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A Roman Fountain
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Sunday domenica	Monday lunedi	Tuesday martedi	Wednesday mercoledi	Thursday giovedi	Friday venerdi	Saturday sabato
VNICO ®	Rome has fifty monumental fountains and hundreds of smaller fountains, over 2000 fountains in all, more than any other city in the world		1 New Years Day	366 The Alemanni cross the frozen Rhine to invade the Roman Empire	3	4
5	6 The Epiphany	7 1797 The modern Italian flag is first used	8 1324 Marco Polo passes away	9	10 1939 (d.1976) Sal Mineo American film and theater actor	11
12 1848 The Palermo rising in Sicily against the Bourbon Kingdom of the Two Sicilies	13	14 1924 (d.1989) Guy Williams Actor known for his role in "Lost in Space"	15	16 1901 (d.1988) Frank Zamboni Jr. Inventor of the ice resurfacer	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 250 - Persecution of Christians in Rome. Pope Fabian is martyred	21	22 1968 Guy Fieri TV personality and American restaurateur	23	24	25 1348 A 6.9 on the Richter scale earthquake hits Friuli
26	27 1302 Dante Alighieri is exiled from Florence	28 1956 Congressman Barletta, born in Hazelton, PA, serves as the US Representative for PA's 11th District	29	30	31	UNICO ®



Photo Credit: A Venice Canal Traffic Jam Elena Dubas, Plainfields Chapter, NJ

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UNICO 8	Various types of gon Their primary role to Venice with a similar	dola boats are also used in day is to carry tourists on	n special regattas (rowing rides at fixed rates. The rom the thousands that	e most common watercraft value races) held amongst gond ere are approximately 400 lictravelled the canals centuries of the distant past	oliers. censed gondoliers in	1
2 Ground Hog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 1943 Joe Pesci Actor, comedian, singer Born Joseph Frank Pesci	10	11 1929 The Kingdom of Italy and the Vatican sign the Lateran Treaty	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents Day	18 1745 (d.1827) Alessandro Giuseppe Antonio Anastasio Volta Inventor of the Barometer	19	20 789 Feast Day of St. Leo of Catania, 15th bishop. Famed for his work with the poor	21 1947 Lidia Bastianich Italian-Croatian Celebrity chef	22
23	24 1208 St. Francis of Assisi, at 26, received his vocation in Portiumula, Italy	25	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28	29



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					1906 (d.1959) Lou Costello	
8 Daylight Savings Time (Clocks forward)	9	10	11 1867 First performance of "Don Carlos" by Giuseppe Verdi takes place in Paris	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 St. Joseph's Day Spring Begins	20	21 1930 (d.1987) James Coco Actor
22	23	24	25	26 1940 Nancy Pelosi Politician, US House of Representatives	27 1996 Laurenti Sellers, Italian- American actress, cast member of HBO's Games of Thrones	28
29 1976 Jennifer Marie Capriati Former #1 ranking women's tennis player in the world	30	31	VNICO 8	Neptune, in Rom god of fresh wate the brother of Ju	nan religion, was the er and the sea. He was piter and Pluto	UNICO ®



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UNICO ®	Entry to the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Gardens is permitted only to appropriately dressed visitors. Low cut or sleeveless shirts, shorts, miniskirts and hats are not allowed		1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7 1906 Mount Vesuvius erupts and devastates Naples	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13 1743 Thomas Jefferson	14 1964 Topo Gigio An Italian mouse, premiers on the Ed Sullivan Show	15	16	17	18 1967 Maria Bello Actress
19	20	21 753 bc According to Roman legend, Romulus was the first king and the founder of Rome	22 1966 Michael "Mickey" Morandini Former MLB player for the Phillies, Cubs and Blue Jays	23	24	25 1874 (d.1937) Guglielmo Marconi
26	27	28	29	30 1849 Garibaldi defends Rome		VNICO ®



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UNICO ®	Rome. Construction	n began in AD 72 by Emp d heir Titus. The Colosse	Amphitheater, is in the cent peror Vespasian, and was c um could hold, it is estimat	ompleted in AD 80	1	2
3 1934 Frankie Valli Singer	4	5	6 1895 (d.1926) Rudolph Valentino Actor in the Silent Film era	7	8	9
10 Mothers Day	11 1964 Stefano Pelinga Italian professional billiards player	12	13 1978 Barry William Zito MLB Pitcher for Oakland A's and SF Giants	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18 1912 (d.2001) Pierino "Perry" Como Italian-American singer	19	20	21 Ascension of Jesus	22 1810 (d.1859) Ferdinand II He was the King of the Two Sicilies for 29 years	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 1805 Napoleon Boneparte is crowned King of Italy	27	28	29	30
31 Pentecost		CONVEY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE	Arena allowing for spet to the Colosseum for e cles. Festivals as well a	rer 80 entrances. There we ceial effects. All Ancient levents, and were also fed the as games could last up to is the most famous touris	Romans had free entry hroughout the specta-100 days in the Colos-	UNICO 8



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7 1917 (d.1995) Dean Martin Singer, actor, comedian. Member of the Rat Pack	8	9	10	11 1956 Joseph "Joe" Montana NFL Superbowl winning quarterback	12	13
14 Flag Day Army's Birthday	15	16	17 1951 Joseph "Joe" Piscopo Comedian, actor, musician and writer	18 1913 (d.2008) Robert Mondavi Vineyard Operator & Owner	19	20 1894 (d.1991) George Delacorte Jr. Founder of the Dell Publishing Co.
21 Father's Day	22 1953 Cynthia "Cindi" Lauper Singer, songwriter, actress	23	24	25	26	27 1909 (d.1996) Albert Romolo Broccoli Producer of many of the James Bond movies
28	29	30 1959 Vincent Phillip D'Onofrio Actor and producer	world, followed clos the world on wine co	e of the oldest wine-producely from Spain and Franconsumption. Grapes are grand there are more than o	e. Italians rank 5th in own in almost every	UNICO®



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NICO ®	Piazza Navona is a square in Rome. It is built on the site of the Stadium of Domitian. It was built in the 1st century AD. The ancient Romans went there to watch the agones, and hence it was known as "Circus Agonalis"		1 The first day of the UNICO calendar year	2	3	4 Independence Day 1927 Gina Lollobrigida Actress and photojournalist
5	6	7	8	9 1981 Mario "Donkey Kong" Makes his debut w/Nintendo	10	11
12	13 1814 The Royal Carabinieri of Italy is established	14	15	16	17 1933 (d.2017) Anthony Fornelli, ESQ PNP of UNICO in 1973	AD 64 The Great Fire of Rome
19	20	21	The start of the 98th UNICO National Convention at the Sanibel Marriot Resort, FL	23	24 1936 Ruth "Ann" Buzzi Actress, comedian, singer	25
26 Parents Day	27	28	29	30 1629 An earthquake in Naples kills 10,000 people	31	UNICO ®



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UNICO ®	the Val di Chiana afte situated on a hillside a	er Arezzo. The prevailing at an elevation of 2,000 ft	of Arezzo, in Tuscany, Ita character of Cortona's ard . The town's chief artistic Madonna and Child with	chitecture is medieval wit treasures are two panels	th steep narrow streets	1 1933 (d.2009) Dominick "Dom" DeLuise Comedian, actor, chef
2	3 1942 Mary Ann Esposito Chef, cookbook writer, and television host Ciao Italia	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 1933 Rocco "Rocky" Colavito MLB player	11	12	13	14	15 The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
16 1958 Madonna Louise Ciccone Aka Madonna	17	18	19 1948 Deana Martin, recording artist and daughter of Dean Martin	20	21 Senior Citizen Day	1970 Giada DeLaurentis Television celebrity chef
23 1967 Dominick Antonelli NASA Astronaut	24	25 1968 Rachael Ray Television celebrity chef	26 1498 Michelangelo is commissioned to carve the Pieta'	27	28	29
30	31	a Roman Catholic cat the Blessed Virgin M	ralian: <i>Duomo di Cortor</i> thedral in Cortona, Tuscar ary. It was the seat of the the present Diocese of A	ny, central Italy, dedicate Bishops of Cortona from	d to the Assumption of 1507 to 1986, and is	UNICO



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UNICO ®		1	2	3	4 1968 Mike Piazza Major League Baseball	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13 Grandparents Day 1501 Michelangelo begins work on his statue of David	14	15 1961 Dan Marino NFL Quarterback	16	17 1968 Joe Bastianich American restaurateur and winemaker	18 Air Force Birthday	1960 Mario Batali Chef, cookbook writer
20	21	22 Autumn Begins 1958 Andrea Bocelli, singer	23 1949 Bruce Springsteen American singer-songwriter	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	There are only two ma St. Mark's Square and	ajor squares in Venice: I Piazzale Roma.	NAICO ®



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VNICO ®	saint of Salerno is	ity southeast of Naples, in Saint Matthew, the Apost Typt of the Salerno Cathed	le, whose relics are	1	2	3
4 Feast of St. Francis	5 1966 Cristina Bowerman Television chef personality	6	7	8 2008 The official ribbon cutting of the Italian American Museum on Mulberry St. NYC	9	10 1922 UNICO is founded by Dr. Vastola
11 1492 Columbus ships site land on the horizon (Bahamas)	12 Columbus Day	13 Navy's Birthday	14	15 1924 (d.2019) Lido "Lee" Iacocca Was president, chairman and CEO of Chrysler 1978-1992	16	17
18	19	20	21 1854 Florence Nightingale and a staff of 38 nurses are sent to the Crimean War	22 1897 (d.1985) Ettore Boiardi Chef and founder of "Chef Boyardee"	23 1920 (d.1991) Francis Rizzo Former Philadelphia Police Commissioner and Mayor	24
25 1954 Mike Eruzione Captain of the 1980 Gold Medal US Olympic Hockey Team	26	27	28	29 1892 (d.1972) Angelo Siciliano Aka Charles Atlas Bodybuilder	30 1451 Columbus is born	31 Halloween 1943 (d.1970) Louis Brian Piccolo Football player



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1 All Saints Day Daylight Savings Time Ends Set Clocks Back One Hour	2 All Souls Day	3 361 Constantius II names Julian as his successor	4 Italy celebrates this day as "National Unity Day" and "Armed Forces Day" in remembrance of the end of World War I	5	6 1923 (d.1998) Renato Capecchi Italian baritone, actor and opera director	7
8	9 1951 Louis Ferrigno Body builder, also known as the Incredible Hulk	10 Marine Corps Birthday	11 Veterans Day	12	13 1947 Joe Mantegna Actor on Criminal Minds	14 1916 (d.1945) Sgt. John Basilone
15	16	17 1796 Napoleon defeats Jozsef Alvinczi at the Battle of Arcole	18	19 1921 (d.1993) Roy Campanella Major League Baseball	20 1883 (d.1951) Tony Gaudio Italian American Cimematograher	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30 1962 Susan Notorangelo Long distance cyclist	focaccia bread in the to honour the Queen of Raffaele Esposito crea	ita Pizza was developed in late 18th century. An ofte consort of Italy, Margherit ated the "Pizza Margherit to represent the national	n recounted story holds that a of Savoy, the Neapolita a", a pizza garnished with	nat on June 11, 1889, in pizzamaker tomatoes,	VNICO ®



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Photo Credit: The Palazzo Hotel in Venice Joe Agresti PNP, Passaic Valley Chapter, NJ

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UNICO ®	Venice has no roads, just canals. Venice consists of 118 small islands that are all connected by 400 bridges	1	2	3	4 1964 Marisa Tomei Actress	5
6 1929 (d.2013) Joseph Coccia, Jr. PNP	7 1941 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception The Feast is a National Holiday in Italy	9	10	11	12 1915 (d.1998) Frank Sinatra Born Francis Albert Sinatra
13 1636 National Guard Birthday	1966 Fabrizio Giovanardi Touring Car Racer	2001 Leaning Tower of Pisa Reopens	16	17 1936 Pope Francis Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio He is the first Jesuit priest to become a Pope	18	19
20	21 Winter Begins	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 1920 (d.12/6/2013) Angelo Lucchesi Former Memphis Chapter member and Jack Daniels 1st salesman	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	The buildings of Venice are con- structed on closely spaced wooden piles which mostly come from the alder tree	VNICO®

What is UNICO?

UNICO National is America's largest Italian American service and charitable organization with many local chapters across the country. UNICO was founded on October 10, 1922 in Waterbury, Connecticut, by Dr. Vastola. Dr. Vastola was a physician and was denied membership in a service organization solely because of his Italian Heritage. To counteract this bias, he assembled a group of 15 professional men of Italian heritage to create, what has become a very special and proud organization to engage in charitable works, support higher education, and perform patriotic deeds to counteract bias against Italians and Italian Americans.

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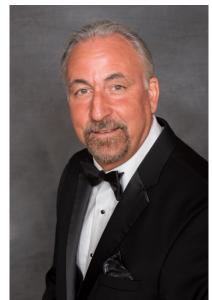
The name UNICO was selected as best representing the nature and character of this fledging organization. UNICO is the Italian word for unique - one of a kind. The founders believed that UNICO would be the only one of its kind because it placed service to the community before and above fraternity.

In order to do this, members would have to make sacrifices, not for personal gain, but for service to others. In later years UNICO also became an acronym that stood for Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity and Opportunity.

A Promise that Continues to be Delivered

Since the inception of UNICO National, thousands of people and causes have been the recipients of UNICO's charity and service. Significant funds have been raised for national and international disasters. Scholarships continue as the primary focus with over one-third of funds raised going to deserving students from chapter locations across the USA.

UNICO has funded for many years, major research in Cooley's Anemia and Mental Health. Through its



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UNICO National President
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association with the Jimmy V Foundation, UNICO has funded many direct annual cancer research grants. UNICO has taken a head position in combating negative stereotyping of Italian Americans through the efforts of its Anti-Bias Committee.

All of these, plus more efforts have exceeded the objectives of UNICO founders. Through the local UNICO chapters across the country, this organization is living up to its motto of "Service Above Self" every day, along with enjoying the camaraderie and friendship of our extended UNICO family across the country.

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