

UNICO CHAPTER JUNE-JULY NEWSLETTER

I. **Monthly Chapter Dinner Nite Out**

The monthly chapter dinner meeting will be held on **THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2003**, at the Woodlands Race Track, 9700 Leavenworth Road, Kansas City, Kansas. Telephone number is 913-299-9797. Cocktails 5:30 p.m., dinner and short meeting at 6:30 p.m. Races begin at 7:00 p.m.

This dinner nite out is for members, spouses and significant others.

Cost of dinner: \$15.00, cash bar. Mary DiLorenzo, telephone 816-453-1124, will be calling you to confirm your attendance. We look forward to seeing all of you on the 17th.

Dinner Menu

Ambrosia salad
Sliced Sirloin of beef with Bordelaise sauce
Grilled chicken breast with roasted tomato sauce
Rice pilaf and seasoned vegetables
Au gratin potatoes

II. **Official Induction of New Chapter members:**

Ron Adams, Thomas J. Parrino, Eric Parrinello

III. **Upcoming Events**

UNICO National Convention, San Antonio, Texas, August 13-17, 2003

As you are all aware, Carl DiCapo and Tony Severino will be receiving two top UNICO National awards at the convention. See attached ad that will be in the 2003 convention brochure. At the June Chapter meeting it was voted that the Chapter will provide \$500.00 from the Chapter treasury to each member who attends the convention. Delegates and alternate delegates to the convention are: Delegates Ross P. Marine, Ross Cascio, Carl DiCapo, Jim Murray. Alternate delegates Tony Campobasso, Joseph J. Cygan, Jerry Fornelli, Jack DiCapo.

UNICO National Foundation Board Election

I am a candidate for the Missouri trustee position on the Foundation Board. The election will be Friday, August, 15, 2003, at the convention.

IV. 2003 Ethnic Enrichment Festival, August 15-17, Swope Park, KCMO.

Steve Lampone and Joe Galetti have agreed to serve as Co-Chairmen of the Ethnic enrichment Festival UNICO Kansas City Chapter booth. With a number of chapter members attending the national convention at the same time, Steve and Joe will need your help. Last year, as in prior years, the fund raising effort of having a booth at the festival has been a success.

We have the same booth location, #28, at the Festival. I attended a Festival meeting June 26th at Loose Park. A number of Festival issues were discussed, particularly the need for volunteers to erect the booths, fencing, etc. There will be minimal Parks and Recreation staff to assist due to budgetary cuts. The majority of the three-day festival will be staffed by volunteers, which may create some logistic problems, including parking.

Therefore, we need a substantial turnout of chapter members to assist. All booths must be fully operational by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15; otherwise, the booth will not be allowed to open at 6:00 p.m. when the Festival begins.

I ask for your help and assistance this year to make it another successful event. See attached Festival schedule. Joe and Steve will be calling you to schedule your time.

- V. 2003 LaGioia Della Vita Festa** Jim Murray is in the process of putting together a committee to assist with the organization and coordination of the Festa on Sunday, October 12, 2003, at the Uptown Theater. Time is getting short and Jim needs your help. Mark Prece, Sr, Chief Chef, American Italian Pasta Company, has agreed to assist us again this year. Thanks, Mark! This is our major fund raising event to support our scholarship program. The "I Am An American" awardee for 2003 will be Dr. Anthony "Tony" Leonard Tocco, head men's soccer coach and professor and head of the Accounting Department at Rockhurst University.
- VI. Unico National Membership Dues** All of you should have received your 2003-2004 membership dues invoice by now. If you haven't sent your dues to Tom Rago, please do so very soon because our first semiannual per capita payment to UNICO National was due July 1, 2003. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Rago, Treasurer at 816-836-8556.
- VII. UNICO National Missouri District I and Regional meeting** has been scheduled for Friday, September 26 – Sunday, September 28, 2003. The St. Louis Chapter will be coordinating this meeting. More details in the next few months. Mark your calendars.
- VIII. Sick and Welfare** – If you are aware of any chapter member who is ill or in the hospital, please contact Vince DiLorenzo at 816-453-1124 or Charlie Malaponte, 816-231-2494. The chapter will send a card or plant to the member or spouse/significant other. Members/spouses on the sick list this past month were: Jim Murray.

IX. Member News

As you are all aware Carl DiCapo has served as President of the Downtown Rotary Club 13 for 2003-2004. I thought you might be interested in the SEND OFF CARL that was given for Carl at the weekly lunch meeting held on June 19th. See attached.

One of our newest members, the Honorable Paul LeVota, Missouri State Representative 52nd District, Missouri House of Representatives, is hosting a weekly radio program on KCTE 1510 AM. (See attached.) Good luck, Paul, on this endeavor.

X. National Awards

We have submitted a chapter application to UNICO National to be considered for the 2003 Outstanding Chapter Achievement Awards. We have also submitted the nomination of Sal Arnone, District Governor Missouri I 2002-2003, for the 2003 Outstanding District Governor Award.

See you on July 17th!

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