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	The Venice **Grand Canal** is the largest channel in Venice, Italy, forming one of the major water-traffic corridors in the city. One end of the canal leads into the lagoon near the Santa Lucia railway station and the other end leads into the basin at San Marco. In between, it makes a large reverse-S shape through the central districts of Venice. It is 2.4 miles long, and 98 to 295 ft wide. It has an average depth of 16 feet. The banks of the Grand Canal are lined with more than 170 buildings, most of which date back from the 13th to the 18th century. Because most of the city's traffic goes along the Canal rather than across it, only one bridge crossed the canal until the 19th century, the Rialto Bridge. There are currently three more bridges, the Ponte degli Scalzi, the Ponte dell'Accademia, and the controversial Ponte della Costituzione from 2008				**1** **New Years Day** **Dr. Ann Walko** **UNICO PNP 2016** **Greater Westfield Chapter**	**2** **Julius La Rosa** **B. 1930 - d. May 12, 2016** **Born in Brooklyn of Italian immigrant parents. An American pop singer and TV personality**
3 **Marie Torre** **Born Torregrossa** **D. June 17, 1924 - b. 1997** **A television personality. She was one of the first female news anchors in the United States**	**4** **Giovanni Battista Pergolesi** **B. 1910 - d. Mar 16/17, 1736** **Composer and musician, born in Jesi, Italy. One of the most important early composers of comic opera**	**5** **Kristin Cavallari** **Born 1987** **Born in Denver CO** **Television, fashion Designer, author, actress** **Italian heritage through her father**	**6** **Epiphany** **aka Three Kings Day**	**7** **Nicolas Cage** **Nicolas Kim Coppola** **Born 1964** **Born in Long Beach CA** **Actor, film producer** **Father was of Italian descent**	**8** **Marco Polo dies on this day in Venice in 1324. He was a Venetian trader who inspired all of Europe to search for shorter routes to East Asia**	**9** **Domenico Modugno** **B. 1928 - d. Aug. 6, 1994** **He was a two-time Grammy Award winning Italian singer. He made famous the song "Volare"**
10 **Frank Sinatra Jr.** **B. 1944 - d. Mar 16, 2016** **Born in Jersey City, NJ** **He was the son of singer Frank Sinatra. Was a singer, songwriter and conductor**	**11** **Girolamo Francesco Maria Mazzola** **B. 1560 - d. Aug 24, 1540** **He was a prominent painter and printmaker in Florence, Rime, Bologna and Parma**	**12** **Willibald C. Bianchi** **B. 1915 - d. Jan 9, 1945** **An officer in the Philippines in WWII.** **He received the Medal of Honor for actions in Bataan, Philippines**	**13** **Generoso Paul Pope Jr.** **B. 1927 - d. Oct 2, 1988** **American media mogul best known for creating the newspaper "The National Enquirer"**	**14** **Alberico Gentili** **B. 1552 - d. June 16, 1608** **An Italian priest, professor and one of the first writers on public international law**	**15** **John Alati** **UNICO PNP 2002 (d. 2021)** **Verona Chapter NJ**	**16** **Frank Zamboni** **B. 1901 - d. Jul 27, 1988** **Born in Eurika UT** **Inventor of the modern ice re-surfacer "Zamboni"**
17 **Constantine D'Amato** **B. 1908 - d. Nov 4, 1985** **Boxing manager and trainer who handled the careers of Floyd Patterson, Jose Torres and Mike Tyson**	**18** **Anthony Galla-Rini** **B. 1904 - d. Jul 30, 2006** **American music composer, conductor, arranger. He promoted the accordion as a concert instrument**	**19** **Nicholas Colasanto** **B. 1924 - d. Feb 12, 1985** **American actor known for his toles as Coach Ernie Pantusso on the sitcom *Cheers***	**20** **Fr. Alessandro Volignano** **D. 1606 - b. Feb 15, 1539** **First Christian missionary to Japan and credited with some 300,000 conversions**	**21** **Salvatore A. Giunta** **Born 1985** **Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army. He received the military decoration for valor, the Medal of Honor**	**22** **Guy Fieri** **Born 1968 in Columbus, OH** **American restaurateur, author and television host known for his show Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**23** **Ralph DePalma** **B. 1884 - d. Mar 31, 1956** **Italian-American race car driver. He was noted for winning the 1915 Indianapolis 500**
24 **Mary Lou Retton** **Born 1968** **Gold medalist in gymnastics** **She is of Italian Heritage** **31**	**25** **Alicia Keys** **Alicia Augello Cook** **Born 1981** **Born in Manhattan NYC** **Her maternal grandparents are from Sicily** **Singer, author, actress**	**26** **Michael Chiarello** **Born 1962 in Red Bluff, CA** **Celebrity chef with Italian influenced California cuisine**	**27** **Bartolomeo di Francesco** **D. 1731 - b. 1655** **He was an Italina maker of musical instruments and regarded as the inventor of the piano**	**28** **Alan Alda** **Born 1936 in NYC** **Birth name Alphonso Joseph D'Abruzzo. Actor best known as Hawkeye Pierce on TV's M*A*S*H**	**29** **Luigi Nono** **B. 1924 - d. May 8, 1990** **An Italian composer of classical music. He was of the important composers of the 20th century**	**30** **Joseph Rosati** **B. 1789 - d. Sep 25, 1843** **Italian born Catholic Missionary to the USA** **Served as the first bishop of the Diocese of St. Louis**

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A fishing village on the Shore of Mola de Bari, Southern Italy
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	1 **Emilio Gino Segre'** **B. 1905 - d. Apr 22, 1989** **An Italian physicist. He discovered antiprotons**	**2** **Lodovico Ferrari** **B. 1522 - d. Oct 5, 1565** **An Italian mathematician known for quantic equations**	**3** **Frank Coraci** **Born 1966. Born in Shirley, NY, he is an American film director best known for his work with Adam Sandler**	**4** **Ida Lupino** **B. 1918 - d. Aug 3, 1995** **She was an English– American actress, singer, director and producer.**	**5** **Ella T. Grasso** **D. 1981 - b. May 10, 1919** **American politician. First woman elected as governor of Connecticut. Born in Windsor Locks, CT**	**6** **Amintore Fanfani** **B. 1908 - d. Nov 20, 1999** **Was an Italian politician who was elected Prime Minister of Italy five times**
7 **Cerini Vincent** **Born 1979. Born in Las Vegas. She is a film actress most associated with horror films**	**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**	**9** **Dr. Frank DeFrank** **UNICO PNP 2019/2020** **Roseto Chapter PA**	**10** **Ash Wednesday** **Lent Begins**	**11** **Jennifer Aniston** **Born 1969 in Los Angeles** **Actress. Her maternal great-grandfather was Italian**	**12** **Joe Garagiola** **B. 1926 - d. Mar 23, 2016** **Born in St. Louis MO** **Professional baseball catcher for 9 seasons**	**13** **This day in Italy is celebrated as National Italian Food Day**
14 **Valentines Day**	**15** **Presidents Day** **Lorenzo Ponza** **B. 1918 - d. Dec 15, 2004** **Inventor of the modern baseball pitching machine**	**16** **Giambattista Bodini** **B. 1740 - d. Nov 30, 1813** **An Italian engraver, publisher and printer. He designed the typeface now called Bodini**	**17** **Giordano Bruno** **B. 1548 - d. Feb 17, 1600** **Italian philosopher, mathematician and astronomer**	**18** **John Travolta** **Born in 1954 Englewood, NJ** **Actor, singer, producer** **His grandparents were born in Sicily**	**19** **Luigi Rodolfo Boccherini** **B. 1743 - d. May 20, 1805** **An Italian Classical music composer and cellist**	**20** **Phil Esposito** **Born 1942 in Ontario** **Former professional hockey player. He is of Italian heritage**
21 **Lidia Bastianich** **She was born in 1947 in Istria, which was a part of the Kingdon of Italy. She is a chef, television host, author and restaurateur**	**22** **Giovanni Bolzoni** **B. May 15, 1841 - d. 1919** **Italian composer and violinist, known for his Minuet for String Orchestra**	**23** **Mirco Bergamasco** **Born 1983. He is an Italian rugby union footballer**	**24** **Pope Gregory XIII** **On this day in 1582 he announced the Gregorian calendar. After whom the calendar was named**	**25** **Enrico Caruso** **B. 1873 - d. Aug 2, 1921** **An Italian tenor who sang at the major opera houses**	**26** **Giulio Natta** **B . 1903 - d. May 2, 1979** **An Italian chemist. He won the Nobel Prize in 1963 for his work on high polymers**	**27** **Gene Sarazen** **B. 1902 - d. May 13, 1999** **Aka. Gene Saraceni. One of the few golfers to win all of the major championships in his career**
28 **Mario Andretti** **B. 1940 in Montono, Istria Kingdon of Italy (now Croatia). Former professional car racing driver**	Mola di Bari, commonly referred to simply as Mola is a town of the Metropolitan City of Bari, in Southern Italy, On the Adriatic Sea. Mola's city center is its main piazza near the port and it also boasts a church (Chiesa Matrice, i.e. Mother Church) dating back to the 13th century. Bakeries in Mola are known for their focaccia food. Until the early 1990s, there were two privately owned public firewood ovens available to the inhabitants of Mola. These businesses served the local residents by providing a place to cook baked goods, primarily focaccia and breads. Typically, focaccia pans were quite large (some approaching half a meter in diameter) and were difficult to cook in one's home.					

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	1 **Harry Caray** **Harry Christopher Caray** **B. 0914 - d. Feb 18, 1998** **Was a radio and television sportscaster. Broadcaster for five major league teams**	**2** **Jon Bon Jovi** **John Francis Bongiovi** **Born 1962** **Born in Perth Amboy NJ** **Singer, songwriter, musician, actor**	**3** **Goffredo Petrassi** **B. 1904 - d. Mar 3, 2003** **An Italian composer of modern classical music, teacher and conductor**	**4** **Ray Mancini** **Born 1961. Known as Boom Boom Mancini.** **Birth name Raymond Michael Mancino.** **Professional Boxer**	**5** **Giovanni Caboto** **c. 1450 - c. 1498** **Known as John Cabot. He was a Venetian navigator and explorer. He discovered Newfoundland**	**6** **Lou Costello** **Louis Francis Cristillo** **Born 1906 - d. Mar 3, 1959** **Comedian, actor, producer**
7 **Franco Harris** **Born 1950 - d. Dec 20, 2022** **Born in Fort Dix, NJ.** **Played in the NFL with Pittsburg Steelers and the Seattle Seahawks** **His mother was Italian**	**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** **C. 1533 - d. Mar 9, 1566** **He was an Italian courtier and the private secretary of Mary, Queen of Scots**	**10** **Corrado Giuseppe Parducci** **B. 1900 - d. Nov 22, 1981** **He was an Italian American architectural sculptor**	**11** **On this day in history in 1851, the opera Rigoletto was first performed. It was written by Giuseppi Verdi**	**12** **Liza Minnelli** **Born 1946** **Born in Hollywood CA** **Daughter of Judy Garland** **Actress, singer, dancer**	**13** **Enrico Toselli** **B. 1883 - d. Jan 15, 1926** **He was an Italian pianist and composer**
14 **Daylight Savings Time** **Clocks forward 1 hour.** **Ends November 7th**	**15** **Ides of March** **44 BC** **Julius Caesar is assassinated**	**16** **On this day in 1978, Aldo Moro, a former Prime Minsters was kidnapped by the Communist Red Brigades**	**17** **St. Patrick's Day**	**18** **Frederick II, at the age of three, was crowned of Sicily. On this day of March 18, in 1229, he declared himself King of Jerusalem during the 6th Crusade**	**19** **St. Joseph's Day**	**20** **Springs beings 4:24 pm** **Ends June 21, 10:10 am**
21 **Palm Sunday** **Chris DiMattio** **UNICO PNP 2010** **Scranton Chapter PA**	**22** **Cpl. Anthony Damato** **B. 1922 - d. Feb 20, 1944** **He was a US Marine who received the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for his service in WWII**	**23** **Philip Zimbardo** **Born 1933. An American psychologist best known for his Stanford Prison experiment**	**24** **Joseph Barbera** **B. 1911 - d. Dec 18, 2006** **Born in Los Angeles CA** **Animator, cartoonist** **Co-founder of the animation studio Hanna-Barbera**	**25** **Nick Quercetti** **UNICO PNP 1986** **Philadelphia Chapter PA**	**26** **Good Friday** **Steven Tyler** **Steven Victor Tallarico** **B. 1948 - Born in NYC** **Singer, songwriter. His father is of Italian descent**	**27** **Quentin Tarantino** **Born 1963** **Born in Knoxville TN** **Director, producer** **Academy and Golden Globe Award winner**
28 **Easter Sunday**	**29** **Jennifer Capriati** **Born 1976 in NYC.** **Former professional tennis and Olympic Gold Medalist**	**30** **Sicilia Vespers** **On this day in 1282, there 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**	Tuscany is home to some of the world's most notable wine regions. Chianti, Brunello di Montalcino and Montepulciano. Tuscany is also known for the dessert wine Vin Santo, made from a variety of the region's grapes		

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Street and houses in Procida Italy
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	Proceda is one of the Phlegraean Islands off the coast of Naples in southern Italy. It is a *comune* (municipality) of the Metropolitan City of Naples, in the region of Campania. Procida was created by the eruption of four volcanoes, now dormant and submerged. During Roman rule, Procida became a renowned resort for the patrician class of Rome.			1 **April Fools Day** **Luigi Schiavonetti** **B. 1765 - d. Jun 7, 1810** **He was an Italian reproduction engraver and etcher**	2 **Carmen Basillio** **B. 1927 - d. Nov 7, 2012** **He was a two-weight world boxing champion**	3 **Steven Pelonero** **UNICO PNP 2021** **Passaic Valley Chapter NJ**
4 **James Alberione** **Ala Blessed** **Giacomo Alberione** **B. 1884 - d. Nov 26, 1971** **An American priest, founder of the Society of St. Paul**	5 **On this day in 1997,the American Italian Pasta Company signed an exclusive agreement with CPC International to produce Mueller's Pasta**	6 **Sergio Franchi** **B. 1926 - d. May 1, 1990** **He was an Italian tenor. He studied music and engineering simultaneously. His sister is singer Dana Valery**	7 **On this day in history, in 1906, Mount Vesuvius erupted which devasted Naples**	8 **George Francis Musso** **B. 1910 - d, Sep 5, 2000** **He was an American NFL lineman. He played offense and defense. He had a 12 year career with the Bears**	9 **Alfredo Silipigni** **B. 1931– d. Mar 25, 2006** **Conductor and specialist in Italian operas. He founded the NJ State Opera and ran it for four decades**	10 **Stephen Bisciotti** **Born 1960** **Born in Philadelphia PA** **Owner of the Baltimore Ravens NFL Football Team**
11 **Renato Donati** **An Italian navigator, and on this day in 1934 he set the high altitude record of 47,352 feet**	12 **Salvatore Mangano** **UNICO PNP 1997** **Saddle Brook Chapter NJ**	13 **Thomas Jefferson Birthday** **Bill Conti** **Born 1942. An Italian American film music composer**	14 **Glenn Pettinato** **UNICO PNP 2011** **Carbondale Chapter PA**	15 **Leonardo daVinci** **B. 1452 - d. May 2, 1915** **Painter draughtsman, engineer, scientist, theorist, sculptor and architect**	16 **Henry Mancini** **Enrico Nicolo Mancini** **Born 1924 - d. Jun 14, 1994** **Born in Los Angeles CA** **Composer, songwriter, Arranger, conductor, piano**	17 **Frank Cannata** **UNICO PNP 1994** **Orange West Orange NJ**
18 **Maria Bello** **Born 1967** **Born in Norristown PA** **Actress, producer with roles in NCIS and ER** **Father is Italian American**	19 **Frank Viola Jr.** **Born 1960 in NY. He was a MLB pitcher for the Minesota Twins, NY Mets, Boston Red Sox and the Toronto Blue Jays**	20 **Michael Spano** **UNICO PNP 2006** **Orlando Chapter FL**	21 **Tony Danza** **Born 1951. An American actor. He starred in the TV series Taxi and Who's The Boss**	22 **Jack Nicholson** **B. 1937 in Neptune City, NJ** **Actor, filmmaker. His father was of Italian Descent. Many Academy awards and Oscar nominations**	23 **John Cena** **Born 1977** **Born in W. Newbury MA** **Profession wrestler, actor** **Father is of Italian descent**	24 **Vince Ferragamo** **Born 1954** **Born in Torrance CA** **Play in the NFL with the LA Rams, Buffalo Bills, and Green Bay Packers**
25 **Al Pacino** **Born 1940 in NYC** **Regarded as one of the best actors of all time. The only son of Sicilian Italian-American parents**	26 **Bobby Rydell** **Robert Louis Ridarelli** **Born1942 - d. Apr 5, 2022** **Born in Philadelphia PA** **Singer, actor** **Both his parents were of Italian descent**	27 **Walter Lantz** **B. 1899 - d. Mar 22, 1994** **Born in New Rochelle NY** **His parents were Italian immigrants** **Creator of comic strip Woody Woodpecker**	28 **Michael Carbonaro** **Born 1976** **Born in Oakdale NY** **Actor, magician, improv artist**	29 **Saint Catherine of Siena. She died this day in 1380. She is the patron saint of Italy. She worked to bring the papacy back to Rome from France**	30 **On this day in 1849, Garibaldi defends Rome against the French**	

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La Mortella Gardens, Ischia
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	La Mortella is the wonderful mediterranean and tropical garden developed by Susana Walton, the Argentinian wife of the British composer Sir William Walton. It is located in Forio (Ischia) and can be visited on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 7 pm, from April through late October. Ischia is a volcanic island in the Tyrrhenian Sea. It lies at the northern end of the Gulf of Naples. The island is home to the Ischia Film Festival, an international cinema competition celebrated in June or July, dedicated to all the works that have promoted the value of the local territory.					**1** **Tim McGraw** **Born 1967** **Born in Delhi LA.** **His mother is of Italian heritage** **Singer, songwriter, actor, record producer,**
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** **Frankie Valli** **Francesco Castelluccio** **Born 1934 in Newark NJ** **Singer, actor and lead singer for the group the Four Seasons**	**4** **On this day 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** **Ascension Day**	**7** **Val Bisoglio** **B. 1926 - d. Oct 18, 2021** **An Italian American character actor mainly known for his work in TV**	**8** **Joe Bonamasso** **Born 1977** **Born in New Hartford NY** **Musician, singer, songwriter**
9 **Mothers Day**	**10** **Kathi Strozza** **UNICO PNP 2008** **UNICO National Member**	**11** **Steve Bono** **Born 1962** **Born in Norristown PA** **College football at UCLA** **NFL football with numerous football teams**	**12** **Yogi Berra** **Lawrence Peter Berra** **B. 1925 - d. Sep 22, 2015** **Born in St. Louis MO** **Professional baseball catcher, manager and coach**	**13** **Justin Tuveri** **B. 1898 - d. Oct. 5, 2007** **He died at the age of 109, and was one of the last Italian Veterans of WWI**	**14** **Bobby Darin** **Walden Robert Cassotto** **Born 1936** **Born in Los Angeles CA** **Musician, singer, Songwriter, actor**	**15** **Armed Forces Day**
16 **Billy Martin** **Alfred Manuel Martin** **B. 1928 - d. Dec 25, 1989** **Born in Berkeley CA** **His mother was Italian.** **MLB 2nd baseman and manager of NY Yankees**	**17** **Louis John DiBella, Jr.** **Born 1960 in NYC. An American boxing promoter, minor league baseball team owner, and television and film producer**	**18** **On this day in history in 2025, Pope Leo XIV held his inaugural mass in St. Peter's Square in Rome. He is the first pope to be born in the USA**	**19** **Rick Cerone** **Born 1954** **Born in Newark NJ** **Former professional baseball player who played for eight different teams**	**20** **On this day, Christopher Columbus died in 1506** **Born in Genoa Italy** **Waa a Maritime Explorer. He completed four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean**	**21** **Girolamo Fabricius** **B. May 20, 1533** **D. May 21, 1619** **He was a pioneering surgeon, known in medical science as "The Father of Embryology"**	**22** **Saint Rita of Cascia** **B. 1381 - d. May 22, 1457** **She was an Italian nun and is known as the patroness of impossible causes and is celebrated for her life of patience and forgiveness**
23 _____ **30** **Tom Morello** **B. 1964** **Born in NYC** **Musician, singer, songwriter**	**24** _____ **31** **Memorial Day**	**25** **Roman Reigns** **Born 1985 in Pensacola FL** **Professional wrestler, actor and former football player. His mother is of Sicilian descent**	**26** **Dan Pastorini** **Born 1949** **Born in San Francisco CA** **Quarterback in NFL for 13 seasons primarily with the Houston Oilers**	**27** **Adam Carolla** **Born 1964** **Born in Los Angeles CA** **Radio, TV, comedian, actor, podcaster, author**	**28** **Angelo Dominick Roncallo** **B. 1927 - d. May 4, 2010** **Member of the US House of Representatives from Nassau County, NY**	**29** **Ascension of Jesus**

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		**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**	**2** **On this day in 1946, Italians voted for a Republic which voted out the monarchy. This is a national holiday in Italy**	**3** **Giovanni Antonio Scopoli** **Born 1723 - d. May 8, 1788** **He was an Italian physician and naturalist**	**4** **Gorilla Monsoon** **Robert "Gino" Marella** **B. 1937 - d. Oct 6, 1999** **Born in Rochester NY** **Professional Wrestler and Commentator**	**5** **David A Caprio** **Born 1967 - He is an American attorney and politician. He was first elected as a Rhode Island Sate representative in 1999**
6 **Steve Vai** **Steven Siro Vai** **Born 1960** **Born in Carle Place NY** **Guitarist. He is a descendant of Italian immigrants**	**7** **Dean Martin** **B. 1917—d. Dec 25, 1995** **Born Dino Paul Crocetti** **Bon in Steubenville, OH** **Singer, actor, comedian**	**8** **Nancy Sinatra** **Born 1940** **Born in Jersey City NJ** **American singer and actress. Daughter of Frank Sinatra**	**9** **Lee Norelli** **UNICO PNP 2018** **Philadelphia Chapter PA**	**10** **Frank Tidona** **UNICO PNP 2001** **Rutherford Chapter NJ**	**11** **Vince Lombardi** **B. 1913 - d. Sept 3, 1070** **Born in Brooklyn NY** **Professional football coach and executive in the NFL**	**12** **Raymond "Ray" Barbuti** **Born 1905 - d. Jul 8, 1988** **He was an American athlete and winner of two Gold Medals in the 1928 Summer Olympics**
13 **Fabio Baldato** **Born 1968 - An Italian racing cyclist. His career ended after a crash in the Eneci Tour**	**14** **Flag Day** **Army Birthday**	**15** **Leah Remini** **Born 1970 - Born in Brooklyn. An actress best known for her role as Carrie Heffernan on the TV sitcom King of Queens**	**16** **Phil Mickelson** **Born 1970. Professional Golfer. He has Sicilian Ancestry from his mothers side of the family**	**17** **Richard D'Arminio** **UNICO PNP 2014** **Ramsey Chapter NJ**	**18** **On this day in history, in 1511, Bartolomeo Ammannati, Italian architect and sculptor, designed the Pont Santa Trinita. He died in 1592**	**19** **Guy Lombardo** **Gaetano Alberto Lombardo** **Born 1902 - d. Nov 5, 1977** **Born in London Ontario** **Musical career, jazz, big band, violinist**
20 **Father's Day**	**21** **Pier Luigi Nervi** **B. 1891 - d. Jan 9, 1979** **An Italian engineer and architect best known for his brilliance in structural engineering**	**22** **Cynthia "Cindi" Lauper** **Born 1953 - An American singer, songwriter and actress. Her mother was an Italian American**	**23** **Glen Danzig** **Glenn Allen Anzalone** **Born 1955** **Born in Lodi NJ** **Singer, songwriter, musician, actor, firm director, record producer**	**24** **George Elmer Pataki** **Born 1945** **An American politician who was the 53 Governor of New York**	**25** **Robert Charles Venturi, Jr** **B. 1925 - d. Sept 18, 2018** **Born in Philadelphia, he weas an American architect and founding principle of the firm Venturi**	**26** **Ariana Grande** **Born 1993 in Boca Raton, FL** **She is of Italian descent with Sicilian roots. Singer and actress**
27 **Willie Mosconi** **B. 1913 - d. Sep 17, 1993** **Was a professional billiards player. Born in Philadelphia, PA**	**28** **Luigi Pirandello** **B. 1867 - d. Dec 10, 1936** **He was an Italian dramatist and novelist who won the Nobel Prize for literature**	**29** **Giacomo Leopardi** **Born 1798 - d. Jun 14, 1837** **He was an Italian poet, essayist, philosopher and philologist**	**30** **Vincent D/Onofrio** **Born 1959 - An American actor and producer. He is noted for his roles in Full Medal Jacket and Law and Order**	The Valley of the Temples is one of the most outstanding examples of ancient Greek art and architecture in Agrigento, Sicily. Since 1997, the entire area has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. It is the largest archaeological park in Europe		

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The Grand Canal in Venice
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	The canal waterways carry the bulk of Venetian transportation, as automobiles are banned throughout much of the city. Traditional poled gondolas are a favorite with tourists but are now vastly outnumbered by motorized public-transit water buses (*vaporetti*) and private water taxis. Siren-equipped boats belonging to the police, fire, and emergency medical services traverse the Grand Canal at high speed, and barges are responsible for the delivery of goods throughout the city			**1** **First day of the UNICO Year**	**2** **Mary of Sicily** **Born 1363 - d. 1401** **She was Queen of Sicily from 1377 until her death. She was born in Catania**	**3** **Alessandro Blasetti** **Born 1900 - d. 1987** **An Italian film director and screen writer**
4 **Independence Day**	**5** **Alberto Gilardino** **Born 1982** **An Italian footballer (soccer player)**	**6** **Thomas Vaughan** **UNICO PNP 2017** **Wethersfield Chapter CT**	**7** **Giuseppe Piazzi** **Born 1749 - d. 1826** **An Italian priest, mathematician and astronomer. He established an observatory in Palermo**	**8** **Sebastian Maniscalco** **Born 1973** **Born in Arlington Hgts IL** **Comedian of Italian American culture** **Sicilian heritage**	**9Michael Tate Musso** **Born 1991 - An American actor and musician, best known for his role as Oliver in the Disney sitcom Hannah Montana**	**10** **On this day in history, in 1976, was the Seveso Disaster which was an industrial accident resulting in the highest known exposure to a chemical in a residential area**
11 **Joey Bosa** **Born 1995** **Born in Fort Lauderdale FL** **Professional football player for Buffalo Bills and College football at Ohio St**	**12** **Francis Mugavero** **D. 1991 - b. Jun 8, 1914** **Born in Brooklyn NY** **Was the bishop of Brooklyn from 1968-1990**	**13** **Gaius Julius Caesar** **Born 101BC - d. 44 BC** **A Roman military and political leader who had a role in the transformation of the Roman Empire**	**14** **Peter Panto** **Born 1910 - d. Jul 14, 1939** **An Italian American longshoreman who was murdered by the mob for attempting to revolt against union leaders**	**15** **Joe Satriani** **Born 1956** **Born in Westbury NY.** **Songwriter, composer, producer, guitar. His family is of Italian descent**	**16** **Goffredo Patrassi** **Born 1904 - d. Mar 3, 2003** **Was an Italian composer of modern classical music, conductor and teacher**	**17** **Anthony Fornelli Esq** **UNICO PNP 1973 (d.2017)** **Chicago Chapter IL**
18 **Salvatore A. Davino** **Born 1972 - d. Jan 17, 2021** **An American businessman. He was the Commissioner of the NJ Italian Heritage Commission**	**19** **Lisa Lampanelli** **Born 1961. Born in Trumbull CT. Standup comedian, TV, actress. Three of her grandparents are of Italian descent**	**20** **Francesco Petrarca** **Born 304 - d. Jul 19, 1374** **He was an Italina scholar, poet, and one of the earliest Renaissance humanist**	**21** **On this day in history, in 1899, five Italian American grocers were hanged in Tallulah, LA**	**22** **ON this day in history in 1973, allied forces captured the Italian city of Palermo, freeing it from occupation**	**23** **Nancy Savoca - Born 1959 and raised in the Bronx, NY. An Italian film screenwriter, director and producer. Daughter of Italian and Argentine immigrants**	**24** **Dominick Nicastro** **UNICO PNP 2016** **Garfield Chapter NJ**
25 **Parents Day**	**26** **Richard "Dick" Grasso** **Born 1946 in Jackson Heights, NY. He was chairman and CEO of the New York Stock Exchange**	**27** **Ludovico Sforza** **Born 1452 - d. May 27, 1508** **Was the duke of Milan and a member of the Sforza Dynasty in Milan, Italy**	**28** **UNICO National** **104th Annual Convention** **Nashville, TN** **Embassy Suites** **Registration and Icebreaker Night**	**29** **Michael D'Arminio** **UNICO PNP Hackensack** **Born 1929 - d. 2013** **Renato Biribin** **UNICO PNP Plainfields** **Born 1940 - d. 2019**	**30** **UNICO National** **104th Annual Convention** **Day three in Nashville, TN** **Embassy Suites**	**31** **UNICO National** **104th Annual Convention** **Nashville, TN** **Embassy Suites** **Gala Night**

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1 **Dom DeLuise** **B. 1933 - d. May 4, 2009** **Born in Brooklyn, NY** **Actor, comedian, director, chef and author**	**2** **Jon R. Caviani** **Born 1943 - d. Jul 9, 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 Chapter NJ**	**4** **Michael DeLuise** **Born 1969 - An American actor and the second son of Dom DeLuise and Carol Arthur**	**5** **Antonio Cesti** **Born 1623 - d. Oct 14, 1669** **An Italian composer, organist and tenor during the Baroque era**	**6** **Barbara Trozzi** **Aka Barbara Valle** **Born 1619 - 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 **Connie Stevens** **Concetta Rosalie Ingoglia** **Born 1938 in Brooklyn, NY** **American actress and singer**	**9** **Cav. Joseph Agresti** **UNICO PNP 2007** **Passaic Valley Chapter NJ**	**10** **Anthony Bengivenga** **UNICO PNP 2024** **Greater Westfield Chapter**	**11** **Joe Rogan** **Born 1967** **Born in Newark NJ** **Podcaster, comedian, actor and television host** **Three of his grandparents were of Italian descent**	**12** **Giovanni Gabrieli** **Born 1554 - d. Aug 12, 1612** **He was an Italian composer and organist**	**13** **Salvador Edward Luria** **Born 1912 - Deb 6, 1991** **An Italian born American microbiologist and winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine**	**14** **Paolo Sarpi** **Born 1552 - Jan 15, 1625** **An Italian patriot, scientist and church reformer**
15 **Assumption of Mary**	**16** **Eydie Gorme** **Edith Gormezano** **B. 19285 - d. Aug 10, 2013** **Her father was from Sicily** **Singer who performed on Broadway and in Las Vegas**	**17** **On this day in 1978s 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 Gionea**	**19** **Mike Massimino** **Born 1962** **Born in Oceanside NY** **Former NASA Astronaut** **Senior advisor of space programs at the Air and Space Museum**	**20** **Salvatore Quasimodo** **Born 1901 - d. Jun 14, 1968** **An Italian author, he 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 **Bill Parcells** **Born 1941** **Born in Englewood NJ** **His mother was Italian** **Head coach in the NFL for 19 seasons. Coached the NY Giants. Won 2 Super Bowls**	**23** **Rudolph Valentino** **He died this day in 1926 at the age of 31. His birth name was Rodolfo Alfonso Raffaello Pierre Filiberto Guglielmi di Valentina d'Antonguolla**	**24** **On this day in history, in 79 AD, Mt. Visuvius erupted burying Pompeii and Herculaneum**	**25** **Rachael Ray** **Born 1968** **Born in Glen Falls NY** **Her mothers ancestry is Sicilian. An American cook, television Personality and author**	**26** **Saint Theresa if Jesus** **Born as Teresa Jornet Ibars. Born Jan 6, 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** **Born 1859 - 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 Garabaldi's Army**	**30** **Angelo Dundee** **B. 1921 - d. Feb 1, 2012** **Born in Philadelphia PA** **Boxing manager known for his work with Mohammad Ali and many more boxing champions**	**31** **Maria Montessori** **Born 1870 - d. May 6, 1952** **She was the founder of the Montessori method of education**	The Rialto Bridge is the oldest of the four bridges spanning the Grand Canal in Venice, Italy. Connecting the districts of San Marco and San Polo, it has been rebuilt several times since its first construction as a pontoon bridge in 1173, and is now a significant tourist attraction in the city. The present stone bridge is a single span designed by Antonio da Ponte. Construction began in 1588 and was completed in 1591			

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			1 Rocky Marciano B. 1923 - d. Aug 31, 1969 Born Rocco Marchegiano Born in Brockton, Mass. Professional boxer. Both parents immigrated from Italy	2 Romaldo (Aldo) Giurgola Born 1920 - d. Jun 29, 2000 Known as Il Mattatore, he was an Italian theater and film actor and director	3 Neil Denari Born 1957 An American architect, professor and author, based in Los Angeles	4 Brian Guarco UNICO PNP 2026 Granby Chapter, CT
5 Tommaso Campenella Born 1568 - d. 1639 Baptized Giovanni Domenico Campanella, he was an Italian Dominican friar and philosopher	6 Labor Day	7 Al Caiola Born 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 Born 1474 - d. Jul 6, 1533 He was an Italian post best known for his romantic epic *Orlando Furioso*	9 Mario Batali Born 1960 Born in Yakima, WA, he is an American chef, writer, restaurateur and media personality	10 Fabio Taglioni Born 1920 - d. Jul 18, 2001 Motorcycle chief designer and engineer for Ducati Motorcycles	11 Patriot Day ~ 9/11 Remembering the people killed on this day in the attacks in the year 2001
12 Grandparents Day	13 On this day in history in 1503, Michelangelo began his work on his masterpiece, *David*	14 Craig Biggio Born 1965 Born in Smithtown NY MLB 2nd baseman, outfielder, and catcher for the Houston Astros	15 Dan Marino Born 1961 Born in Pittsburgh PA NFL football quarterback Played with the Miami Dolphins	16 Cpl. Joseph Vittori He died this day om 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 dies this day in 1862 in the American Civil War during the Battle of Antietem and was awarded the Medal of Honor	18 Air Force Birthday 1947 Frankie Avalon Born 1940 Born in Philadelphia PA. Singer, actor
19 Mario Batali Born 1960 in Seattle WA Went to Rutgers University Chef, writer and restaurateur	*20* Sophia Loren Born 1934 Born as Sofia Costanza Brigida Villano Scicolone. An Italian actress, she was born in Rome, Italy	21 Joseph Mazzello III Born 1967 He is an American actor and director, best known for his role in Jurassic Park	22 Neil Cavuto Born 1958 Born in Westbury NY Broadcaster, journalist, commentator His father was of Italian descent	23 Autumn Starts 2:01 am	24 Riccardo Illy Born 1955 He is an Italian businessman. Born in Italy. He is now the CEO of the coffee making firm Illy	25 Angelo Morresi Born 1950 A member of the NJ Italian and Italian American Heritage Commission that he helped establish as a lawyer
26Pope Paul VI Born 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 Born 1871 - d. Aug 15, 1936 She was a Sardinian writer whose works won her the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1926	28 Mira Sorvino Born 1967 She is an American Academy Award winning actress for her role in *Mighty Aphrodite*	29 Tintoretto (Jacopo Comin) Born 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 UNICO PNP 2022 Carbondale Chapter PA		

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- *Exceptional service to UNICO on the National level*
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2006 Leno Sodini
2007 John A. Botti
2008 Frank DeMaio
2009 Paul Alongi
2010 Frank Tidona
2011 John DiNapoli
2012 Gerry Heytink
2013 Joseph Agresti
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2015 Ralph A. Contini
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2023 Joan Tidona
2024 Ralph Torraco
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2026 Christopher DiMattio

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Adriatic Sea from Porto Tolle, Rovigo, Venice
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	Porto Tolle is one of 46 towns in the province of Rovigno, Venice and is completely surrounded by the waters of the Po and the Adriatic Sea. The population of Porto Tolle is approximately 9,062 inhabitants. Over the years, the economy of the municipality has been mainly tied to fishing and valley farming. The Adriatic Sea is a body of water separating the Italian Peninsula from the Balkan Peninsula. The Adriatic is the northernmost arm of the Mediterranean Sea where it connects to the Ionian Sea				**1** **On this day in history in 1943, Allies forces captured Naples Italy**	**2** **Donald McLean Jr.** **Born 1945 - An American singer-songwriter most famous for the 1971 music album "American Pie". His mother was of Italian heritage**
3 **Fred Couples** **Frederick Steven Coppola** **Born 1959** **Born in Seattle WA** **Professional golfer. Won the Masters in 1992. Birth name**	**4** **Susan Sarandon** **Susan Abigal Tomalin** **Born 1946 in Queens, NY** **American actress** **Her mother was of Italian descent with roots from Tuscany and Sicily**	**5** **Francesco Lazzaro Guardi** **Born 1712 - d. Jan 1, 1793** **He was an Italian painter of veduta, and a member of the Venetian School**	**6** **Mario Capecchi** **Born 1937** **Received many awards along with the Nobel Prize in 2007, for Physiology Medicine**	***7*** **On this day in 1990 was founded the Center fo Italian and Italian American Culture with a mission to preserve and promote the Italian Culture**	**8** **Stephen Michael Paler** **Born 1949 - He was a Major League Baseball umpire from 1977-1991**	**9** **Joe Pepitone** **B. Oct 9 - d. Mar 13, 2023** **American Professional baseball player. Born in Brooklyn, NY. He was a three time MLB All Star**
10 **UNICO was founded** **In Waterbury CT - 1922** **By Dr. Vastola**	**11** **Columbus Day**	**12** **On this day in history in 1492, Cristoforo Colombo landed in the New World**	**13** **Navy Birthday - 1775**	**14** **Joseph Elliot Girardi** **Born 1964. He was the manager of the NY Yankees and led them to their 27th championship in the year 2009**	**15** **Lido "Lee" Iacocca** **Born 1924 - d. Jul 2, 2019** **He is best know for his revival of Chrysler in the 1980's when he served as their CEO**	**16** **Maria Goretti** **Born 1890 - d. Jul 6, 1902** **Sh was an Italian martyr of the Catholic Church and one of the youngest canonized saints**
17 **Bartolommeo Brandini** **Born 1493 - d. Feb 7, 1560** **He was an Italian Renaissance sculptor, draughtsman and painter**	**18** **Louis DeFillipo** **Born 1915 - d. Mar 19, 2008** **He was a decorated member of the Army's European Theater. He also served as a 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** **Born 1949. An attorney, politician and member of one of the best known political families in San Francisco**	**21** **Cav. Raph Contini** **UNICO PNP 2023** **Hackensack Chapter NJ**	**22** **Hector Boyardee** **Ettore Boyardee** **B. 1897 - d. Jun 21, 1985** **Italian-American chef who is famous for brand of food Chef Boyardee**	**23** **Bob Montana** **B. 1920 - d. Jan 4, 1975** **Born in Stockton CA** **Cartoonist, artist** **Created the characters in the comic book series "Archie"**
24 **———————————-** **31 Joseph Nasello** **UNICO PNP 2025** **Saddle Brook Chapter NJ** **31 Brian Piccolo** **Born 1943 - d. 1970. Was a professional football player**	**25** **Primo Carnera** **Born 1906 - d. Jun 19, 1967** **He was the Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the World. He lost his title to Joe Louis**	**26** **Natalie Anne Merchant** **Born 1963 - she is a professional musician who played for the band "10,000 Maniacs"**	**27** **Roberto Benigni** **Born 1952. He is an Italian award winning actor, writer and director. Most widely known as a comic of Italian cinema**	**28** **Paul DeGaetano** **Born 1953. He is an American politician who served the NJ General Assembly and the Vietnam Veterans Commission**	**29** **Dan Castellaneta** **Born 1957** **Born in Chicago IL** **Actor, writer and voice of Homer Simpson**	**30** **Christopher Columbus** **Born 1941 - d. 1506** **Born in Genoa, Italy** **Maritime explorer**

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	1 **All Saints Day** **Michael Veselka** **UNICO PNP 2013** **Chicago West Suburban IL**	**2** **All Souls Day**	**3** **On this day in history, inb 1867, Garibaldi was defeated by the French-Papal troops, in the Batlle of Mentana, when he tried to capture Rome**	**4** **Sgt. John Basilone** **B. 1916 - d. Feb 19, 1945** **Born in Buffalo NY to Italian American parents.** **US Marcine Corp Gunnery** **Grew up in Raritan NJ**	**5** **Edward David Pepitone** **Born 1958 - he is an American character actor, stand-up comedian, and podcast host. He is known for his dark comedy style**	**6** **Peter John DeLuise** **Born 1966 - AN American actor, director and producer. He is the son of the late Dom DeLuise**
7 **Daylight Saving Time Ends** **Clocks back 1 hour** **Dr. Alfred Maglio** **UNICO PNP 1989 - d.2023** **Milwaukee Chapter WI**	**8** **Vincent Cavallaro** **Born 1912 - d. May 22, 1985** **He was a painter and sculptor. He was a U.S. citizen raised and educated in Milan, Italy**	**9** **Louis Ferrigno** **Born 1951 - He is best know as a bodybuilder and actor. His most known role was as the Incredible Hulk**	**10** **Marines Birthday - 1775**	**11** **Veterans Day - 1919** **Stanley Tucci** **Born 1960** **Born in Peekskill NY** **Actor, producer, director, screenwriter**	**12** **On this day in history in 2003, at least 23 Italians were killed in the Iraq War in Nasiriya, Iraq**	**13** **Garry Marshall** **Born 1934 - d. Jul 19, 2016** **Born in Manhattan NY** **Creator of the TV series Happy Days** **His father was of Italian descent**
14 **Laura San Giacomo** **Born 1962 - She is an American actress best known for here role 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 Chapter NJ**	**17** **Danny DeVito** **Born 1944** **Born in Neptune NJ** **American actor, producer, director. He was first portrayed as Louie DePalma on the TV show Taxi**	**18** **On this day in history in 1493, Christopher Columbus sighted Puerto Rico**	**19** **Roy Campanella** **Born 1921 - d. Jun 26, 1993** **He was an American baseball player. A Hall of Famer, he played for the Brooklyn Dodgers**	**20** **Tina Sinatra** **Christina Sinatra** **Born 1948** **Born in Los Angeles CA** **Actress, singer, author, producer. Daughter of Frank Sinatra**
21 **William Rocco** **UNICO PNP 2000** **W. Springfield Chapter MA**	**22** **Tom Conti** **Born 1941 - He is a Scottish actor, threatre director and novelist. His father was Italian, his mother was Irish**	**23** **Richard Adubato** **Born 1937 - d. Nov 6, 2025** **Basketball coach in Women's National Basketball Association. He was born in Irvington, NJ**	**24** **Carlo Lorenzini** **Born 1826 - d. Oct 26, 1890** **Better known as Carlo Collodi, he is best known as the author of "The Adventures of Pinocchio"**	**25** **Thanksgiving Day - 1863**	**26** **Enrico Bombieri** **Born 1940 - He is an Italian mathematician born in Milan and best known for his works in number theory and analysis**	**27** **Giovanni Giorgi** **Born 1871 - d. Aug 19 1950** **He was an Italian physicist who invented the Georgi International System of Measurement**
28 **David "Dave" Righetti** **Born 1958 - He was a pitcher for the NY Yankees and the first person to pitch a no hitter and lead the league in saves**	**29** **Chuck Mangione** **Charles Frank Mangione** **Born 1940** **Born in Rochester NY** **Musician, composer, Trumpet, piano**	**30** **Andrew Marcelo Nocioni** **Born 1979 - He is a member of the NBA's Sacramento Kings and Argentina National Basketball Teams**	The Roman Colosseum is the largest ancient amphitheatre ever built, and is still the largest standing amphitheatre in the world. Construction began under the Emperor Vespasian and was completed in AD 80 under his successor and heir, Titus. The Colosseum is built of limestone, volcanic rock, and brick-faced Roman concrete. It could hold an estimated 50,000 to 80,000 spectators at various points in its history.			

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	The Merry Go Round is located in the Piazza della Repubblica in Florence Italy. It has been a favorite of locals and tourists alike since it first opened in 1871. It is a true example of the city's rich history and culture.		1 **Stephanie Finocchio** **Born 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** **Born 1987 - She was a member of the Silver Medal U.S. Artistic Gymnastics Team at the 2008 Beijing Olympics**	4 **Marisa Tomei** **Born 1964 in Brooklyn NY American actress best know for her role in My Cousin Vinny. Both of her parents are of Italian descent**
5 **Frank Caperino** **UNICO PNP 2003** **UNICO National Member**	6 **Cav. Joseph Coccia** **UNICO PNP 1976 - d. 2013** **Kearny Chapter NJ**	7 **Pearl Harbor Day 1941** **Louis Prima** **Born 1910 - d. Aug 24, 1978** **Born in New Orleans LA** **Musician, entertainer, bandleader**	8 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** **This day is a National Holiday in Italy**	9 **Baldassare Ferri** **Born 1610 - d. Sep 10, 1680** **He was an Italian castrato singer**	10 **Roberto Cassinelli** **Born 1956 - Born in Genoa, Italy. He is an Italian politician and lawyer and member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies**	11 **John Buscema** **Born 1927 - d. Jan 10 2002** **Born Giovanni Natale Buscema, he was an American comic book artist with Marvel Comics**
12 **Frank Sinatra** **B. 1915 - d. May 14, 1998** **Born in Hoboken, NJ** **Regarded as one of the most popular entertainers of the 209th century.** **Singer and actor**	13 **National Guard Birthday** **Dale Berra** **Born 1956** **Sone of Yogi Berra** **MLB as infielder from 1977-1987**	14 **Craig Biggio** **Born 1965 - He was a Major League Baseball Player for the Houston Astros. His record is at 3060 hits**	15 **Nicholas "Nick" Buoniconti** **Born 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** **Born 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** **Born 1981 - He was a Major League baseball pitcher for the Toronto Blue Jays**
19 **Casey Crescenzo** **Born 1983 - He is a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, most Notably for the band "The Deer Hunter"**	20 **Benito "Veleno" Lorenzi** **Born 1925 - d. Mar 3, 2007** **He was an Italian soccer player. He appeared in the 1950 and 1950 FIFA World Cup with Italy**	21 **Winter Starts - 9:42 pm** **Ray Romano** **Born 1957** **Born in NYC** **Actor, stand-up, television, film**	22 **Cesare Cremonini** **Born 1550 - d. Jul 19, 1631** **He was an Italian professor of natural philosophy**	23 **Susan Victori Lucci** **Born 1946 - An actress best known for her iconic role as Erica Kane on the soap opera "All my Children"**	24 **Christmas Eve**	25 **Christmas Day**
26 **Frederick II of Hohenstaufen** **Born 1194 - d. Dec 13, 1250** **He was a Holy Roman Emperor, King of Jerusalem, Germany, Italy, Burgundy and Sicily**	27 **Christopher Del Sesto** **Born 1907 - Died this day in 1973. He was the 64th Governor of Rhode Island**	28 **Vanessa Ferlito** **Born 1980 - Born in Brooklyn NY, she is an American actress best known for her role in the TV series CSI NY**	29 **Stefano Eranio** **Born 1966 - An Italian soccer player best known for his time on AC Milan and Derby County**	30 **Concetta Tomei** **Born 1945 - n actress in American theater, film and television**	31 **New Years Eve**	

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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.



Brian Guarco
UNICO National President
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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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