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An aerial photograph of a historic hillside town, likely Matera in Italy, showing dense, multi-story stone buildings built into the terrain. A prominent church tower with a conical roof is visible in the upper center. The sky is clear and blue.

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Matera in the region of Basilicata
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Sunday domenica	Monday lunedì	Tuesday martedì	Wednesday mercoledì	Thursday giovedì	Friday venerdì	Saturday sabato
<p>1 New Year's Day Dr. Ann Walko UNICO PNP 2015 Greater Westfield NJ</p>	<p>2 Gino John Marchetti 1927 - d. Aug. 19, 2019 Professional football player for Dallas Texans and Baltimore Colts</p>	<p>3 Marcus Tullius Cicero 106 BC - d.43bc Roman philosopher, lawyer, statesman</p>	<p>4 Christopher Columbus On this day in 1493 he leaves the New World on this day which ends his first journey</p>	<p>5 Luigi P. Camesecca Born 1925 From NYC, former basketball coach at St. John's University</p>	<p>6 Epiphany A national holiday, it is officially the 12th day of Christmas, on which Italian children celebrate the arrival of La Befana, a good witch</p>	<p>7 Robert Longo Born 1953 American painter and Sculptor. Born in Brooklyn, NY</p>
<p>8 Marco Polo 1254 - d. Jan. 8, 1324 A merchant from the Venetian Republic who wrote <i>Il Milione</i></p>	<p>9 Domenico Modugno 1928 - d. Aug. 6, 1994 Was a two-time Grammy Award-winning Italian sing- er. He made famous the song "Volare"</p>	<p>10 Sal Minio, Jr. 1939 - d. Feb. 12, 1976 Film and theatre actor, best known for his performance in <i>Rebel Without a Cause</i></p>	<p>11 Girolamo Francesco Maria Mazzola 1503 - d. Aug. 24, 1540 He was a prominent painter and printmaker in Florence, Rome, Bologna and Parma</p>	<p>12 Willibald C. Bianchi 1915 - d. Jan 9, 1945 An officer in the Philippines in WWII. He received the Medal of Honor for actions in Bataan, Philippines</p>	<p>13 Generoso P. Pope, Jr. 1927 - d. Oct. 3, 1988 An American Media mogul, best known for creating <i>The National Enquirer</i></p>	<p>14 Alberico Gentili 1552 - d. June 19, 1608 An Italian priest, professor and one of the first writers on public international law</p>
<p>15 John Alati UNICO PNP 2002 d. Jan. 14, 2021 Verona NJ</p>	<p>16 Francesco Scavullo 1921 - d. Jan. 6, 2004 An American fashion pho- tographer known for some of the covers of <i>Cosmopolitan</i> and his celebrity photos</p>	<p>17 Constantine "Cus" D'Amato 1908 - d. Nov 4, 1985 Boxing manager and trainer who handled the careers of Floyd Patterson, Jose Torres and Mike Tyson</p>	<p>18 Anthony Galla-Rini 1904 - d. July 30, 2006 American music composer, conductor, arranger. He promoted the accordion as a concert instrument</p>	<p>19 Nicholas Colasanto 1924 - d. Feb 12, 1985 American actor know for his role as Coach Ernie Pantusso on the sitcom <i>Cheers</i></p>	<p>20 Fr. Alessandro Volignano d.1606 First Christian missionary to Japan and credited with some 300,000 conversions</p>	<p>21 Salvatore A. Giunta Born 1985 Staff sergeant in the US Army. He received the mili- tary decoration for valor, the Medal of Honor</p>
<p>22 Rosa Ponselle 1897 - d. May 25, 1981 An American operatic soprano</p>	<p>23 Ralph DePalma 1884 - d. March 31, 1956 Italian-American race car driver. He was noted for winning the 1915 Indianapolis 500</p>	<p>24 Vito Hannibal Acconci 1940 - d.2017 Was an architect landscape architect, and installation artist. Was born in the Bronx</p>	<p>25 Luis Marden 1913 - d. March 3, 2003 He was an American photog- rapher, explorer, filmmaker, diver, writer for <i>National Geographic Magazine</i></p>	<p>26 Anthony Cortese Born 1947 From Massachusetts, he has been an active supporter of environmental awareness</p>	<p>27 Bartolomeo di Francesco Died 1731 - b.1655 He was an Italian maker of musical instruments and regarded as the inventor of the piano</p>	<p>28 Giovanni Alfonso Borelli 1608 - d. Dec. 31, 1679 He was a Renaissance Italian physiologist, physicist and mathematician</p>
<p>29 Luigi Nono 1924 - d. May 8, 1990 An Italian composer of classical music. He was one of the important composers of the 20th century</p>	<p>30 Colonel Henry Mucci On this day in 1945, during WWII he led a force of 121 Army rangers on a mission that rescued 513 survivors in the Philippines</p>	<p>31 Anthony M. LaPaglia Born 1959 Australian actor, best know for his role as FBI agent Jack Malone on the American TV series <i>Without a Trace</i></p>	<p>Matera is a city on a rocky outcrop in the region of Basilicata, in southern Italy. It includes the Sassi area, a complex of cave dwellings carved into the mountainside. Evacuated in 1952 due to poor living conditions, the Sassi now houses museums like the Casa Grotta di Vico Solitario, with period furniture and artisan tools. Nearby rock churches include St. Lucia alle Malve, with 13th-century frescoes</p>			

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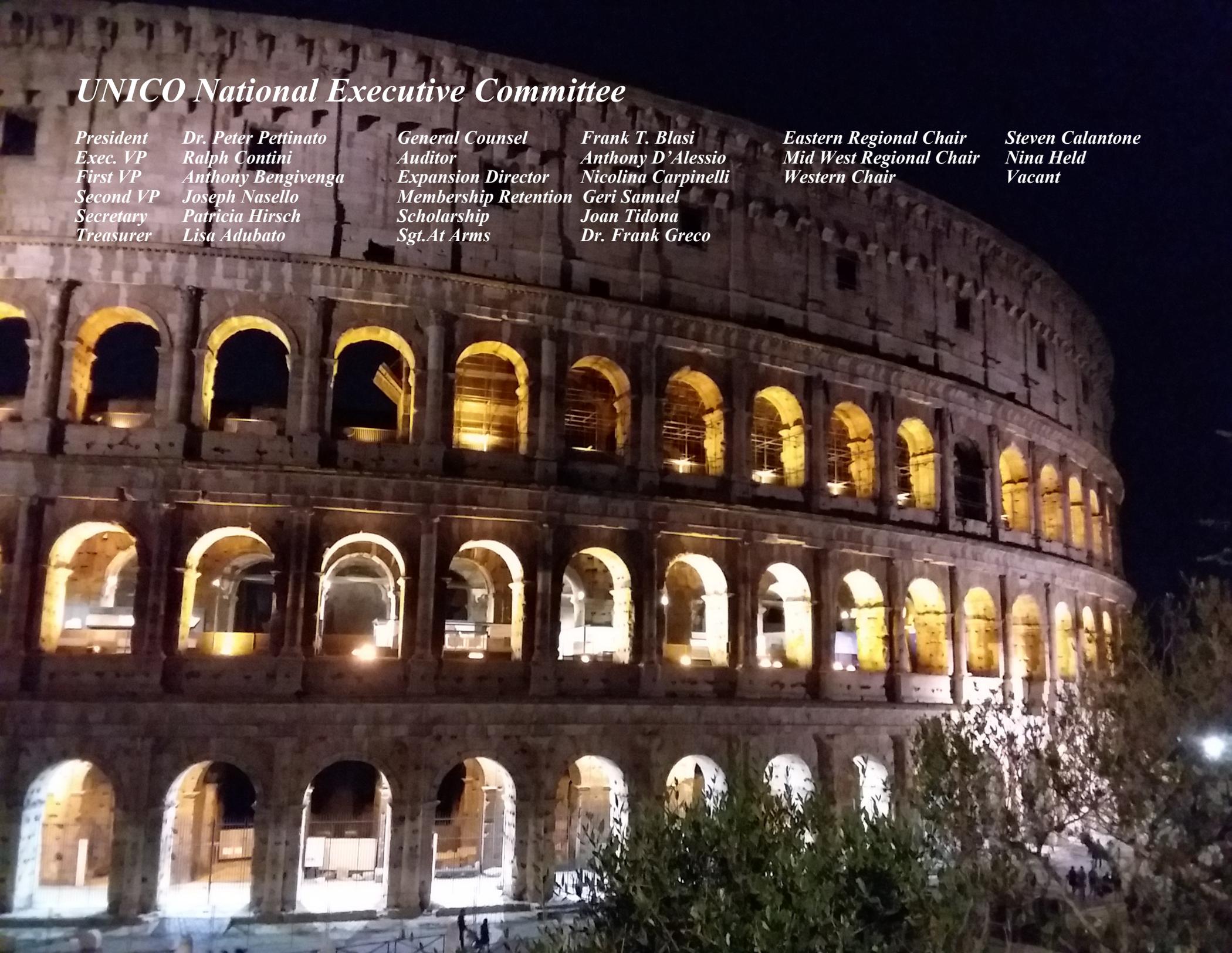
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Statues in Florence Italy
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	<p>Florence is a city in Central-Northern Italy and the capital city of the Tuscan region. It is the most populated city in Tuscany, with 383,084 inhabitants in 2013, and over 1,520,000 in its metropolitan area</p>		<p>1 Emilio Gino Segre' 1905 - d.1989 An Italian physicist. He discovered antiprotons</p>	<p>2 Lodovico Ferrari 1522 - d.1565 An Italian mathematician known for quartic equations</p>	<p>3 Frank Coraci Born 1966 Born in Shirley, NY, he is an American film director best known for his work with Adam Sandler</p>	<p>4 Ida Lupino 1918 - d.1995 She was an English-American actress, singer, director and producer</p>
<p>5 Super Bowl Sunday 62 AD Earthquake in Pompeii</p>	<p>6 Amintore Fanfani 1908 - d.1999 He was an Italian politician who was elected Prime Minister of Italy five times</p>	<p>7 Cerina Vincent Born 1979 Born in Las Vegas. She is a film actress most associated with horror films</p>	<p>8 Saint Jerome Emiliani. b.1481 - d. Feb. 8, 1537 He was an Italian humanitarian and founder of the Somaschi Fathers. He is the patron saint of orphans</p>	<p>9 Dr. Frank DeFrank UNICO PNP 2019/2020 Roseto PA</p>	<p>10 John Vincent Calipari Born 1959 Born in Moon Township, PA, he is the basketball coach at the University of Kentucky</p>	<p>11 Jennifer Aniston Born 1969 She is an American actress whose grandmother is Italian. Her best know role was on the TV sitcom <i>Friends</i></p>
<p>12 Franco Zeffirelli 1923 - d.2019 An Italian film and opera director. Also a designer and producer of theater, film and television</p>	<p>13 This day in Italy is celebrated as National Italian Food Day</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day In Italy this day celebrates the Queen of Roman gods and goddesses (Juno). It is known as <i>La Festa Degli Innamorati</i></p>	<p>15 Antonio "Toto" Gagliardi 1898 - d.1967 An Italian comedian, writer, singer, songwriter, film and theatre actor</p>	<p>16 Giambattista Bodoni 1740 - d.1813 An Italian engraver, publisher, printer. He designed the typeface now called Bodoni</p>	<p>17 Giordano Bruno b.1548 - d. Feb. 17, 1600 Italian philosopher, mathematician and astronomer</p>	<p>18 John Travolta Born 1954 American actor, dancer and singer. First became known in the 1970's in the TV series <i>Welcome Back Kotter</i></p>
<p>19 Luigi Rodolfo Boccherini 1743 - d.1805 An Italian Classical music composer and cellist</p>	<p>20 Presidents' Day 1898 - d.1988 Enzo Anselmo Ferrari He was an Italian race car driver and founder of the Ferrari Race Team</p>	<p>21 Lidia Matticchio Bastianich Born 1947 She is an American chef who was born in Croatia. She specializes in Italian cuisine on her cooking show</p>	<p>22 Ash Wednesday Renato Dulbecco 1914 - d.2012 He was an Italian violinist.</p>	<p>23 Mirco Bergamasco Born 1983 He is an Italian rugby union footballer</p>	<p>24 Pope Gregory XIII On this day in 1582 he announced the Gregorian calendar, after whom the calendar was named</p>	<p>25 Enrico Caruso 1873 - d.1921 An Italian tenor who sang at the major opera houses</p>
<p>26 Giulio Natta 1903 - d.1979 Italian chemist. He won the Nobel Prize in 1963 for his work on high polymers</p>	<p>27 Gene Sarazen 1902 - d.1999 aka. Gene Saraceni One of the few golfers to win all of the major championships in his career</p>	<p>28 Bernadette Peters Born 1948 An American actress and singer. She was born in NYC</p>		<p>Florence, capital of Italy's Tuscany region, is home to many masterpieces of Renaissance art and architecture. One of its most iconic sights is the Duomo, a cathedral with a terracotta-tiled dome engineered by Brunelleschi and a bell tower by Giotto. The Galleria dell'Accademia displays Michelangelo's "David" sculpture. The Uffizi Gallery exhibits Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus" and da Vinci's "Annunciation."</p>		



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Roman Colosseum at night
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			1 Harry Caray 1914 - d. Feb. 18, 1998 Born Harry Carabina, he was an American baseball broadcaster. He covered 4 major league ball clubs	2 Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli He was elected Pope on March 2, 1939 and took the name Pius XXII	3 Goffredo Petrassi b. 1904 - d. March 3, 2003 An Italian composer of modern classical music, teacher and conductor	4 Antonio Vivaldi 1678 - d. July 28, 1741 Was a classical music composer and Roman Catholic priest
5 Giovanni Caboto c.1450 - c.1498 Known as John Cabot. A Venetian navigator and explorer. He discovered Newfoundland	6 Louis "Lou" Costello 1906 - d. March 3, 1959 An American actor and comedian from the team Abbott and Costello	7 Anna Magnani 1908 - d. Sept. 26, 1973 Italian stage and film actress. She won an Oscar for her role as a Sicilian widow in <i>The Rose Tattoo</i>	8 Antonello Venditti Born 1949 An Italian singer/songwriter who became famous in the 1970's for his songs with social themes	9 David Rizzio March 9, 1566 He was an advisor to Mary, Queen Mary of Scots. The jealous husband killed him on this day	10 Corrado Giuseppe Parducci 1900 - d. Nov. 22, 1981 An Italian American architectural sculptor	11 On this day in history in 1851, the opera <i>Rigoletto</i> was first performed. It was written by Giuseppe Verdi
12 Daylight Saving Starts Clocks forward 1 hour Gregory Perillo 1927 - d. March 16, 2021 Italian American painter	13 Enrico Toselli 1883 - d. Jan. 15, 1926 He was an Italian pianist and composer	14 Theresa Christina Maria 1822 - d. Dec. 28, 1889 She was the daughter of King Francis of the Two Sicilies and Maria Isabella of Spain	15 Ides of March 44 BC: Julius Caesar is assassinated	16 On this day in 1978 Aldo Moro, a former Prime Minister was kidnapped by the Communist Red Brigades	17 St. Patrick's Day Francesco Albani 1578 - d. Oct. 4, 1660 He was an Italian painter and draughtsman	18 Frederick II, at the age of three, was crowned King of Sicily. On this day of March 18, 1229 he declared himself King of Jerusalem during the 6th Crusade
19 St. Joseph's Day	20 Spring begins Ends June 21	21 Chris DiMattio UNICO PNP 2010 Scranton PA	22 Cpl. Anthony Peter Damato 1922 - d.Feb.20, 1944 Was a US Marine who received the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for service in WWII	23 Philip Zimbardo Born 1933 An American psychologist best known for his Stanford Prison experiment	24 Donald Manzullo Born 1944 An American politician and member of the House of Representatives representing Illinois' 16th district	25 Nicholas Quercetti UNICO PNP 1986 Philadelphia PA
26 Steven Tyler Born 1948 as Steven Victor Tallarico. He is the lead singer of the rock band Aerosmith	27 David Anthony Bavaro Born 1967 A retired American football player, He was a linebacker at Syracuse University and played in the NFL	28 Victor "Vic" Raschi 1919 - d. Oct. 14, 1988 He was a major league baseball pitcher for the New York Yankees	29 Jennifer Marie Capriati Born 1976 in NYC She was a former #1 ranked women's tennis player in the world	30 Sicilia Vespers On this day in 1282, this was a successful uprising in Palermo, Sicily which ousted the French occupiers in Sicily	31 Ed Marinaro Born 1950 An American actor and former professional football player	



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 Inside view of the Roman Colosseum
 Cav. Joseph Agresti PNP, Passaic Valley Chapter NJ

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	<p>The Colosseum, also called Flavian Amphitheatre, was built in Rome under the Flavian emperors. Construction begun sometime between 70 and 72 CE during the reign of Vespasian. It is located just east of the Palatine Hill, on the grounds of what was Nero's Golden House. The artificial lake that was the centerpiece of that palace complex was drained, and the Colosseum was sited there. It was a decision that was as much symbolic as it was practical. Vespasian, whose path to the throne had relatively humble beginnings, chose to replace the tyrannical emperor's private lake with a public amphitheater that could host tens of thousands of Romans.</p>					<p>1 April Fools Day</p> <p>Luigi Schiavonetti 1765 - d. June 7, 1810 He was an Italian reproductive engraver and etcher</p>
<p>2 Palm Sunday</p> <p>Carmine Basilio 1927 - d. Nov. 7, 2012 He was a two-weight world boxing champion</p>	<p>3 Steven Pelonero UNICO PNP 2021 Passaic Valley NJ</p>	<p>4 James Alberione aka Blessed Giacomo Alberione 1884 - d. Nov. 26, 1971 An Italian priest, founder of the Society of St. Paul</p>	<p>5 On this day in 1997, the American Italian pasta Company signed an exclusive agreement with CPC - International to produce Mueller's Pasta</p>	<p>6 Sergio Franchi 1926 - d. May 1, 1990 He was an Italian tenor. He studied music and engineering simultaneously. His sister is singer Dana Valery</p>	<p>7 Good Friday</p> <p>On this day in history in 1906, Mount Vesuvius erupted devastating Naples</p>	<p>8 George Francis Musso 1910 - d. Sept. 5, 2000 He was an American NFL lineman. He played offense and defense. He had a 12 year career with the Bears</p>
<p>9 Easter Sunday</p>	<p>10 Admiral Guido Venturini Born 1934 He was Chairman of Italy's Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1999 he was appointed Chairman of the Military Committee</p>	<p>11 Renato Donati An Italian navigator, and on this day in 1934, he set the high altitude record of 47,352 feet</p>	<p>12 Salvatore Mangano UNICO PNP 1997 Saddle Brook NJ</p>	<p>13 Thomas Jefferson Birthday</p> <p>Bill Conti Born 1942 An Italian American film music composer</p>	<p>14 Glenn Pettinato UNICO PNP 2011 Carbondale PA</p>	<p>15 Leonardo daVinci 1452 - d. May 2, 1915 Painter, draughtsman, engineer, scientist, theorist, sculptor and architect</p>
<p>16 On this day in history in 1071, byzantine rule in Italy ended when the city of Bari, Italy fell under the leadership of Robert Guiscard</p>	<p>17 Frank Cannata UNICO PNP 1994 Orange/West Orange NJ</p>	<p>18 Bona Sforza, born in Milan, became Queen of Poland on this day in 1518</p>	<p>19 Frank Viola Jr. Born 1960 in NY He was a MLB pitcher for the Minnesota Twins, NY Mets, Boston Red Sox and Toronto Blue Jays</p>	<p>20 Michael Spano UNICO PNP 2006 Memphis TN</p>	<p>21 Tony Danza Born 1951 An American actor. He starred in the TV series Taxi and Who's the Boss</p>	<p>22 Earth Day</p> <p>Giuseppe Torelli 1658 - d. Feb. 8, 1709 An Italian violinist, teacher and composer</p>
<p>23</p> <hr/> <p>30 On this day in 1849, Garibaldi defends Rome against the French</p>	<p>24 Vince Anthony Ferragamo Born 1954 An American football quarterback in the NFL. In 2009 he received the UNICO National Lombardi Award</p>	<p>25 On this day in 1945, Italy was liberated when the Nazi army surrendered and left Northern Italy</p>	<p>26 Giovanni Benvenuti Born 1938 Born in Isola d'Istria, aka Nino Benvenuti, considered the greatest boxer ever in Italy</p>	<p>27 Mario Joseph Ciampi 1907 - d. July 6, 2006 An American architect best know for this influence in buildings in the San Francisco Bay area</p>	<p>28 Mark Bavaro Born 1963 A former American football player with the NY Giants, Cleveland Browns and Philadelphia Eagles</p>	<p>29 Saint Catherine of Siena d. 1380 She is the patron saint of Italy. She worked to bring the papacy back to Rome from France</p>



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Original painting of The Last Supper in Milan
Brian Guarco, Granby Chapter CT

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	1 Allen Lee "Zeke" Zarilla 1919 - d. Aug. 28, 1996 He was a right fielder for many major league baseball teams. He batted left-handed and threw right-handed	2 On this day in 1945, the Italian WWII Campaign Ends when General Heinrich von Vietinghoff signed the official instrument of surrender in Italy	3 On this day in 2008, Dr. Riccardo Giacconi won the Nobel Prize. He was the Project Manager of the Hubbel Space Telescope Mission	4 On this day in 1494, Columbus landed in Jamaica and claimed it for Spain	5 Cesare Florio Born in 1939, in Turin Italy, he was a former sporting director for Ferrari and team manager of Lancia's World Rally Championship Team	6 Rudolph Valentino 1895 - d. Aug. 23, 1926 He was an Italian actor, sex symbol and early pop icon. He was most recognized as a star of the silent film era
7 Val Bisoglio b. 1926 - d. Oct. 18, 2021 An Italian American character actor mainly known for his work in TV	8 Luigi Cornaro d. May 8, 1566 at age 98 He was the world's first published health enthusiast who recommended a diet of just one egg a day	9 Giovanni Paisiello 1740 - d. June 5, 1816 He was an Italian composer of the Classical era	10 Kathi Strozza UNICO PNP 2008 Santa Barbara CA	11 Giuseppe Garibaldi On this day in 1860, he and his 1,000 Red Shirts land in Sicily to free the island from 400 years of the Spanish-Neapolitan rule	12 Ascension of Jesus	13 Justin Tuveri 1898 - d. Oct. 5, 2007 He died at the age of 109, and was one of the last Italian Veterans of WWI
14 Mother's Day	15 On this day in history, Joe DiMaggio's 56 game hitting streak began	16 Henry Fonda 1905 - d. Aug. 12, 1982 He was an actor whose family were Italian Protestants who fled Holland during the 17th century	17 Louis John DiBella, Jr. b. 1960 A boxing promoter and TV/Film producer	18 Ascension of Jesus	19 Richard "Rick" Cerone b. 1954 A major league baseball player, from Newark, NJ. He attended Seton Hall University	20 Armed Forces Day
21 Girolamo Fabricius d. 1619 Founded the science of embryology	22 Saint Rita of Cascia d. 1457 An Italian Augustinian saint	23 1741 Andrea Luchesi Was an Italian composer and one of eleven children	24 Germanicus Julius Caesar 16 bc - d. Oct 10, 19AD Was a member of the Julio-Claudian dynasty of the early Roman empire	25 Marco Cappato b. 1971 An Italian politician and member of the European Parliament representing Italy until 2009	26 Dante "Dan" Pastorini b. 1949 Born in Sonora, CA, he was an American Football League quarterback in the NFL	27 Dolores Hope 1909 - d. Sept. 19, 2011 Born in NYC to Italian and Irish parents. She was the widow of entertainer Bob Hope
28 Pentecost Sunday	29 Memorial Day	30 Pietro Alberti He was the first Italian immigrant to step ashore at Fort Amsterdam, now NYC, on May 30, 1635	31 Alfredo Antoni 1901 - d. Nov. 3, 1983 He was a leading American symphony conductor and composer from the 30's through the 60's	<p><i>The Last Supper</i> (Italian: <i>Il Cenacolo</i> or <i>L'Ultima Cena</i>) is a mural painting by Leonardo da Vinci, dated to c. 1495 - 1498. The painting represents the scene of the Last Supper of Jesus with the Twelve Apostles</p>		

NJ District XI

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Il Duomo in Milan, Italy
Brian Guarco, Granby Chapter NJ

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	<p>The Milan Cathedral (Italian: <i>Duomo di Milano</i>, or Metropolitan Cathedral-Basilica of the Nativity of Saint Mary, is the cathedral church of Milan. Dedicated to the Nativity of St Mary, it is the seat of the Archbishop of Milan. The cathedral took nearly six centuries to complete: construction began in 1386, and the final details were completed in 1965. It is the largest church in the Italian Republic - with the larger St. Peter's Basilica being in the State of Vatican City - It is possibly the second largest in Europe and the third largest in the world (its size and position remains a matter of debate).</p>			<p>1 On this day in 1192, Enrico Dandolo was elected Doge of Venice at the age of 85. He was an instigator of the 4th Crusade to recapture the Holy Land</p>	<p>2 On this day in 1946, Italians voted for a Republic which voted out the monarchy. This is a national holiday in Italy</p>	<p>3 Giovanni Antonio Scopoli 1723 - May 8, 1788 He was an Italian physician and naturalist</p>
<p>4 On this day in 1859 The French Army, under Louis Napoleon, defeated the Austrian Army at the Battle of Magenta</p>	<p>5 David A. Caprio b. 1967 He is an American attorney and politician. He was first elected as a Rhode Island State representative in 1999</p>	<p>6 1944 D-Day</p>	<p>7 Dean Martin 1917 - d. Dec. 25, 1995 He was an American singer, film actor, comedian and legend. He is known as a member of the Rat pack</p>	<p>8 Gian Domenico Cassini 1625 - d. Sept. 14, 1712 He was an astronomer. He and his descendants made France preeminent in astronomy</p>	<p>9 Lee Norelli UNICO PNP 2018 Greater Philadelphia PA</p>	<p>10 Frank Tidona UNICO PNP 2001 Rutherford NJ</p>
<p>11 Joseph "Joe" Montana b. 1956 Four time Super Bowl winning quarterback and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame</p>	<p>12 Raymond "Ray" Barbuti 1905 - d. July 8, 1988 He was an American athlete and winner of two Gold Medals in the 1928 Summer Olympics</p>	<p>13 Fabio Baldato b. 1968 An Italian racing cyclist. His career ended after a crash in the Eneco tour</p>	<p>14 1775 Army's Birthday Flag Day Anthony Braico UNICO PNP 2005 Avon CT</p>	<p>15 Leah Remini b. 1970 Born in Brooklyn. An actress best know for her role as Carrie Heffernan on the TV sitcom King of Queens</p>	<p>16 Nicholas Anthony DiMarzio b. 1944 He served as Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn from 2003 - 2021. He was born in Newark, NJ</p>	<p>17 Richard D'Arminio UNICO PNP 2014 Greater Ramsey NJ</p>
<p>18 Father's Day</p>	<p>19 Antonio Abetti 1846 - d. Feb. 20, 1928 An Italian astronomer. He earned his degree from the University of Padua</p>	<p>20 Summer Begins</p>	<p>21 Pier Luigi Nervi 1891 - d. Jan. 9, 1979 An Italian engineer and architect best know for his brilliance in structural engineering</p>	<p>22 b. 1953 Cynthia "Cindi" Lauper An American singer, songwriter and actress. Her mother was an Italian American</p>	<p>23 Peter J. "Pete" Biondi b. 1942 - d. Nov. 10, 2011 An American politician who had served in the NJ General Assembly</p>	<p>24 George Elmer Pataki b. 1945 An American politician who was the 53rd Governor of New York</p>
<p>25 Robert Charles Venturi, Jr. b. 1925 - d. Sept. 18, 2018 Born In Philadelphia, he was an American architect and founding principal of the firm Venturi</p>	<p>26 Giuseppe Taddei b. 1916 - d. June 2, 2010 He was an Italian baritone who performed primarily in operas by Mozart and Verdi</p>	<p>27 Anna Moffo b. 1932 - d. March 9, 2006 She was an Italian opera singer and one of the leading lyric-coloratura sopranos of her generation</p>	<p>28 Luigi Pirandello b. 1867 - d. Dec. 10, 1936 He was an Italian dramatist and novelist who won the Nobel Price for literature</p>	<p>29 Giacomo Leopardi b. 1798 - d. June 14, 1837 He was an Italian poet, essayist, philosopher and philologist</p>	<p>30 Vincent Phillip D'Onofrio b. 1959 He is an American actor and producer. He is noted for his roles in Full Metal jacket and Law and Order</p>	

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	<p>Colleparado is a <i>comune</i> (municipality) in the Province of Frosinone in the Italian region Lazio, located about 43 miles east of Rome and about 9 miles north of Frosinone. The presence of ancient polygonal walls ("Pelasgic Walls") testifies the human presence in the area since ancient times, although the current settlement was likely founded in the 6th century CE during the reign of Theodoric the Great. Colleparado belonged to the Colonna family after the reign of pope Martin V (1422).</p>					<p>1</p> <p>The first day of the UNICO calendar year 1586 - d.1630 Claudio Saracini An Italian composer, lutenist, and singer</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Mary of Sicily 1363 - d.1401 Was Queen of Sicily from 1377 until her death. She was born in Catania</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Alessandro Blasetti 1900 - d.1987 An Italian film director, and screen writer</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Alberto Gilardino b. 1982 An Italian footballer (soccer player)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Tom Vaughan UNICO PNP 2017 Wethersfield CT</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Giuseppe Piazzi 1749 - d.1826 An Italian priest, mathematician and astronomer. He established an observatory in Palermo</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Artemisia Gentileschi 1593 - d.1656 An Italian Baroque painter</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Mitchel Tate Musso b. 1991 An American actor and musician, best know for his role as Oliver in the Disney sitcom Hannah Montana</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1976 On this day was the Seveso Disaster which was an industrial accident resulting in the highest known exposure to a chemical in a residential area</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Connor Paolo b. 1990 An American actor best known for his portrayal of the adolescent Alexander the Great in "Alexander"</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Leopaldi Mastelloni b. 1945 An Italian actor, comedian and singer.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Gaius Julius Caesar 101 BC - d.44 BC A Roman military and political leader who had a role in the transformation of the Roman Empire</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Peter Panto b. 1910 - died July 14, 1939 An Italian American longshoreman who was murdered by the mob for attempting to revolt against union leaders</p>	<p>15</p> <p>On this day in 1823, fire destroys the Basilica of St. Paul in Rome</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Goffredo Patrassi b. 1904 - d. March 3, 2003 Was an Italian composer of modern classical music, conductor and teacher</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Anthony Fornelli, Esq. UNICO PNP 1988, d. 2017 Chicago IL</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Salvatore A. Davino b. 1971- d. Jan. 17, 2021 An American businessman. He was the Commissioner of the NJ Italian American Heritage Commission</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Giuseppe Castiglione b. 1688 - d. July 17, 1766 He was an Italian Jesuit brother, missionary in China, and painter at the court of The Emperor</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Francesco Petrarca b. 1304 - d. July 19, 1374 He was an Italian scholar, poet and one of the earliest Renaissance humanist</p>	<p>21</p> <p>On this day in history in 1899, in Tallulah, LA, five Italian American grocers were hanged</p>	<p>22</p> <p>On this day in history in 1943, allied forces captured the Italian city of Palermo freeing it from occupation</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Parents Day</p> <hr/> <p>30</p> <p>An earthquake in Naples in 1629 killed 10,000 people</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Dominick Nicastro UNICO PNP 2016 Garfield NJ</p> <hr/> <p>31</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Agostino Steffani b. 1653 - d. Feb. 12, 1728 He was an Italian ecclesiastic, diplomat and composer</p>	<p>26</p> <p>100th UNICO Convention Sanibel Marriott Fort Myers, FL</p>	<p>27</p> <p>100th UNICO Convention Sanibel Marriott Fort Myers, FL</p>	<p>28</p> <p>100th UNICO Convention Sanibel Marriott Fort Myers, FL</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Michael J. D'Arminio UNICO PNP 1929 - d.2013 <u>Hackensack NJ</u> Renato Biribin UNICO PNP 1940 - d.2019 Plainfields NJ</p>

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Handmade Pottery in Siena
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Sunday domenica	Monday lunedì	Tuesday martedì	Wednesday mercoledì	Thursday giovedì	Friday venerdì	Saturday sabato
	Siena is a city in central Italy's Tuscany region and is distinguished by its medieval brick buildings	1 Dominick "Dom" DeLuise 1933 - d. May 4, 2009 He was an American actor, comedian, film director, television producer, chef and author	2 Jon R. Caviani 1943 - d. July 29, 2014 He was an Army soldier and recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions in the Vietnam War	3 Paul Alongi UNICO PNP 1975 Bloomfield NJ	4 Michael DeLuise b. 1969 An American actor and the second son of Dom DeLuise and Carol Arthur	5 Antonio Cesti 1623 - d. Oct. 14, 1669 An Italian composer, organist and tenor during the Baroque era
6 Barbara Strozzi Aka Barbara Valle 1619 - d. Nov. 11, 1677 She was an Italian Baroque singer and composer	7 On this day in history in 1427, the Visconti of Milan's fleet was destroyed by the Venetians on the Po River	8 On this day in history, in 117 AD, Madrian became the Emperor at the death of Trajan. Imperial Italy was at its greatest expanse	9 Cav. Joseph Agresti UNICO PNP 2007 Passaic Valley NJ	10 Count Camillo Benso di Cavour 1810 - d. June 6, 1861 He was a leading figure in the movement toward Italian unification	11 Giorgio Cavaliere 1911 - d. May 15, 2007 He was an Italian American architectural preservationist and painter	12 Giovanni Gabrieli 1554 - d. Aug. 12, 1612 He was an Italian composer and organist
13 Salvador Edward Luria 1912 - Feb. 6, 1991 An Italian born American microbiologist and winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine	14 Paolo Sarpi 1552 - Ja. 15, 1623 An Italian patriot, scientist and church reformer	15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ferragosto is a public holiday celebrated in all of Italy on this day	16 Saint John Bosco 1815 - Jan. 31, 1888 Born Giovanni Bosco and known in English as Don Bosco. He was an Italian Catholic priest and educator	17 On this day in 1978 was the First Transatlantic Balloon Flight by Ben Abruzzo and his partners	18 Ralph Celli An Army US Air Corps Major was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for actions in 1943 in Wewak, New Guinea	19 Emperor Augustus d. 14 AD He was the founder of the Roman Empire, which he ruled for 40 years
20 Salvatore Quasimodo 1901 - d. June 14, 1968 An Italian author, won the 1959 Nobel Prize for Literature for poetry	21 Senior Citizen Day In 1968, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed this holiday to raise awareness about the issues facing seniors	22 Giada DeLaurentis b. 1970 She is an Italian-American chef, writer, television personality	23 Rudolph Valentino Died this day in 1926 at the age of 31. His real name is Rodolfo Alfonso Raffaello Pierre Filiberto Guglielmi di Valentina d'Antonguolla	24 On this day in history in 79 AD, Mt. Vesuvius erupted burying Pompeii and Herculaneum	25 Anthony Varipapi d. 1984 He developed bowling into a professional sport	26 Saint Theresa of Jesus Born as Teresa Jornet Ibars b. Jan. 9, 1843 - d. 1897 Founder of the Little Sisters of the Abandoned Elderly
27 The Sacking of Rome in 410. After 3 days of looting and devastation, this is known as the day of the beginning of the end for the Western Roman Empire	28 Vittorio Sella 1859 - d. Aug. 12, 1943 An Italian photographer and mountaineer who is regarded as the finest mountain photographer ever	29 The Battle of Aspromonte In 1862, in Calabria, there was an inconclusive battle for the Liberation of Italy. The Royal Italian Army beat Giuseppe Garibaldi's Army	30 30 BC On this day in history, Cleopatra committed suicide	31 Maria Montessori 1870 - d. May 6, 1952 She was the founder of the Montessori method of education	 Italian crest of Siena	

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September | settembre 2023

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Fisherman in Sicily
Anthony Pelonero, (d) National Member VA

Sunday domenica	Monday lunedì	Tuesday martedì	Wednesday mercoledì	Thursday giovedì	Friday venerdì	Saturday sabato
	Fishing in Sicily can be quite amazing! They have many kinds of fish such as Tuna, Amberjack, Sea bass, Barracuda, Bluefish, Mediterranean Snapper, Swordfish, Grouper and many others. From the shore the best is Bluefin Tuna, as they call it "Tonno Rosso". A Sea Bass catch or a big Barracuda fight can give a great shot of adrenalin				1 Vittorio Gasman 1922 - d. June 29, 2000 Known as Il Mattatore, he was an Italian theater and film actor and director	2 Romaldo (Aldo) Giurgola 1920 - d. May 16, 2016 He was born in Rome and was an Italian-American academic architect, professor and author
3 Neil Denari b. 1957 Is an American architect, professor and author, based in Los Angeles	4 Labor Day Mike Piazza B. 1968 in Norristown, PA Professional baseball player with the LA Dodgers and New York Mets	5 Tommaso Campanella b. 1568, d. 1639 Baptized Giovanni Domenico Campanella, he was an Italian Dominican friar and philosopher	6 Luciano Pavarotti b. Oct. 1935; d. Sept. 6, 2007 He was an Italian operatic tenor	7 Al Caiola b. 1920; d. Nov. 9, 2016 Born in Jersey City, NJ, he was a jazz guitarist who also played country, rock, western and pop music	8 Ludovico Ariosto b. 1474; d. July 6, 1533 He was an Italian poet best known for his romantic epic <i>Orlando Furioso</i>	9 Mario Batali b. 1960 Born in Yakima, WA, he is an American chef, writer, restaurateur and media personality
10 Grandparents Day	11 Patriot Day Remembering the people killed on this day in the attacks in the year 2001	12 Peter Scolari b. 1955 An actor best known for his roles in <i>Bosom Buddies</i> , <i>Newhart</i> , <i>Honey I Shrunk the Kids</i>	13 On this day in history in 1503, Michelangelo began his work on his masterpiece, <i>David</i>	14 On this day in history on AD 23, Drusus Julius Caesar died, possibly after being poisoned by Sejanus or his wife <u>Livilla</u>	15 Marco Polo 1254 - d. Jan. 8, 1324 He was a Venetian merchant, explorer and writer. His are recorded in the book "The Travels of Marco Polo"	16 Cpl. Joseph Vittori He died this day in 1951. He was a U.S. Marine killed in action during the Korean War. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor
17 Maj. Thomas W. Hyde American born, he died this day in 1862 in the American Civil War during the Battle of Antietam and was awarded the Metal of Honor	18 Air Force Birthday	19 Guglielmo Papaleo b. 1922 - d. Nov. 23, 2006 He was an American boxer better known as Willie Pep	20 Sophia Loren b. 1934 Born as Sofia Costanza Brigida Villani Scicolone, she is an Italian actress	21 Joseph Mazzello III b. 1983 He is an American actor and director, best known for his role in Jurassic Park	22 Andrea Bocelli b. 1958 An Italian operatic tenor who has recorded over 14 solo studio albums	23 Autumn Begins Ends December 21
24 Riccardo Illy b. 1955 He is an Italian businessman. Born in Italy, he is now the CEO of the coffee making firm Illy	25 Angelo Morresi B. 1950 He is a member of the NJ Italian and Italian American Heritage Commission that he helped establish as a lawyer	26 Pope Paul VI b. 1897 - d. Aug. 6, 1978 Born Giovanni Battista Enrico Antonio Maria Montini, he was head of the Catholic Church for 15 years	27 Grazia Deledda b. 1871 - d. Aug. 15, 1936 Was a Sardinian writer whose works won her the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1926	28 Mira Sorvino b. 1967 She is an American Academy Award winning actress for her role in <i>Mighty Aphrodite</i>	29 Tintoretto (Jacopo Comin) b. 1518 - d. May 31, 1594 He was one of the greatest painters of the Venetian school and of the Italian Renaissance	30 Dr. Peter Pettinato 2022/2023 UNICO President Carbondale PA

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October | ottobre 2023

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Francis Ford Coppola Statue in Savoca, Sicily
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Sunday domenica	Monday lunedì	Tuesday martedì	Wednesday mercoledì	Thursday giovedì	Friday venerdì	Saturday sabato
1 Allied forces captured Naples on this day in 1943	2 Donald McLean, Jr. b. 1945 He is an American singer-songwriter most famous for the 1971 music album American Pie	3 Franco Cristaldi b. 1924 - d. July 1, 1992 He was an Italian film producer and a member of the film jury at the 1984 Cannes Film Festival	4 Feast of St. Francis	5 Francesco Lazzaro Guardi b. 1712 - d. Jan. 1, 1973 He was an Italian painter of veduta, and a member of the Venetian school	6 Mario Renato Capecchi b. 1937 An Italian born, American molecular geneticist and co-winner of the 2007 Nobel Prize in Medicine	7 On this day in 1990, was founded the Center for Italian & Italian American Culture with a mission to preserve and promote the Italian Culture
8 Stephen Michael Paler b. 1949 He was a Major League Baseball umpire from 1977 - 1991	9 Columbus Day	10 1922 UNICO is founded by Dr. Vastola in Waterbury, CT	11 Victor Fazio Jr. b. 1942 - d. Mar. 16, 2022 He was a former Congressman from California	12 On this day in history in 1492, Cristoforo Colombo landed in the New World	13 Navy's Birthday	14 Joseph Elliot Girardi b. 1964 He was the manager of the NY Yankees and let them to their 27th championship in 2009
15 Lido "Lee" Iacocca b. 1924 - d. July 2, 2019 He is best know for his revival of Chrysler in the 1980's when he served as their CEO	16 Maria Goretti b. 1890 - d. July 6, 1902 She was an Italian martyr of the Catholic Church and one of the youngest canonized saints	17 Bartolommeo Brandini b. 1493 - d. Feb. 7, 1560 He was an Italian Renaissance sculptor, draughtsman and painter	18 Louis DeFillipo b. 1915 - March 19, 2008 He was a decorated member of the Army's European Theater. He served as UNICO's Sgt. Of Arms	19 On this day in history in 202 BC was the Battle of Zama where Roman legions defeated Hannibal Barca	20 Angela Alioto b. 1949 She is an attorney, politician, and member of one of the best known political families in San Francisco	21 Louis "Lou" Lamoriello b. 1942 He is president of professional ice hockey operations for the NY Islanders
22 Brian Anthony Boitano b. 1963 He is an Italian American figure skater and winner of the Gold Medal in the Winter Olympics for Men	23 Francis "Frank" Rizzo b. 1920 - d. July 16, 1991 He was an American police officer and politician. He was mayor of Philadelphia and Police Commissioner	24 Tito Gobbi b. 1913 - d. March 5, 1984 He was an Italian baritone with an international reputation	25 Primo Camera b. 1906 - d. June 29, 1967 He was the Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the World. He lost the title to Joe Louis	26 Natalie Anne Merchant b. 1963 She is a professional musician who played for the band "10,000 Maniacs"	27 Roberto Benigni b. 1952 He is an Italian award winning actor, write and director. Most widely known as a comic of Italian cinema	28 Paul DeGaetano b. 1953 He is an American politician who served the NJ General Assembly and the Vietnam Veterans Commission
29 Charles Atlas b. 1892 - d. Dec, 24, 1972 Born Angelo Siciliano. He was an Italian born body-builder	30 Christopher Columbus is Born in Genoa, Italy 1451 (d.1506)	31 Louis Brian Piccolo B. 1943 - d.1970 He was a professional NFL football player with the Chicago Bears	Savoca is a comune (municipality) in the Province of Messina in the Italian region Sicily, located about 110 miles east of Palermo and about 19 miles southwest of Messina. The town, together with Forza d'Agrò, was the location for the scenes set in Corleone of Francis Ford Coppola's The Godfather. The Bar Vitelli, in Savoca, is still a functioning establishment which was featured in the motion picture as the place where Michael Corleone asked Apollonia's father to meet his daughter.			



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Fruit and vegetable stand in Italy
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Sunday domenica	Monday lunedì	Tuesday martedì	Wednesday mercoledì	Thursday giovedì	Friday venerdì	Saturday sabato
	Olives, grapes, broccoli, wheat, parsnips, and carrots all originated from Italy, and this is one of the reasons food is among its main exports, according to the KidCyber website. Different types of lettuce grow well in Italy, and radicchio is native to this country		1 All Saints Day Michael Veselka UNICO PNP 2013 Chicago West Suburban IL	2 All Souls Day	3 On this day in 1867, Garibaldi was defeated by the French-Papal troops in the Battle of Mentana, where he tried to capture Rome	4 b. 1916 - d. 1945 Sgt. John Basilone, Marine Born in Buffalo, NY
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends Clocks go back one hour	6 Peter John DeLuise b. 1966 An American actor, director, and producer. He is the son of the late Dom DeLuise	7 Dr. Alfred Maglio UNICO PNP 1989 Milwaukee WI	8 Vincent Cavallaro b. 1912 - d. May 22, 1985 He was a painter and sculptor. He was a US citizen raised and educated in Milan, Italy	9 Louis Ferrigno b. 1951 He is best known as a bodybuilder and actor. His most known role was as the Incredible Hulk	10 1775 Marine Corp Birthday	11 Veterans Day
12 On this day in history in 2003, at least 23 Italians were killed in the Iraq War in Nasiriya, Iraq	13 James Kimmel b. 1967 He is an American television host of Jimmy Kimmel Live	14 Laura San Giacomo b. 1962 She is an American actress best known for her roles in the TV sitcom "Just Shoot Me"	15 Sistine Chapel Viewing On Nov. 15, 1512, Michelangelo's ceiling painting was first seen by the general public	16 Anthony Gaglioti UNICO PNP 1984 - d.2017 Hackensack, NJ	17 Daniel "Danny" DeVito Jr. b. 1944 He is an American actor, director and producer. His first prominent role was as Louie on the TV sitcom Taxi	18 On this day in history in 1493, Christopher Columbus sighted Puerto Rico
19 Roy Campanella b. 1921 - d. June 26, 1993 He was an American baseball player. A Hall of Famer, he played for the Brooklyn Dodgers	20 Jerry Colangelo b. 1939 An American businessman. He owned the NBA team Phoenix Suns and the MLB Arizona Diamondbacks	21 William Rocco UNICO PNP 2000 W. Springfield MA	22 Tom Conti b. 1941 He is a Scottish actor, theatre director and novelist. His father was Italian, his mother was Irish	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Carlo Lorenzini b. 1826 - d. Oct. 26, 1890 Better known as Carlo Collodi, he is best known as the author of "The Adventures of Pinocchio"	25 Rosanna Schiaffano b. 1939 - d. Oct. 17, 2009 She was an Italian film actress
26 Enrico Bombieri b. 1940 He is an Italian mathematician born in Milan and best known for his works in number theory and analysis	27 Giovanni Giorgi b. 1871 - d. Aug. 19, 1950 He was an Italian physicist who invented the Giorgi International System of Measurement	28 David "Dave" Righetti b. 1958 He was a pitcher for the NY Yankees and the first known to pitch a no hitter and lead the league in saves	29 Janet Napolitano b. 1957 She was the first woman to serve as the Secretary of Homeland Security in the US	30 Andrew Marcelo Nocioni b. 1979 He is a member of the NBA's Sacramento Kings and Argentina National Basketball Team	Peaches are one of the most popular fruits grown in Italy. Named after the province they originated from, Pesca di Verona, they come in three varieties: Polpa Bianca (white-fleshed peaches), Polpa Gialla (yellow-fleshed peaches), and Nettarina a Polpa Gialla (yellow-fleshed nectarine)	



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And a Merry Christmas*

December | dicembre 2023

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Gondola in the Grand Canal in Venice
Ellen Leone, North Shore LI NY Chapter

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	Venice is known as the ‘City of Canals’. The Floating City consists of 118 islands. There are 177 canals in Venice. The largest of these is the S-shaped Grand Canal, which divides the city in two. On average, the canals in Venice are roughly 4.9 to 6.5ft deep. The Grand Canal has an average depth of 16.4ft. You cannot swim in the canals in the historic center of Venice. You could face a fine if you do.			1 Stephanie Finocchio b. 1971 Better known as Trinity, she is an Italian American stunt woman and a retired professional wrestler	2 On this day in history in 1941, Fiorello LaGuardia while the Mayor of NYC and Director of the Office of Civil Defense, created the Civil Air Patrol	
3 Alicia Marie Sacramone b. 1987 She was a member of the Silver Medal U.S. Artistic Gymnastics Team at the 2008 Beijing Olympics	4 Count Gasparo Gozzi b. 1713 - d. Dec. 26, 1786 He was an Italian critic and dramatist	5 Frank Caperino UNICO PNP 2003 National Member CA	6 Cav. Joseph Coccia UNICO PNP 1976 - d.2013 Kearny NJ Chapter	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception This day is a National Holiday in Italy	9 Baldassare Ferri b. 1610 - d. Sept. 10, 1680 He was an Italian castrato singer
10 Roberto Cassinelli b. 1956 Born in Genoa, Italy. He is an Italian politician and lawyer and member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies	11 John Buscema b. 1927 - d. Jan. 10, 2002 Born Giovanni Natale Buscema. He was an American comic book artist with Marvel Comics	12 Connie Francis b. 1938 Born Concetta Rosa Maria Franconero, she is an American singer. She was the top charting female in the 50's	13 1636 National Guard Birthday	14 Craig Biggio b. 1965 He was a Major League Baseball player for the Houston Astros. His record is at 3060 hits	15 Nicholas “Nick” Buoniconti b. 1940 He was an NFL Hall of Fame middle linebacker for the Boston Patriots and Miami Dolphins	16 On this day in history in 1994, the Coccia Foundation was formed by Joseph and Elda Coccia
17 Giovanni Ribisi b. 1974 He is an American actor best known for his roles in Saving Private Ryan and a Million Ways to Die in the West	18 Jeremy Lee Accordo b. 1981 He was a Major League baseball pitcher for the Toronto Blue Jays	19 Casey Crescenzo b. 1983 He is a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, most notably for the band The Dear Hunter	20 Benito “Veleno” Lorenzi b. 1925 - d. March 3, 2007 He was an Italian soccer player	21 Winter Begins	22 Cesare Cremonini b. 1550 - d. July 19, 1631 He was an Italian professor of natural philosophy	23 Susan Victoria Lucci b. 1946 She is an actress best known for her iconic role as Erica Kane on the soap opera All My Children
24 Christmas Eve 31 New Years Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Frederick II of Hohenstaufen b. 1194 - d. Dec. 13, 1250 He was a Holy Roman Emperor, King of Jerusalem, King of Germany, Italy, Burgundy and Sicily	27 Christopher Del Sesto b. 1907 - d. this day in 1973 He was the 64th Governor of Rhode Island	28 Vanessa Ferlito b. 1980 Born in Brooklyn, she was an American actress	29 Stefano Eranio b. 1966 An Italian soccer player best known for his time on AC Milan and Derby County	30 Concetta Tomei b. 1945 An actress in American theater, film and television

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.



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.



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