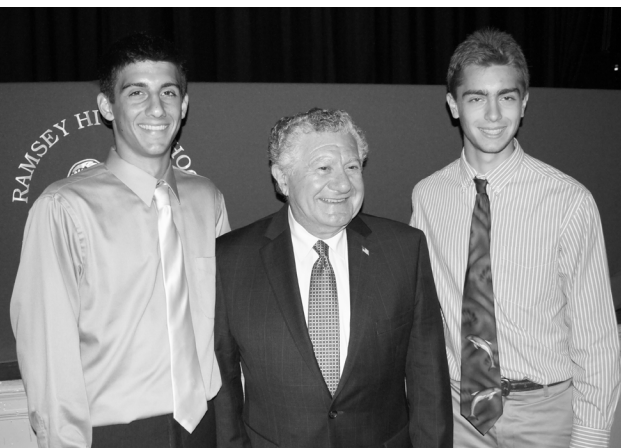
The Greater Ramsey Chapter recently awarded eight scholarships to deserving 2014 graduates from four local high schools.

Recipients of this year's scholarships are: Mahwah High School: Alec Buonfiglio, attending University of Tampa and Alissa Puzo, attending Boston College; Saint Joseph's High School student Mark Fossati, attending Princeton University; Don Bosco High School student Joseph DeMasi, attending Iona College; Ramsey High School:

Daniel Kleinbard, attending College of New Jersey; Victoria Pesco, attending University of Georgia; John Strollo, attending Rowan University and Emily Tie, attending The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. These outstanding students have distinguished themselves through academic achievement and school/community activities.

Joe Verdone, Director of the Greater Ramsey Chapter recognized the achievements of the scholarship recipients saying, "UNICO's commitment to support education is part of our tradition. These impressive young scholars will be the future leaders in our society. We are proud to support them as they embark on their college experience."

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From left: John Strollo, Ramsey High School; Joe Verdone and Daniel Kleinbard, Ramsey High School.

FARMINGTON, CT



A grant was presented to the Farmington Land Trust at our Taste of Tuscany event. From left: Farmington Chapter President Frank Dolce, Executive Director Tina Delaney, The Farmington Land Trust and Richard Kramer, President, The Farmington Land Trust.



Raffle winners are all smiles at this year's Joe Filomeno Memorial Golf Tournament.



Paul Pedemonti presents this year's President's Award to Beth Sticca.

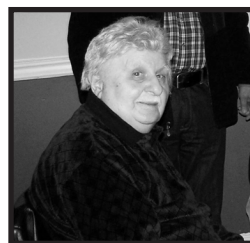


The Chapter welcomed five new members and they were installed by John Caruso at our Installation Dinner held at Cugino's of Farmington. From left: Kevin M. Nestico, Lucien Dellaire, Todd Piro, Nunzia DiDominicis, John Caruso and Thomas Filomeno.

IN MEMORIAM

Serafino Olivari

Serafino Luciano Olivari, who was the President of the UNICO Brooklyn I Chapter for 15 years has passed away. He passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 10, 2014. Luciano was so proud of his service with UNICO, as he was committed to maintaining the image and integrity of Italian Americans.



Marty Argentieri

The Media Chapter has lost a great man. Marty J. Argentieri passed away at the age of 85 on August 1, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Rita E. (nee Prudente), his daughters Denise A. Russel (John) and Christine R. Amato (David), his grandchildren Jason Russel and Dominique Amato and his sister Rita Consolo (Pat). Marty will truly be missed by all who had the pleasure to have known him. The smiles that he put on people's faces and the great and funny stories he use to tell was priceless. He was a small man in stature with a big and loving heart. From all of us in the Media Chapter, We love you.

"Let me have one more menu, I almost can see over the table"-Marty Argentieri.

HERITAGE AND CULTURE



Heritage and Culture Chair: Sal Mangano

Joseph De Santis (Actor)



Joseph Vito DeSantis was an American radio, television, movie and theatrical actor and sculptor. He was born Joseph Vito Marcello DeSantis on June 15, 1909, to Italian immigrant parents in New York City. Joe worked his way through New York University studying sculpture and drama. After obtaining a part in a play at Hunter College, he secured work as an actor for three seasons with the Walter Hampden Repertory Company. His career in broadcasting began in May 1940 with Pepper Young's Family, and continued with major network shows including *Mr. District Attorney*, *March of Time*, *Gangbusters*, *Kate Smith*, and many others. One of his most important contributions to the industry was his narration of Norman Corwin's *On a Note of Triumph*, broadcast nationwide at the conclusion of World War II. He was inducted into the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters Diamond Circle on May 17, 1985.

With the advent of television, Joe became known as a skilled character actor. He was extremely active in early television, taking featured roles on several Playhouse 90 and Studio One productions and appearing regularly on the Red Buttons, Martha Raye and Sid Caesar shows. In addition to many single performances on other television series, Joe had a recurring presence on *The Untouchables*, *77 Sunset Strip*, *Gunsmoke* and *Bonanza*. One of his choicest moments came while playing a role with Frank Sinatra, a performer whom he greatly admired, on a made-for-TV movie, *Contract on Cherry Street*. At one point during the filming, Mr. Sinatra remarked to Joe, "You should have played the Godfather." Joe cherished this comment.

Joe also played in numerous movies. The high point of his career came in 1962 with *Cold Wind in August* and he was featured in *I Want to Live*, *Al Capone* and *The Brotherhood*, to name a few.

Joe retired to Provo, Utah in 1978 to be close to family. He was a heavy smoker for much of his life and suffered from chronic bronchitis and borderline emphysema. He died on August 30, 1989 of chronic obstructive lung disease at the age of 80.

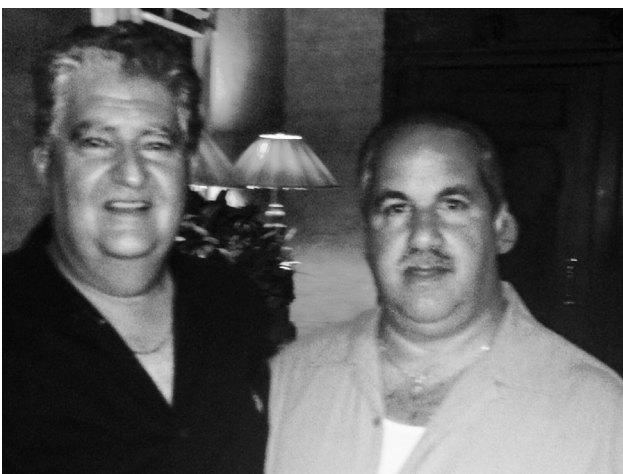
DENVILLE, NJ



The Denville Chapter awarded three \$1,000 scholarships this year to local high school seniors of Italian decent. One of this year's awards was given to Lisa Paradiso a senior at Morris Catholic High School. Presenting the award to Lisa is Joe Cardinale.

Convention

The Denville Chapter was represented at the 92nd Annual Convention by Lou Mattaliano, President; Patti Lolacono, Second Vice President and Gino Lolacono, New Jersey District XI Immediate Past District Governor. Many important items were discussed and voted on and the Chapter made donations at the Convention to various UNICO National charitable organizations. Saying good-bye to Mike Veselka and welcoming Rick D'Arminio as the new National President were some of the highlights of the Convention. Saying hello to old UNICAN friends and meeting new UNICAN friends is always special.



From left: Denville President Lou Mattaliano and Gino Lolacono.



Another great event at the Convention was the annual golf outing. Second from the right is Denville President Lou Mattaliano, who won the "longest drive" competition.



From left: Lou Mattaliano, President Denville Chapter; Dick Vitale, Vincent T. Lombardi Memorial Award Winner and Sherrylynn Trotta. Both Dick and Lou had some history together, as they were both born in Passaic, New Jersey.

MERRIMACK VALLEY, MA

Merrimack Valley Installs 2014-15 Officers and Board

The Merrimack Valley Chapter of UNICO officially installed its' 2014-15 Officers and Board of Directors at their June 11th meeting. The induction ceremony was held during a monthly meeting at the Wyndham Hotel, Andover.

2014-15-Officers and Board Members:

President: Frank Firicano
First Vice President: Jason Settineri
Secretary: David Gingerella
Treasurer: Nick Ardagna
Financial Secretary: Nick Forgione
At Large Board Members: Frank Coppola, Joseph DiBlasi, Joseph LaGrasse, Robert Norbedo
Immediate Past President: Ken DeBenedictis

Merrimack Valley is celebrating its 24th year as a Chapter of UNICO National and recently announced that it has raised and distributed over \$800,000 to local charities. Merrimack Valley currently enjoys the fellowship of approximately 60 members.

To learn more about UNICO visit www.unicomerrimackvalley.org. For additional information please contact Frank Firicano ffiricano@gmail.com.



Merrimack Valley Officers and Board Members.



KEYSTONE, PA

Keystone Chapter President's Dinner

The Keystone Chapter held its Second Annual President's Dinner at Al Mia Amore in Dickson City. This annual event honors the outgoing President and welcomes the incoming President. All Officers and Board Members are installed at this time as well as any new members to the Chapter. Past National President Glenn Pettinato installed President Jim Mack and Pennsylvania District II Governor Felix DeSio installed the Officers and Directors. Rev. Bernard McIlhenny served as speaker and Mark McDade installed the new members.



Keystone Chapter members who are taking on new responsibilities as officers and members of the board of directors are pictured here with principals at the President's Dinner.



Newly installed members of the Keystone Chapter are pictured with Chapter officers. Front row from left: Mary DePalma and Cathy Bianchi. Back row from left: Richard and Andrea Vincenti, Mark McDade, Jacqueline Dente and Frank DiVizio.



Pictured from left are members of the Keystone Chapter Bocce Team at this year's Lackawanna County Commissioner's Bocce Invitational: Ray Tropeano, John N. Mecca, Mary DePalma, Team Captain and Chapter President; Mary Ann Coviello and Tom Carlucci.



Keystone Chapter new members and Board members were recently installed. From left: Cathy Gerard and Marge Ruggiero, Board Members; Jim Mack, Chapter President; Mary Ann Sottile, new member; Ed Latarewicz, Board Member; Cathy Bianchi, Second V. P. and Mark McDade.



The Keystone Chapter Service Award was presented to Lenore Latarewicz. From left: Mary DePalma, Board Chairman; Jim Mack, Chapter President; and Lenore Latarewicz.



The Keystone Chapter presented the Dan Beard Council of the Boy Scouts a check for \$2100. The money was from the proceeds of the second annual Keystone Charity Golf Tournament. From left: Joe Sadowski and Val Riggi, Stephen Lenceski, Dan Beard District Executive B.S.A.; Ernie DeStefano, Nick Rocco, Dan Beard District Chairman and Mark E. McDade.

ROCKAWAY, NJ

Rockaway Township Chapter News

The Rockaway Township Chapter is moving along with many new exciting happenings. First, we awarded three \$250 scholarships at Graduation ceremonies to seniors from Morris Hills, Morris Knolls and Morris Catholic High Schools. Students had to complete an essay describing how their Italian heritage shaped the person they have become.

Secondly, at our June 26th Chapter meeting we swore in two new members, Victor and Rose Palumbo.

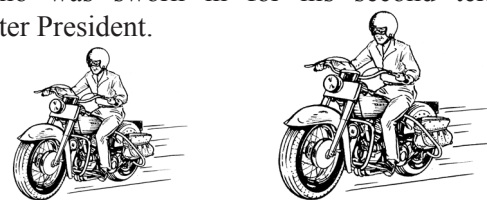
Third, we will be participating in Montville UNICO's Annual San Gennaro Feast. Like last year,

we will be operating the Water Balloon Race game and the Derby Golf Ball Rolling game. It was a lot of fun last year and our members are looking forward to doing this again.

Fourth, we have finalized plans for our Charity Motorcycle Run to be held on Sunday, September 21st. The 65 mile, police escorted motorcycle ride, will leave Peterson Field in Rockaway Township and proceed throughout Northwestern New Jersey. It will end in Morristown, where we will partake in food prepared by Morristown Deli, as well as music and prizes. The cost will be \$25 per rider and \$20 per passenger. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to both St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Program.

The Chapter is moving forward in developing a website for the Chapter which will also be linked to UNICO National's website. More details to follow.

On June 26th, the Rockaway Township Chapter swore in its new Chapter Officers. Matt Mustachio was sworn in for his second term as Chapter President.



Matt Mustachio was sworn in for his second term as Chapter President by Dominick Nicastro, UNICO National Second Vice President as Matt's wife, Judy, held the Bible.



From left: Matt Mustachio, President; Kathy Chiaramonte Quinn, Executive Vice President; Martha Paravati, Treasurer; Roe Chabala, Secretary; Michael Puzio, Chaplain; Judy Lillo Mustachio, First Vice President and Lydia DiMarcantonio, Second Vice President.



Chapter members attend the June 26th Rockaway Township meeting.

SCRANTON, PA



The Scranton Chapter installed new members at the June Membership Meeting. Standing from left: New member Ruthann Voitek, Mary Ann Rubin, and new members Joe Mataloni, John and Gloria Summa. Second row from left: Dave Bieri, Chapter President; Chris DiMattio, Past National President and Jerry Healey.



The Scranton Chapter recently held a Bocce Tournament. The Victor Alfieri Society donated the food. Over \$2,000 was raised at the event. Proceeds will be distributed equally between Jimmy "V" Foundation for Cancer Research and Friends of the Poor in Scranton. Fourteen teams competed. The winning team was Lou DiMattio, Bob Montalbano, Jim Bares and Joe Bevilacqua.



The Ladies Auxiliary Past President Linda Malinoski installed the new officers. From left: Diane Alberigi, Lori Nozzi, Ashley Yando, Gayle DeAntona, Incoming President; Patti Montalbano, Sharon Selwocki, Lois Mallick and Linda Malinoski.



The Scranton Chapter Ladies Auxiliary recently held a Baby Shower for St. Joseph's Center Baby Pantry.



Leoluca Orlando, the Mayor of Palermo, Sicily, spoke at The University of Scranton. The Scranton Chapter was a proud sponsor. His topic includes the Fighting of Corruption in our Communities. From left: Chris DiMattio, Past National President; Leoluca Orlando and Gene Peters. Second row: Joe Peters, Max Peters and David Bulzoni, Business Administrator, City of Scranton.



The Scranton Chapter's 55th Annual Past President's and Installation Dinner was held recently. The Scranton Chapter proudly installed Mary Marrara as the incoming President of UNICO Scranton.

KEARNY, NJ



Shannon Stoia (c) was presented with a scholarship by Celeste Pandolfi (r) and Alice Belfiore (l), President of the Kearny Ladies of UNICO at Kearny High School's recent Senior Awards Night.



Lou Pandolfi presents Executive V. P. Rick D'Arminio with a Breakers 2014 commemorative baseball cap.

NORTH SHORE, LI, NY



On July 18, the North Shore LI Chapter held its annual fishing trip onboard the Capt. Jim III out of Freeport, New York. It was a beautiful day and lots of fish were caught. North Shore LI members were joined by family and friends as well as Queensboro members and thanks to North Shore member Len Licata, a large contingent from the Glendale Kiwanis Club. Camaraderie, food and fun-what a great combination! From left: Dan Vessio, Mauro Caputi, Barbara Morrissey and Joe Sclafani.



Daniela Trocchia, daughter of member Tony Trocchia, is thrilled with her catch.



Len Licata enjoyed the day with his grandson, Lenny.

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SCRAPBOOK COMMITTEE

2014 SCRAPBOOK/DVD

Thank you to the following Chapters for taking the time to participate in this year's Scrapbook/DVD Awards program: Brick, Carbondale, Garfield, Kearny, Passaic Valley and Saddle Brook. They were all truly art treasures which can be used to promote your Chapter at different events. Our committee would like to encourage more Chapters to participate in next year's awards program at the Newport Beach Marriott in Newport Beach, California.

Scrapbook Awards were presented to Celeste Pandolfi, Kearny Chapter, for the small size category and Joseph Nasello, Saddle Brook Chapter, for the medium size category. DVD Awards were presented to Steve Pelonero, Passaic Valley Chapter and Joseph Nasello, Saddle Brook Chapter, both in the medium size category.

You need to start NOW by collecting pictures, flyers, tickets and publicity articles. Please consult the Scrapbook/DVD Awards Guidelines to assist you in preparing your entry. I can be reached by e-mail at lpandolfi@verizon.net with any questions you may have. See you in Newport Beach!



The Scrapbook/DVD Committee: Seated from left: Monica Silva Viana, Celeste Pandolfi and Pam Domico. Standing from left: Patti Mascetti, Kathy Caruano, Terry Iasiello and Mary Teresa Morrison.



From left: Mary Teresa Morrison, Monica Silva Viana, Celeste Pandolfi, Pam Domico, Kathy Caruano and Terry Iasiello judged the scrapbook entries.



Patti Mascetti and Pam Domico view the DVD entries.

WESTFIELD, NJ



Enjoying the cigars at Havana Night Ice Breaker from left: Incoming National President Rick D'Arminio, Anthony Bengivenga, Chapter President and Michael Walko distributing the cigars.



From left: Michael Walko, Ann Walko and Elyse and Bob Buonomo met up at the Breakers.



Westfield Chapter President Anthony Bengivenga and wife Rachel Bengivenga listen attentively to speeches on the floor of the National Convention during the general session.



Sports caster Dick Vitale, recipient of the Vince Lombardi Memorial Award; Westfield Chapter President Anthony Bengivenga and Bob Tarte have an informal chat before the Gala.



From left: Ann Walko, basketball sportscaster Dick Vitale and Michael Walko.



Westfield Chapter Table at the Gala on Saturday night at the 2014 Convention at the Breakers. Standing from left: Chapter President Anthony Bengivenga and wife Rachel Bengivenga; UNICO National Executive Vice President Ann Walko and son Michael Walko and Bob Tarte. Seated from left: John Andreyko, Rose Andreyko, Mike Colucci and Deanna DeMarco.

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT X



Paul Rinaldi, Elizabeth Chapter, buys his Suite Raffle tickets from Gerry Heytink and Anthony Bengivenga, Westfield Chapter President; as UNICO National Executive Vice President Ann Walko looks on.



New Jersey District X Officers and Delegates attend the general session. Standing from left: Elizabeth Chapter Delegate Paul Rinaldi, Anthony Bengivenga, President of Westfield Chapter and Bob Tarte and Mike Colucci both Delegates of Westfield Chapter. Seated from left: Kathy Caruana, Delegate Union Chapter; Joe Almeida, President of Union Chapter and Deanna DeMarco, Westfield Chapter.



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UNICO NATIONAL CONVENTION



The Vice Presidents join the new President for a picture. From left: Dominick Nicastro, Ann Walko, UNICO National President Richard D'Arminio and Tom Vaughan.



Executive Committee Members join the new President. From left: Sam Prudente, Frank Blasi, Patty Hirsch, UNICO National President Richard D'Arminio, Francine Nido, Nino Randazzo, Father Bob Wolfee and Frank Greco, Jr.



Regional and District Governors standing from left: Bernie Brutto, Anthony Lancia, Ron Giometti, Joe Kovacs, Carmine Campanile and Steve Pelonero. Seated; Marge Spataro, Paul Domico, Elyse Buonomo and Nina Held.



Vastola Winners. Standing from left: Manny Alfano, Joe Agresti, John DiNapoli and Gerry Heytink. Seated: Anthony Fornelli, Frank Paolercio and Renato Biribin.



Past National Presidents. Standing from left: Michael Veselka, David Donnini, Andre' DiMino, Kathi Strozza, Michael Spano, John Alati and Chris DiMattio. Seated: Sal Mangano, Anthony Fornelli, Michael Mariniello, Renato Biribin and Joe Agresti.



Chicago Members and Family.



New Jersey District VII.



The D'Arminio Family with Hackensack Chapter Members.



Orange/West Orange Chapter Members with Eric Calamusa.



Pennsylvania District I.



President Richard D'Arminio with the Westfield Chapter Members.

GALA AND AWARDS



2014 Award Winners



Antonio J. Rizzuto Award. From left: Richard D'Arminio, Michael Amante and John Alati.



Dr. Anthony Vastola Award. From left: Richard D'Arminio, Frank Paolercio and Michael Spano.



Joseph Cianci Humanitarian Award. From left: Richard D'Arminio, Ralph Torracco and Kathi Strozza.



John Basilone Freedom Award. From left: Richard D'Arminio, Mr. Calamusa, Eric Calamusa and Robert Bengivenga.



Louis DeFillippo American Hero Award. From left: Richard D'Arminio, Robert Gynn and Robert Bengivenga.



Vincent Lombardi Award. From left: Mario Giovannucci, Richard Vitale and Richard D'Arminio.



Philip Mazzei Americanism Award-Grand Patriot. From left: Francine Nido and Joseph Stango.



The D'Arminio Family: Michael, May and Richard.



UNICO National President Richard D'Arminio and Convention Chair Sal Mangano.

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DIANE DIFULVIO: Stricken with multiple sclerosis when she was 27, she has battled relentlessly back, inspiring countless others to do the same.

LOU&A

by Louis R. Carlozo

MS miracle lady

Stricken with multiple sclerosis when she was 27, she has battled relentlessly back, inspiring countless others to do the same.

The word “miracle” is often ascribed to a one-time occurrence, an event that transpires in a flash, with stunning and inspiring power. To be clear, Diane DiFulvio has endured multiple sclerosis for decades now, and other health problems along the way. Yet she always has maintained a positive attitude.

DiFulvio has turned the tables on her MS by leading the fight against it. As part of the Greater Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, she’s won the Volunteer of the Year Award among many other honors, and is affectionately

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NEWSMAKERS Cult Comedy King

by Jim Distasio

In the world of cult comedy, few actors are as ubiquitous as Ken Marino.

If you don’t know him, don’t worry. You’ve probably caught a few of his blink-and-you’ll-miss-him guest spots over the years on TV shows such as “Spin City,” “Will & Grace,” and “Monk,” and in movies such as “Role Models” and “We’re the Millers.”

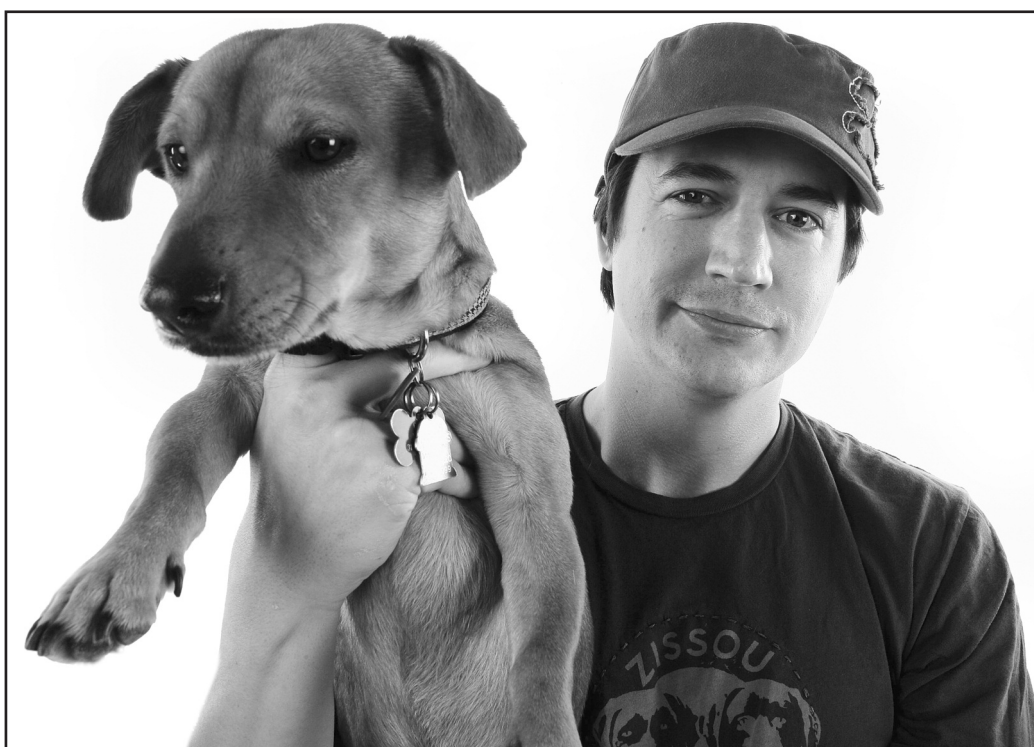
Over the course of a 20-plus-year career in movies and television, the 45-year-old Italian-American funnyman has dozens of acting credits to his name, but perhaps his most notable and memorable roles are in projects that often missed the mark in

mainstream popularity at the time of their release but have since developed an adoring, almost fervent, fan base.

Marino was prominently featured on the TV shows “Veronica Mars,” “Party Down,” “Eastbound & Down,” and the 1990s MTV comedy sketch show “The State,” all projects that weren’t considered comedy juggernauts like “The Big Bang Theory” but instead proved to be too quirky, off-beat or sometimes downright revolutionary in their humor to gain wide acceptance.

For example, in “Party Down” Marino plays Ron Donald, a hapless-but-well-intentioned caterer that

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KEN MARINO: “My comedy is very niche,” the ubiquitous bit-part actor shares. “I like when shows have a real singular voice and they have a strong point of view.”

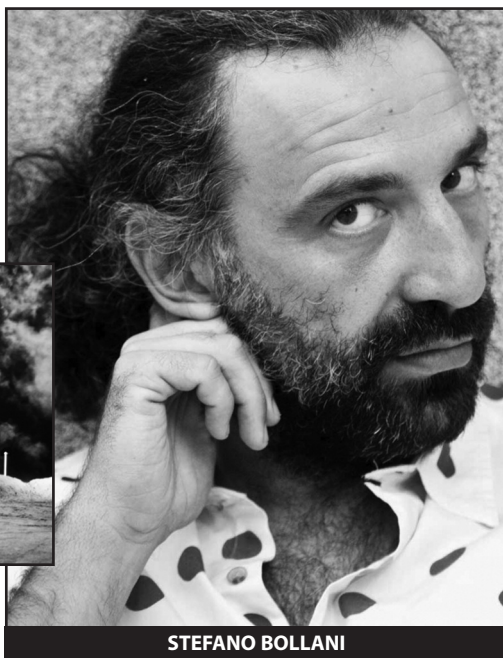
MUSIC REVIEW Breaking boundaries

by Lou Carlozo

Many jazz musicians speak of crafting work without boundaries, but they can’t always put their melody where their mouth is. Then you have Stefano Bollani, a Milan native in his early 40s who’s hit just about every target imaginable. From improv to orchestral, Brazilian to big band, swing to surreal poetry soundtracks, Bollani has stretched and tested his playing abilities, and the efforts have paid off. Downbeat ranked him third among young pianists in the world in 2007, the same year he was named one of the five most important musicians by All About Jazz. (It’s a list Ornette Coleman and Sonny Rollins made, too.)

Now comes Bollani with a new album, “Joy In Spite of Everything” (ECM), that teams him with jazz luminaries such as guitarist Bill Frisell. “I was waiting for this recording

because playing with Bill was something I was looking forward to for years,” Bollani says.



STEFANO BOLLANI



Stefano Bollani
Joy In Spite Of Everything
Jesper Bodilsen Morten Lund
Mark Turner Bill Frisell
ECM

In an age of studio trickery, “Joy” breathes and sweats; it was recorded live in the studio in a single day, the musicians unfamiliar with the improvisation frameworks until moments before the sessions.

“We had never recorded together before, so we just went into the studio and did it the old fashioned way — in single takes,” Bollani says. “Nobody does that anymore; everybody’s pre-producing. So I’m happy about the freshness, the feeling that everybody’s concentrating on what they’re doing. They were very careful and listened to everybody to understand what was happening.”

Bollani started on piano at age 6, with aspirations of becoming a singer. A few years later he sent a cassette to his idol, Italian pianist Renato Carosone, the man behind the worldwide hit “Torero.” Carosone wrote back telling Bollani to absorb blues and jazz, though he played mostly pop in his early teens. A stint in Paris with legendary trumpeter Enrico

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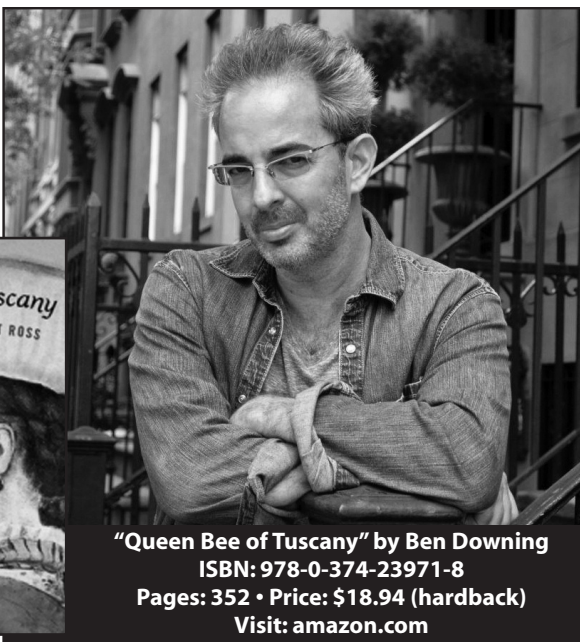
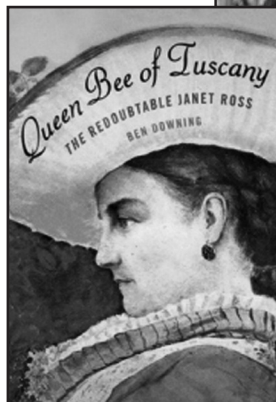
LIBRI Society within a society

by Judith Testa

Although the name Janet Ross is unfamiliar today, this biography does more than shed light on the life of a remarkable woman. It also illuminates a nearly forgotten corner of Italian history: the close-knit, insular English community that flourished in Florence and its environs during the 19th century, and that continued to exist until close to the middle of the 20th century. Many literary figures, art historians and other intellectuals — some still famous, others long forgotten — formed a part of this community, and Janet Ross loomed large among them. The author provides a detailed look at this unique society within a society, describing many of its sometimes very eccentric members.

"Aunt Janet," as she came to be called in her later years, was an intelligent, forceful and extremely well-connected Englishwoman who settled with her husband on the outskirts of Florence in the late 1860s and remained there for the rest of her long life. At first they rented a villa; later they purchased an estate called Poggio Gherardo that included extensive land holdings farmed by local contadini under a system known as "mezzadria," in which the farmers lived rent-free in exchange for giving the property-owner half of the crops they raised.

Most foreigners who bought Italian rural property (at rock-bottom prices) in the 19th century turned over the management of their estates to a local "fattore": a man who could be trusted to know the language and the customs, while the owners lounged around or fussed with their flower gardens. But not Janet Ross. Already fluent in German and French thanks to intensive tutoring and travel as a child, Ross had no trouble picking up Italian, and she quickly informed herself about every aspect of the running of their estate. Her husband, Henry Ross, the least forceful of men, had no difficulty ceding those responsibilities to his wife.



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In addition to managing their estate, Janet turned their villa into a hub of Anglo-Tuscan social life. Everybody who was anybody made their way to Poggio Gherardo. Janet, who could be haughty and breathtakingly rude in a way the upper-class English have perfected, was also capable of great warmth and friendliness toward those who attracted her. And her friendships were surprisingly democratic. Unlike most English landowners, who wouldn't be caught dead interacting with the contadini on their estates, Janet got to know them all. She also became a personal friend of the brilliant-but-difficult art connoisseur Bernard Berenson, whose villa was nearby.

She cultivated friendships with Italians as well, many of them intellectuals, who opened the worlds of libraries and archives to her. Over the course of her life, this largely self-taught woman became a prolific writer of books and articles about Tuscany. Her works range from recipes to histories of Tuscan cities to a fascinating collection of translations of personal letters written by members of the Medici family. With regard to the latter, she complained that most histories of the Medici consist of accounts of their political activities and art patronage. She wanted to give readers a glimpse into their private lives, which those letters certainly do, as I can attest, since I read the book before I knew anything about the author.

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SPORTS Locked and loaded

by Elena Ferrarin

A great defensive tackle must have strength and bulk, but also explosive quickness.

That's a tough combination not just to achieve, but to maintain, says the New England Patriots' Joe Vellano, who's been playing the position since he was in the third grade.

"You have to be in great physical condition. You have to run and move and chase down the ball, but you gotta be strong, too," says the 25-year-old Vellano, who stands at 6 foot 2 inches and 300 pounds.

His training largely consists of short, three- to four-second bursts of intense activity, plus a lot of weight lifting, he says. And, of course, there are also hours and hours of watching game footage. "The most important thing is having good technique and knowing the game," he says.

Vellano was raised in upstate New York and graduated from the University of Maryland, where he was an all-American and three-time captain.

He signed as an undrafted free agent with the Patriots in 2013, and recorded one sack and three tackles on his first start in the NFL. He finished the season with 54 tackles and two sacks.

Vellano started playing as a little boy under the guidance of his father, Paul, an all-American at the University of Maryland who played in the now-defunct World Football League of the 1970s.

"Me and my dad are both All-Americans

in school. That's an accomplishment," he says. "It's pretty cool to go up there with my dad."

His father pushed him to focus on himself, not others, Vellano says.

"It's more about what you do, it's not about what they do," he says. "If you go out there and have great technique, it doesn't matter how they play. Whoever is across from you, you deal with them when you deal with them."

Football is a true battle of attrition, says



JOE VELLANO: A defensive tackle since the third grade, he puts in countless hours year-round to prepare for 16 regular season games and the hopes of a playoff berth.

Vellano, who touts the Patriots' work ethic.

"We practice hard every day with full pads on; other teams maybe don't do that or maybe not as much," he says. "You gotta come in every day."

Football may excite fans' passions from September through February, but it's a year-round commitment for the players, Vellano says.

"Football is a lot more practices than it is games. [As a fan] you kind of forget all the work we put in," he says. "You turn on the TV in September on a Sunday and the game is on, but it's a lot of work year-round. You're taking care of your body, staying in shape."

However, he adds, he's also impressed by how knowledgeable fans are about football. "They know a lot more than you think they know," he says.

So what's it like to work under head coach Bill Belichick, who earned three Super Bowl rings and is the NFL's longest-tenured head coach this season?

"He works harder than I'd say just about anybody. He's always pushing," Vellano says. "He comes in, working every day. He puts the time in. I think that's a huge trait he possesses."

Making it through training camp was possibly the toughest part, Vellano says.

"You really gotta come out there and push. There are a lot of guys in the hunt. Every day is wearing your body down," he says.

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FILM Cinematic crusader

by Jeannine Giuylard

One recent film that has been a huge hit in Italy and is winning over festival audiences on this side of the Atlantic is “La mafia uccide solo d’estate” (The Mafia Only Kills in the Summer). The director, Pierfrancesco Diliberto, better known as PIF, is a Palermo native who grew up right in the middle of some of the deadliest Mafia attacks in recent history.

Diliberto’s father is a film producer in Sicily, so he was surrounded by movie sets and film productions as a child. After high school, he passed on college and instead took media courses in London. Upon his return to Italy, he accepted a position as a writer for “Candid & Video Show,” a TV series similar to “Candid Camera.”

Shortly after joining the writing team, he was promoted to a correspondent. Youngsters and teenagers across Italy became enamored with his humor and humility, and he has remained in front of the camera ever since. In 2007, he became a VJ on MTV Italy, and four years later, he started his own show on the network, “Il testimone Vip.” A magazine-format show, it offers in-depth profiles of celebrities, political figures and hot topics in Italian culture.

With his latest project and first feature film, Diliberto presents a unique portrait of Palermo’s tormented Mafia years during the early ’90s. Told from the point of view of the city’s residents, the story focuses on a child that innocently looks up to the political leaders of his country until he begins to understand the corruption by witnessing the violence with his own eyes. The film concludes with the child as an adult, taking his own son around Palermo and showing him the monuments built in honor of the innocent people who lost their lives.

The film was a highlight of this year’s edition of Open Roads: New Italian Cinema at Lincoln Center in New York City. Diliberto was in attendance to present his film, and sat down with us to talk about the inspiration behind his work.

Fra Noi: How has growing up in Palermo influenced your work as a filmmaker?

Pierfrancesco Diliberto: Well, here I was growing up in the midst of this huge Mafia war. There were two or three murders taking place and me — no trauma whatsoever. I asked myself why, and when I looked at the pictures from those years and the film and news clips, I realized that it was because my



PIERFRANCESCO DILIBERTO: Surrounded and yet untouched by Mafia violence as a child, he aimed his most recent film at the very heart of the scourge that plagued his beloved Sicily for decades.

parents shielded us from this. They did not deny the existence of the Mafia, but they denied that it was a danger to us. So I grew up in a kind of parallel world.

FN: Your father is a director. Did you work with him when you were a child? Were you his apprentice?

PIF: In the beginning, yes. He had a production house in Palermo, and in the early ’80s, I used to play with all of the equipment and make short films. That was my school. He used to take me onto the set. So I never really wondered what I would do when I grew up, but I kind of took for granted that I would be behind the camera, not in front of it.

FN: You worked with Marco Tullio Giordana on “I cento passi,” which was a huge hit. What did you learn from that experience?

PIF: It was a low-budget film. It was a story that wasn’t very well-known, the story of Impastato. But at the time, I didn’t realize that “I cento passi” would become such a big film. It’s a film that’s shown in all Italian schools. It’s a film of social denunciation, a film of great courage. I only realized this later.

FN: Many Mafia films glorify the Mafia and focus on them and the prosecutors. Yours was a very humbling portrait of the people and the chaos and fear they were forced to endure while all this violence was taking place in their own backyards.

PIF: I think in Italy, we’ve been very good at telling the story of the Mafia to the world, but what we forgot to tell was the story of the heroes that fought against the Mafia, incredibly courageous men. Back then, you had to be completely out of your mind to think that you could fight the Mafia. Back in the ’80s, I can still remember when we went on class trips to other parts of Italy and my schoolmates were almost ashamed of being from Palermo because everyone associated us so closely with the Mafia. So when it was my

turn to tell the story, I wanted to tell this story that hadn’t been told.

FN: Today, is there still a Mafia presence in Palermo?

PIF: Sicilian Mafia still exists today, and it’s still dangerous. It’s still influential, but it’s much less powerful than it used to be. Many of the Sicilian bosses are either dead or in prison. It’s really not true that things can never change. For example, they say that in Palermo you always have to pay the pizzo, which is protection money. I shot the film in Palermo for four weeks and I didn’t have to pay any pizzo. There are 800 shopkeepers that don’t pay for any protection. Even some of the Mafia turncoats have said that when they see a sign in a store that says “Addio Pizzo” (Goodbye Pizzo), they are not going to bother them because they know it’s just going to be trouble for them. Things change too slowly, and the cost is much too high, but we really have to end this sort of nightmare thinking that things can never change.

FN: What do you think of the Mafia movies in America?

PIF: Coppola’s “The Godfather” is without a doubt a masterpiece, but it’s an idea of a Mafia that couldn’t be more different from what the Sicilian Mafia is. Maybe the world of the Sicilian Mafia is less cool and less sexy. For example, there’s this idea that the Mafioso would walk around with his lover or mistress on his arm. No Sicilian Mafioso would ever do that. He might have a mistress, but he’d never talk about it. He’d never show her in public, and at night he goes home to his wife. So it’s completely another world.

This is a problem for much of America, but also for the Europeans, who need to understand what the Mafia really is. The Italian Mafia exploits the ignorance of the European police, which doesn’t understand the realities of drug trafficking and the other kinds of dirty businesses in which the Mafia operates, and therefore are unable to combat it more effectively. [Because of “Godfather”-type films], when you meet someone and they ask, “Where are you from?” and I say “Sicily,” they say, “Oh, Mafia,” with a big smile on their face like the Mafia is something exotic and folkloristic, but it’s not.



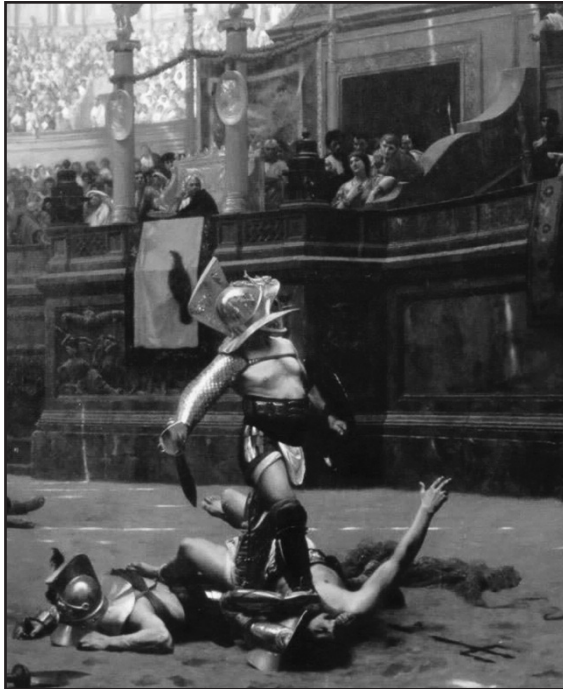
TRAVEL Myths and mysteries

by Judith Testa

Rome is a city of mysteries as well as marvels. Even its most familiar monument, the Colosseum, has a history entangled in legends and popular misconceptions. Commissioned by the emperor Vespasian around 70 A.D. and inaugurated in 79 A.D., it was the largest amphitheater in the ancient world. Looking at the enormous size of what remains today, it's difficult to believe that TWO-THIRDS of the ancient fabric is gone, used to construct later buildings, including St. Peter's.

Consider the site where Vespasian planned to build his amphitheater: a lake! Obviously, the initial task would be to drain the lake, and our first question is: HOW DID THE ROMANS DO THAT? They began by digging an enormous trench, 160-feet wide and sunk 20 feet lower than the lake bed, around the perimeter of the lake. This was lined with stone walls 10-feet thick. The lake was drained through a pre-existing channel (probably used originally to fill the lake), which funneled the water into the Tiber River. Roman engineers then designed a network of drains that channeled water out of the structure as it was being built, and which served the same purpose when it was completed. Despite Rome's history of floods, the Colosseum has never suffered water damage.

How did the Romans raise such an enormous structure in slightly less than 10 years? One answer often given is an unlimited supply of slave labor. A persistent legend attached to the Colosseum is that it was built by the Jewish slaves Vespasian and Titus brought back from their conquest of Judaea. This is a powerful story. Several of Rome's oldest Jewish families proudly claim descent from slaves brought from Judaea and used to build the Colosseum.



THE COLOSSEUM: Was Rome's most familiar monument built by Jewish slaves? And did gladiators salute the emperor with "We who are about to die salute you" before doing battle? Read on, and find out.

But it wasn't in the interests of Roman efficiency or construction quality to have a workforce of unskilled, unwilling workers who spoke no Latin employed on such a complex and important project. What the Romans actually did with those Jewish prisoners was sell them. They'd brought back 30,000 captives from the war in Judaea, nearly all of them young and able-bodied. They brought high prices in the city's slave markets, and the imperial treasury must have taken in a huge fortune from those sales. A good portion of the money used to build the Colosseum thus came from two major sources: the sale of treas-

ures looted from Jerusalem and the sale of Jewish slaves. As one historian bluntly put it: "The Colosseum was the fruit of Rome's victory over the Jews." Those who actually constructed the Colosseum were large groups of skilled laborers provided by the city's craft guilds, that is, salaried employees. No doubt there were also slaves who did the scut work, but highly skilled and specialized workmen did the actual building.

We also may wonder how the Romans lifted heavy building materials to great heights as the structure went up. Here, art gives us valuable information: There's a Roman relief sculpture that shows a gigantic crane being operated by men walking inside a huge wheel. Along with wheels, three primitive machines each had their uses at the Colosseum: the lever, the inclined plane and the pulley.

The most mysterious aspect of the Colosseum is the part that has totally disappeared: the "velarium," an enormous, multi-part canvas awning that could be extended out over the arena to shield spectators from the sun. We know such a thing existed thanks to a wall painting from Pompeii that shows the arena there topped with a billowing awning. If Pompeii's small arena had such a thing, surely the Colosseum did as well. On the Colosseum itself there are tantalizing clues to the existence of the velarium, but nothing that indicates how it functioned. Trying to figure out how this thing worked has occupied the energies of archeologists and engineers for decades, but there's still no consensus.

The most difficult issue for modern audiences to understand about the

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NATIONAL OFFICE NEWS

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From left: UNICO National First Vice President Dominick Nicastro and Past National President Joe Agresti.



UNICO National President Richard D'Arminio assists Scranton Chapter members at the Porketta Booth.



From left: Giuseppe Pampena and Pat Yanni.



Standing from left: Alina Nicastro and Linda DeFrank. Seated: Angie Romano, Barbara Pisano, Ashley Yando, Jenny DiMino and Joyce Murray.



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Past National President Chris DiMattio sings along with "Marilyn Monroe" and "Dean Martin"!



UNICO National President and First Lady, Richard and Manuela D'Arminio.



From left: Tom Tulaney, II, Karen Clifford, UNICO National President Richard D'Arminio, Jim Murray and Palma Yanni.



From left: Dominick Nicastro, Giuseppe Pampena, Joe Agresti, Stephanie Kuka with Rosalia Randazzo, Nino Randazzo, Mike Pisano and Frank DeFrank.



From left: Andre' and Jenny DiMino, Andy DiMino, AKA Dean Martin; Susan Griffiths, AKA Marilyn Monroe and Rosa DiCapua.



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From left: Frank and Barbara Paolercio, Lucille and Frank Scarpulla and Chris and Diane Tomasello.



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From left: Joy and Ed Ebel, Joe and Marilyn Nasella and Joe Kovacs.



Standing from left: Deanna Donnini, Mario and Andrea Giovannucci and David Donnini. Seated: Mark McDade, Jean and Felix DeSio and Michele McDade.



Standing from left: Jim DeSpenza, Steve Pelonero and Barbara Paolercio. Seated: Jennifer DeSpenza, Anthony Fornelli, Angela DiNapoli and Lupe' Fornelli.



The D'Arminio Family and Friends.



From left: Dominick Nicaastro, Francine Nido and Nino Randazzo.



From left: Anthony Iasiello, Anthony Lancia, Perry Russo, Ron and Regina Giometti, Betty Russo and Theresa Iasiello.



From left: Marlene and Michael Veselka, John DiNapoli, Pat Pelonero and Frank and Barbara Paolercio.



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From left: Elena Dubas, Renato Biribin and Tina Dubas.



From left: Paul Domico, Joe Mollica, Ania Jankowski, Jack Cerone and Joe and Joanne Madonia.



Standing from left: Frank Paolercio, Steve Pelonero, Lou Pandolfi and Tina Dubas. Seated: Phil Marrara, Tonya and Bernie Brutto, Mary Marrara, Dolly Carotenuto, Elena Dubas and Celeste Pandolfi.

ICE BREAKER



Standing from left: Dominick and Alina Nicastro, Renato Biribin, Grace Gynn and Nino Randazzo. Seated: Lucille Pettelli, Elaine Biribin, Carol Cannata and April Bengivenga.



From left: Tom and Michele Vaughan, Francine Nido and Morris Borea.



The D'Arminio Family and Friends.



The Conga Line continues!

The Dance Instructors.



From left: Kathi Strozza, Joe Agresti, Pat Pelonero and John and Linda-Gail Alati.



From left: Gus Coldebella, Bob Buonomo, Phyllis Coldebella, Nicola Trovarelli, Kristine Massari and Gene Antonio.



The Conga Line from left: Alelie Llapitan, Rick D'Arminio and Elsa DiRico.



Dance Lessons with John and Linda-Gail Alati.

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From left: Joe Agresti, Sal Benvenuti, Joe McGill and Steve Pelonero.



Joe Marino learns the steps!



Paula Varsalona Marino and Dan Casanova.

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Model Chapter Awards from left: Anna Marie Russo, First Place, Orange/West Orange Chapter; Lou Pandolfi, Second Place Kearny Chapter; Mary Marrara, Third Place, Scranton Chapter and Chairman Bernie Brutto.



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Scrapbook Awards from left: Celeste Pandolfi, Kearny Chapter; Joe Nasello, Saddle Brook Chapter; Lisa Pizzella, Brick Chapter; Nino Randazzo, Garfield Chapter; Peter Pettinato, Carbondale Chapter and Steve Pelonero, Passaic Valley Chapter.



Presentation to Outgoing Executive Board Members from left: UNICO National President Michael Veselka, Tom Vaughan, Expansion Director; Nina Held, National Secretary; Perry Russo, Eastern Regional District Governor and UNICO National Second Vice President Dominick Nicastro.



Presidential Awards from left: Pam Domico accepting for Rich Cifano; Paul Domico, UNICO National President Michael Veselka and Past National President Anthony Fornelli.



Past National Presidents from left: Michael Mariniello, Jr., Joe Agresti, Kathi Strozza, Sal Mangano, Michael Spano, Michael Veselka, John Alati, Andre' DiMino, David Donnini, Anthony Fornelli and Chris DiMattio.



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Article IV Section 3 (d) Pages 4-5- Passed

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Article VII Section 8 (i) Page 21- Passed

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SCRAPBOOK RULES AND GUIDELINES

SCRAPBOOK/DVD GUIDELINES

PURPOSE: To work and assist in keeping a record of significant events in UNICO National, through the collection of pictures and news articles, and to foster and supervise the establishment of a Scrapbook Committee in each chapter, as a source of historical reference to the activities of that chapter.

SCRAPBOOK GUIDELINES

1. To be eligible, scrapbooks should only contain information covering the most recently completed fiscal year, that is, from July 1st to June 30th.
2. Scrapbooks must be submitted to the committee chair by Thursday, Noon of the National Convention. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. A chapter’s scrapbook should signify the chapter’s accomplishments. Materials should include the following: publicity from newspapers, magazine articles, programs from chapter events and thank you notes.
4. The material will be judged for artistic work and presentation of items and items submitted in book form. Socials, fund-raisers and community participation should be clearly labeled as such.
5. The judges use a point system in grading the scrapbooks. Committee members are paired off in twos and review the entries that are not competing in their own chapter size. This allows for fairness and diligence in the scoring of each entry. In the event of a tie, the deciding factor will be based on the overall artistic presentation, as judged by ALL qualifying committee members.
6. The scrapbook from the chapter receiving the highest number of points from the above criteria will be the winner in that chapter size category. The chapter size categories are as follows:
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 - b.) medium sized chapters are 41 to 80 members;
 - c.) large sized chapters are 81 to 200 members;
 - d.) extra large sized chapters are 201 or more members.

The chair will act solely as the facilitator, providing the guidelines and answering questions. The chair will have no voting privilege.

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The DVD must be submitted to the committee chair by Thursday, Noon of the National Convention. NO EXCEPTIONS.
The DVD should not exceed thirty (30) minutes.
Each of the following four categories could receive up to ten (10) points for a possible total of forty (40) points.

1. The DVD should depict as many chapter functions and events as possible from the most recently completed fiscal year.
2. The events must be presented chronologically and must be properly identified.
3. The importance of the events will be considered.
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RECIPES Accept no substitutes

by Dolores Sennebogen

As the popularity of Italian cuisine has soared globally, imitators have tinkered with and watered down some of our most prized foods. A trade organization representing the Italian food and beverage industry published data showing that the ratio of Italian food clones to authentic products is 10 to one. After watching products and recipes altered to please the masses, a handful of producers in Italy eventually said, “Basta!” As in France and other European countries, Italians enacted laws to protect the quality of regional products.

Press information for Prosciutto di Parma, for example, reveals that a consortium was founded to protect the quality of the ingredients and the scrupulous production methods. The ham must come from pigs raised in specific regions and produced in a precise area in the province of Parma. It is monitored through every stage and distinguished by the coveted Protected Denomination of Origin (PDO) status. It is authenticated by its famous logo, the Ducal Crown, which is branded on every leg.

Other foodstuffs that have earned PDO status include Mozzarella di Bufala from



Campania and Lazio, balsamic vinegar from Emilia-Romagna, basil from Liguria, San Marzano tomatoes from

Campania and olive oils from many specific regions of Italy.

Some groups are even watchdogging particular recipes. In October 1982, for example, after 38 years of debate and research, the Bolognese chapter of the Accademia Italiana della Cucina announced an official recipe for Ragù alla Bolognese. More recently, a group in Genoa has organized a Pesto World Championship where home cooks and professionals, using mortar and pestle, vie annually to have their preparations stamped “most authentic.” Of course, finding basil grown in Liguria for this month’s first recipe is unlikely. It is also important to note that a recipe or a product is only best if your family likes it best. But if you value authentic Italian cuisine, be aware of the origins of what you eat.

PESTO GENOESE

(Authentic Pesto Sauce)

4 bunches fresh PDO Genoese basil
1 or 2 garlic cloves from Vessalico (Imperia)

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LOU&A

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known as “Lady Di” for the class and energy she radiates.

A dedicated helper, she also has deep faith and believes everything happens for a reason — including her own trials. No wonder she’s offered so much inspiration to so many. In fact, you could view DiFulvio as the very embodiment of a miracle: living proof that the powers of prayer and positive thinking make a huge difference.

You’d be hard pressed to find anyone else quite like DiFulvio, because MS is a scary disease. It attacks the brain’s myelin sheaths, and can cause brain damage that produces mild to severe cognitive and physical dysfunction.

Undeterred, DiFulvio concentrates instead on improving the lives of others with the same challenges. Fra Noi spoke to her about her Italian upbringing, what keeps her moving and the special wisdom she has accumulated over the years.

Fra Noi: Tell us about your Italian roots. You say there’s an interesting story there.

Diane DiFulvio: I’m 100 percent Italian, from Abruzzi on both sides. My mother was an only child, and my great-grandparents came over from Italy. On my father’s side, my great-grandfather came, then sent money to bring his family over, including my grandfather. But after a year, my great-grandfather didn’t like living in America. After a short time, he decided that he wanted to return to Italy. My great-grandmother didn’t want to return, and made the decision to stay in America with her family.

FN: You’re a Philadelphia

native and grew up in South Philadelphia, a well-known enclave for Italian Americans. What was that like?

DD: I was the youngest of three children, and things we did when I was growing up you just wouldn’t do now. When the weather got hot, I would take naps under the kitchen table because it was the only room in the house with air conditioning. From what I remember, many of my relatives lived in the same house on 15th Street — my grandmother, godfather, father, mother, brother, sister and maybe even other relatives — and it was amazing how everyone got along.

FN: You went to work in 1978 at Pepper Hamilton, a prominent law firm, as a legal secretary. Then you contracted MS at age 27. That seems very young to contract such a powerful disease.

DD: Diagnosis for multiple sclerosis has no timeframe. When I was diagnosed, it was a shock. I didn’t even know how to spell it. And I thought I was going to die. But I got involved in volunteering, and I try to get other people involved in volunteering, too. You can’t just sit back and let things happen to you. You’ve got to get involved. My motto is, “Keep a positive attitude and stay with faith.”

FN: Your boss at the time, Jim Murray, was a huge support to you. Tell us about the role he played.

DD: He was an associate, and I knew we would become good friends. He’s like a brother to me. When I first told him I had MS, he said, “Di, we’re going to deal with this together.” Whenever I needed some kind of support, he was there for me, and he continues to be. When I had knee replacement surgery and contracted a staph infection, he would visit me regularly at

the hospital.

FN: Your knee replacement happened in 2006, and it’s taken years to get the complications from that procedure corrected. What’s that been like?

DD: I’m concentrating on getting my balance back and being able to walk again without assistance. My employer has been very supportive, and they work with me. I enjoy my time in the office, and I show that my disability will not hinder my productivity.

FN: All of this hasn’t kept you from helping out with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

DD: The MS Society considers me a key volunteer, and they treat me like a queen. They watch over me, and whatever I need, they make it happen.

FN: What are some of the roles you play within that organization?

DD: Mostly I’m serving as an ambassador. I talk to diagnosed patients about anything but MS. Usually the other person is feeling down; they feel like they’re going to die or God knows what else. So we talk about the positive things: What are you going to do, and what’s your family like? I usually end my conversations with, “You have MS, but MS doesn’t have you.” Don’t let it take control of you.

FN: What else are you up to as a volunteer?

DD: I’m with the MS Walk for the Greater Delaware Valley Chapter, and I’m part of the “Tremendous 200 Club” as a top-40 fundraiser. I don’t even have to ask for money sometimes; people just want to help. The car dealership I’ve gone to forever, I said to them, “Why don’t you be a sponsor for the walk?” and they signed right up.

FN: You also took a special trip to Lourdes, France, in 2011 to experience the healing waters. The Order of Malta selected you.

DD: My family asked me what it was like and I could only cry. It’s so beautiful. You have to experience it. They dunk you in the water and you come out totally dry. I said to the father there, “How do you explain that?”

FN: Someone reading this may be fighting MS. What would you say to them?

DD: I would just tell them it’s not the end of the world. Seek support from your local MS society; don’t travel this road alone. There are so many medications available at this time, with more in late-stage development. I know too many people who go into a shell, think negative and wind up on disability. I have my bad days and my good days, but I’m not going to let it get me down.

NEWSMAKERS

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dreams of one day opening his own all-you-can-eat soup franchise. Donald is overly uptight and equally insecure, which usually makes him ground zero for every hilarious problem his staff encounters. But Marino also lets a bit of darkness and sadness into the character — Donald is a recovering addict trying to piece his life back together, and, to his credit, Marino never sacrifices who the character is for an easy laugh.

“I guess I’m more of an actor than a comedian,” Marino told Esquire. “Because if somebody comes up and says, ‘Hey, I like your work,’ I feel kind of honored. I never go, ‘Ah, this guy knows what’s going on!’”

Marino’s kind of work hasn’t gone without notice or accolades, though. He received an Emmy nomination in 2013 for producing the dating show parody “Burning Love,” which was created by his wife, Erica Oyama, and streamed exclusively on Yahoo. He earned another Emmy nod this year for producing the Adult Swim TV show “Children’s Hospital,” an 11-minute series that lampoons soap operas and medical shows such as “Grey’s Anatomy,” which airs on a cable network most famous for its cartoon lineup. Talk about under the radar: Marino, who also stars on the show as well as writes and directs, is obviously not afraid to play it fast, loose and a little weird.

“My comedy is very niche,” Marino told Esquire. “I’ve been lucky enough to work on things that are not necessarily fastballs right down the middle, kind of watered-down stuff. I like when shows have a real singular voice and they have a strong point of view. And I think shows like ‘Eastbound & Down’ or ‘Children’s Hospital’ or ‘Burning Love’ or ‘Party Down,’ or even going back to ‘The State,’ they’re all shows that have a real strong point of view. And so that appeals to some people, and other people are like, ‘I don’t get it. It’s not my thing.’ And I get that.”

But Marino is now poised to strike the perfect balance between unconventional humor and mainstream success. He is starring, along with “Saturday Night Live” alum Casey Wilson, in the NBC sitcom “Marry Me,” which follows a Chicago couple trying to put the pieces of their relationship back together after a horribly botched marriage proposal. The sitcom is created by David Caspe, the mind behind the show “Happy Endings,” a brilliant comedy whose run was cut short far too soon, and it premieres on Tuesday, Oct. 14. Judging by early previews, “Marry Me” should give Marino his best opportunity yet to appeal to a broader audience. And, for the affable and talented actor, who has spent the last few years playing



lunkheads and villains, a romantic comedy felt like a much-needed change of pace.

"I was excited to play this part because lately I've been playing a lot of d---s," Marino told TV Guide.

Marino was born in West Islip, N.Y., which sits on the South Shore of Long Island. Marino's Italian-American father worked as a clam digger, a profession Marino would later celebrate in the 1970s-set comedy-drama "Diggers," which he starred in and also wrote. In it, Marino plays digger and loud-mouth Frank Lozo, who is grappling with his big Italian family and the challenges of providing for the entire brood. Marino says much of what he wrote was inspired by people he knew growing up, including his own family.

"[Frank Lozo] was a collection of a lot of different people," Marino told Cinema Source. "I'm from an Italian family; we're loud to begin with."

Although the movie didn't do much business, the story resonated

deeply with Marino's father. "My dad loves the script; he cried," Marino told Cinema Source.

Marino attended the prestigious Lee Strasberg Institute and Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, and subsequently established himself as a unique performer and writer in 1993 on "The State." The show produced less than 30 episodes over its four-season run, but its true success was in cultivating the young talent it counted among its cast and writing staff. Many members of "The State" have gone on to write, direct, produce and star in hit movies and television shows, everything from "Night at the Museum" to "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," and the group has consistently worked with one another over the years.

One of their most famous collaborations was the 2001 cult comedy classic "Wet Hot American Summer," which was written by "State" alums David Wain and Michael Showalter and chronicles

the last day of a sleep-over summer camp in the 1980s. The film was savaged by many critics — in all fairness, the title does the movie no favors — and it grossed less than \$300,000 against an estimated \$5 million budget. But the film has consistently found an audience over the years that appreciates its unique comedic voice, and like "Party Down" has created a buzz amongst fans that constantly ask Marino if a follow-up is in the works. It's what's made Marino the comedy-world equivalent of William Shatner, inspiring adoration and excitement in "nerds" everywhere.

"I feel lucky that people like some of the stuff that I've done to the point where they're like, 'When are we getting more of it?' even though it's been five to 10 years since those things have been done. I never get sick of that," Marino told Esquire.

the piano. He's also written a novel and conducted a comic radio show about music, "Il Dottor Djembe" (or "Doctor Djembe").

Bollani says: "I think that as Frank Zappa said, 'Does humor belong in music?' I thought, 'What a nice question,' and I knew the answer, and I think he knew the answer, too: yes. I need to have fun on stage, or on the radio, or on TV. I play music because I really don't like to work. If it became a real job, I wouldn't like it anymore."

"JOY IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING"

What does instrumental jazz helmed by an Italian pianist from Milan sound like? On "Joy In Spite of Everything," it's as though you've landed at some outdoor European cafe, taking your sweet time while watching the denizens stroll by on an evening passeggiata. Yet those who love the work of Bill Evans or Keith Jarrett will find something to relish here, though Bollani has his own freewheeling stamp.

True to its title, "Easy Healing" rolls along on a sunny rhythm anchored by ride cymbal, with occasional tom fills and side stick, while saxophone, guitar, piano and upright bass take turns with sublime, melodic soloing. The whimsical theme and bouncy beat of "No Pope No Party" teams sax, piano and bass as one until the sax leaps into the spotlight. Bollani's crisp runs provide just the right amount of spice, again setting up bass riffing that subdues the tune before it returns to its main theme. It creates an apt setup for "Alobar E Kudra," a minor-key meditation that alternates between spare and sparkly. Another highlight: Bollani's playing on "Las Hortensias." He hits the high keys to create the effect of a broken clock winding down its last seconds.

Bollani pilots his instrument with trills, rolls and riffs that sound accomplished rather than showy. If one can read the emotion behind the playing, "Joy" sparkles with happiness and delight, undergirded by passion. With Bollani, rarely do hands, head and heart unite in such compelling harmony.

MUSIC REVIEW

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Rava let Bollani return to his first love, jazz.

"I always wanted to be a '50s musician, hanging out in New York with Art Blakey and J.J. Johnson," Bollani says.

As for the Rava gig, it was a bit intimidating. One of the first concerts Bollani attended in his youth featured Rava. "The first time I played with Enrico in 1995, I was very young and very afraid, but he gave me a lot of courage and self-confidence," Bollani recalls.

He adds: "Playing with him, I understood he was listening to every chord I played — and I thought older musicians were in a world of their own. I always thought younger musicians would be the ones listening to the older ones, but he listened to me for inspiration. So I'm always trying to listen to everything that's going on around my piano because I realize you can get inspiration from anyone at any moment."

Bollani's talents hardly stop at



TRAVEL

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Colosseum has nothing to do with the complexities of its construction, but rather with the bloody theater of cruelty we assume took place inside it. We think we know a lot about that, but much of what we “know” has been determined by several generations of paintings, books and films that have constructed a modern mythology of the Colosseum. Although this isn’t to deny that generations of Romans watched as animals and men fought each other to the death on the sand of the Colosseum floor, we need to ask: What else went on there?

The Roman poet Martial, an eyewitness to the opening festivities in 79 A.D., describes an event that even the grossest modern pornography would find difficult to equal. The story the poet says was played out is Pasiphae and the bull, a tale from Greek mythology. The gods caused Pasiphae to fall in love with a bull, and to satisfy her lust, she had herself encased inside a bronze cow, which the bull then mounted. The result of this union was the infamous Minotaur. Martial’s poem appears to claim that this episode was acted out in the amphitheater, between an actual woman and an actual bull.

But how literally should we take this poem? It’s difficult to imagine persuading a bull — which prefers flesh and blood cows — to show any sexual interest in a human partner encased in bronze. If this act did take place, it would have resulted in the death of the woman — perhaps she was a condemned criminal? But it’s more probable that the bull was a man in a bull costume, and that some sort of sexual act — real or feigned — took place between the woman and a man dressed as a bull. Maybe the poet made it real by treating it as such in his poem. We don’t know.

Sometimes what we think we know about events at the Colosseum is based on fragmentary bits of information from antiquity mixed with modern imagination: 19th-century paintings and 20th-century movies have played a large role in shaping popular perceptions of ancient Rome. For example, there’s the French painter Jean-Léon Gérôme’s canvas from the 1870s showing a gladiator standing triumphant over his dying opponent and Ridley Scott’s hugely popular movie “Gladiator.” The actual title of Gérôme’s painting is “Pollice Verso” — a Latin phrase usually translated as “thumbs down.” But the phrase actually means “thumbs TURNED.” We don’t know in which direction the Romans

turned their thumbs for which verdict. It may have been up for mercy and down for death, as Gérôme imagines it, or it may have been the reverse.

And then there’s the popular belief that gladiators marched up to the imperial box at the Colosseum and saluted the emperor with the famous phrase: “Morituri te salutamus!” (We who are about to die salute you.) There’s no evidence this phrase was ever used at the Colosseum, still less that it was the standard salute of gladiators to the emperor. Ancient writers quote it in relation to one specific spectacle only, one that didn’t take place in the Colosseum, and one that didn’t even involve gladiators.

Roman attitudes toward gladiators seem both confusing and contradictory. Technically, all gladiators were slaves and could be bought and sold like any other property. Turning the slave-gladiator Spartacus into a hero is very much the product of modern times and modern movies. The idea of a bunch of gladiators on the loose with their weapons and bent on revolt would have struck outrage and terror, not admiration, into the hearts of ancient Romans. But despite their lowly status, there’s evidence that gladiators were admired, celebrated, even desired, and they were especially attractive to Roman women. Graffiti from Pompeii offer glimpses of gladiators as sex symbols: One is called “the heart-throb of the girls,” and another is “the lord of the dolls.” One of Juvenal’s satires, written around 100 A.D., describes a senator’s wife who ran off with a gladiator. The gladiator is ugly, the poet sneers, but this over-sexed babe chose this beat-up hunk over her children, husband and country. He concludes with a literary leer: “Steel is what they crave.” There’s a pun hidden in that last line. The Latin word “ferrum” can mean steel, iron or sword. Another common Latin

word for sword (and one embedded in the very word gladiator) is “gladius,” which was also Latin street slang for the male organ.

How do we account for these conflicting images of the gladiator? Here, too, there’s no definitive answer. Perhaps part of it was the fascination of an elite culture for its opposite. We might compare it to the old Southern plantation culture that gave birth to the myth of the hyper-sexual black male. And then there’s the reality that successful gladiators were the superstars of their times. To be watched breathlessly by tens of thousands of people in the Colosseum, to have all eyes fixed on you, transcended the social disadvantages of the gladiator’s lowly status.

Another bafflement of the Colosseum concerns animals. The number of animals killed in the arena is impossible to estimate, but we do know that the Romans’ desire for wild animals for the arena resulted in certain species being hunted to extinction. A related mystery concerns the capturing of large wild animals alive — mostly in Africa but also in Germany — transporting them by ship or overland to Rome, keeping them alive during the journey, and finally bringing them into the arena. How the Romans did all that remains baffling. How did they capture huge animals alive? What little we know suggests they employed native hunters who caught the animals in traps and pits, but how they got them out of those and into cages is another mystery. We know the underground area of the Colosseum was equipped with animal cages and an ingenious system of hoists to lift the animals up and deliver them through trap doors into the arena. But what about huge animals like rhinos and elephants? And how did they control truly savage beasts like tigers, lions and panthers? Your guess is as good as mine.

There’s one thing concerning the Colosseum we can be sure

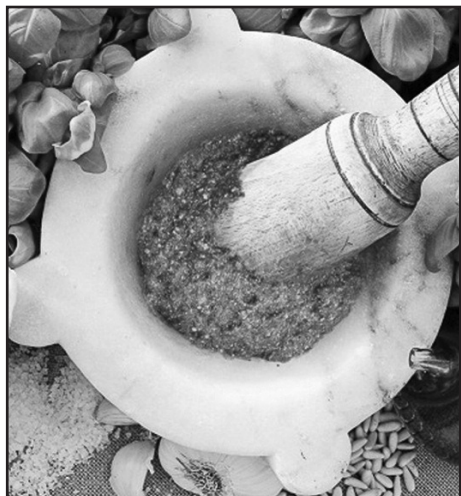
about: the underground area, now open to the sky, was a hell-hole — low-ceilinged, with narrow, stinking corridors dimly lit by skylights at the edges of the arena and by smoking oil lamps. Crammed into it were large pieces of scenery, along with sweating slaves, stagehands, animal trainers, wild animals pacing, snarling, growling and roaring in their cages, condemned criminals chained in tiny cells, and nervous gladiators awaiting their turn to enter the arena. The shouting of the crowds, and the thuds, shrieks and howls from the action on the arena floor just above, would have added to whatever racket was going on below.

And finally, there’s that persistent legend about Christians being “thrown to the lions” at the Colosseum. It’s true that one Roman form of execution was the “damnatio ad bestias” — condemnation to the beasts — where prisoners were mauled and eaten by wild animals. Christian prisoners were sometimes condemned to this death, but in provincial arenas rather than in Rome itself. There are no records of Christians being put to death in the Colosseum, and the present-day Catholic Church doesn’t claim that any martyrs met their deaths there.

What we do know is that death in the arena held a gruesome, sometimes downright weird fascination for early Christians, who created a new genre of literature, known as “Acts of the Martyrs” — stories celebrating the capture and trial, before a prejudiced pagan judge, of courageous Christians willing to suffer terrible tortures and death rather than give up their faith. A modern historian characterizes these gory narratives as “a sacred pornography of cruelty.” Even if none of those martyrdoms occurred at the Colosseum, the great arena’s enduring reputation as a theater of blood made it the logical place for the Christian imagination to alight. And imagination often played a larger role than facts in creating our image of this ancient Roman marvel.



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- 1-3/4 teaspoons coarse salt
- 4 to 5 tablespoons PDO extra-virgin olive oil



A marble mortar and wooden pestle are the traditional tools used to make pesto. Wash the basil leaves in cold water and dry them on a tea towel, but don't rub them. In a mortar, finely crush the garlic and pine nuts until they are smooth. Add a few grains of salt and the non-pressed basil leaves, then pound the mixture using a light circular movement of the pestle against the sides. Repeat this process. When the basil drips bright green liquid, add the Parmesan cheese and the Sardo cheese. Pour in a thin layer of the extra-virgin PDO olive oil, blending the ingredients without overdoing it. The preparation must be completed as quickly as possible to avoid oxidation problems

NOTE: The recipe states that the olive oil should be "from the Italian Riviera, renowned for its sweet and fruity taste which adds flavor to the basil and dressing." It also advises that "in Genoa each person has his own secret to this recipe. You will never find two cups of pesto that are the same."

— adapted from the *Genoa Pesto World Championship*

RAGÙ ALLA BOLOGNESE

(Bologna-Style Meat Sauce)

- 5 ounces pancetta, finely chopped
- 2 ribs celery with some leaves, finely chopped
- 1 small carrot, scraped and finely chopped
- 1/2 yellow onion, finely chopped
- 3/4 pound ground beef, preferably skirt steak
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons triple strength tomato puree
- 1-1/2 cups whole milk
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream

Put the pancetta into a heavy-bottomed medium pot over medium heat and cook, stirring occasionally until the fat has rendered, about 10 minutes. Add the celery, carrots and onions, stirring frequently until soft and lightly golden, about 15 minutes. Add the beef, breaking it up with a wooden spoon. Continue to stir and cook until the meat is broken up into small pieces and lightly browned. Add the wine to the pot and cook until evaporated. In a small bowl, stir together the tomato paste and 3 tablespoons of water. Add this to the pot. Stir well to combine. Reduce to a very low heat. Barely simmer, stirring occasionally and occasionally adding milk (a tablespoon at a time) until all the milk is added and the sauce is very thick, about 90 minutes. Season the ragù with salt and pepper and stir in the cream. Serve with tagliatelle and grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese.

— adapted from *Accademia Italiana della Cucina*



GRISSINI GENOESI

(Pesto Breadsticks)

- 1 (16-ounce) package refrigerated bread dough
- Pesto, good quality or homemade
- Thin slices Prosciutto di Parma

Roll out the bread dough thinly and cut into 7-1/2-inch long strips. Twist the strips in a spiral motion and then form a hook at the top, like a candy cane. Place on baking sheets and bake in a preheated 350-degree oven until lightly golden, about 10-15 minutes. Spread pesto lightly on each breadstick and wrap the main body of each with the thinly sliced prosciutto. Serve warm.

— adapted from *boarshead.com*

POLLO ALLA POTENTINA

(Potenza-Style Chicken)

- 1 (3-pound) chicken, cut up
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2/3 cup dry white wine
- 1 (28-ounce) can San Marzano chopped tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon chopped basil
- 1 tablespoon chopped Italian parsley

- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/4 cup grated Pecorino Romano cheese

Wash the chicken and pat dry. Heat the butter and oil in a skillet and brown the chicken pieces on all sides, adding the sliced onion toward the end of the browning time. Add the wine, and as soon as the wine has reduced, add the can of chopped tomatoes, basil, parsley and crushed red pepper. Cover and leave to cook over a very low heat for about 1 hour, adding water occasionally if necessary. Finish off by sprinkling Romano cheese over the chicken and serve.

— adapted from *isolaimports.com*

PIZZA MARGHERITA

(Tomato, Mozzarella & Basil Pizza)

- 1-1/2 teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1 cup warm water, or less
- 2 cups bread flour
- 1/3 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil (optional)
- 1-1/2 cups diced canned San Marzano tomatoes, drained
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 small clove garlic, pressed (optional)
- 4 ounces fresh Mozzarella di Bufala, thinly sliced or shredded
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- Fresh basil leaves

Put the yeast in a small bowl and add about 1/2 cup of the warm water. Stir gently until the yeast is dissolved. Combine the flour and salt in a medium bowl. Pour in the yeast mixture, oil (if using) and enough of the remaining warm water to obtain a fairly sticky dough. Dust a clean work surface with a little extra flour. Scrape all of the dough out of the bowl onto the work surface. Shape it into a firm, round ball. Knead the dough for 8 to 10 minutes. When it is firm and no longer sticks to your hands or the work surface, lift it up and bang it down hard a few times to develop the gluten. When ready, the dough will be smooth and elastic and show definite air bubbles beneath the surface. Place it in a large oiled bowl, cover with a clean cloth and set aside for one hour.

Preheat the oven to 500 degrees. Oil a 12-inch pizza pan. Knead the risen dough briefly again on a lightly floured surface, then



press it into the prepared pan using your hands. Press down around the edges of the pan to create a border. Season the diced tomatoes with the salt, pepper and optional garlic. Spread the tomatoes evenly over the dough, leaving a 1/2-inch border all around. Top with the mozzarella. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, until the crust is crisp and golden and the cheese is bubbling. Drizzle with the oil and garnish with fresh basil.

— adapted from *Carla Bardi*



FRAGOLE AL BALSAMICO

(Balsamic Strawberries)

- 16 ounces fresh strawberries
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons aged balsamico di Modena
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper (optional)
- Mint leaves (optional)

Wash the berries, pat them dry and remove the hulls. Cut the largest ones in half if desired. In a medium bowl, sprinkle them with the sugar and balsamic, tossing to coat well. Let them sit at room temperature for at least one hour before serving so the berries will exude some of their juices. Just before serving, stir again and add the optional black pepper for zing. The berries are good alone in pretty goblets garnished with mint leaves or over vanilla ice cream or plain cake.

Variation: Omit the black pepper but add one teaspoon each of lemon juice and grated orange rind.

— *Dolores Sennebogen*

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COOK'S TIP

Your mortar and pestle can be used for much more than preparing pesto. You can grind your own fresh herbs and spices such as cinnamon, cumin, peppercorns and cloves. It is also handy for crushing garlic, nuts and seeds. The fresh oils and flavors of these foods are released by the motion of the pestle against the sides of the bowl. Avoid soap (or use as little as possible) when cleaning your mortar and pestle. It's best to brush it out and rinse thoroughly.



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