

Hershey Convention Attracting Many

Convention 2010 Activities Update

It seems that “All Roads are Leading to Hershey” this summer – and UNICO is showing the way! Rooms are hard to come by for the week of July 28th to July 31st but the UNICO Convention 2010 Committee and the staff at Hershey Lodge are certainly accommodating all who want to attend. We filled the minimum contacted rooms, filled the maximum, added some more and filled those as well – and we’re not finished!

Here are a few items of note since the last edition of ComUNICO. As for entertainment, besides the highlighted act of the “Duprees” during the Ice Breaker Wednesday Night, comedian, actor and entertainer Tony Russ (some of you Jersey folks remember him as Tony Recenello) will perform on Thursday night with Chris DiMattio and the Brass & Ivory Orchestra in a special UNICO Lounge created by the Hershey Lodge. The show will start at 9 p.m. Those from our new Greater Binghamton NY Chapter will recognize the band “Los Vega”, an energetic group performing classic Italian and standard hits during the Picnic on Friday in Hersheypark. Other surprises coming from Philadelphia and beyond will be ...well, a surprise!

One of the most special events will be Saturday’s Vigil Mass to be celebrated by the Most Reverend Robert C. Morlino, Bishop of Madison, WI. In appreciation of our ancestors, the mass will be said in the native tongue – Italian. The readings and homily will be in English and everyone will receive a program with all the Italian responses so everyone can participate.

By now, you should have received a “Convention 2010 Survey” which needs to be completed by all those joining us in Hershey. If you haven’t, please contact the National Office or visit the website. Information from these surveys will help us better plan and organize activities, events, seating and will enable us to make sure we enough food and wine on hand – and we know how important that is!

The theme this year – it’s “La Famiglia dell’ UNICO!” So come casual to the Ice Beaker and the Picnic. Let us remind the golfers to bring your clubs and test your skills on the many Championship Hershey Country Club courses! The UNICO tournament will be on Wednesday Morning! Bocce players bring your belts as we anticipate some competitive games.

Attention parents and grandparents bringing the kids! A few things you need to know. Our committee will have tickets available for the Park at a discount greater than the concierge. There will be activities and recreation scheduled by UNICO as well as the Lodge which will be available from 9 a.m. to after 9 p.m. Member Lisa Pettinato Davis from the Scranton Chapter has secured several adults and students from the Chapter to be on hand to both supervise and baby-sit, if needed. They’re experienced and they know how to have FUN! Lisa and our Committee assure will their safety – so feel free to be with your chapter and friends and leave the kids to us!

While you’re in the meetings or UNICO parties, we’ll keep kids active participating in crafts, games, art, bingo, S’mores and Movie Night, sports and pool games. Hershey characters will appear and we will also have a special Kids Check-In. Most of these will take place in the Lodge at various locations from the three pools on the property, the mini-golf patio or the air-conditioned activities center. We also know that several of you are creating family memories by

heading to Hershey early on Tuesday to visit Gettysburg National Park and Battlefield as well as nearby Dutch Wonderland! There's so much to do! Check out the website www.HersheyPA.com

The Committee, led by Executive Vice President Chris DiMattio, Chairwoman Karen Clifford, Co-Chairman Frank Tidona and Journal Chairman, Joe Agresti as well as the UNICO Office Staff are so excited and eager to serve your needs. As for the Journal, please remember this committee didn't have fundraisers through the years so your support of the commemorative Ad Journal is greatly needed and appreciated!

Of course you can view updates on our website, www.unico2010.org. As for your traveling, look for the many UNICO signs that will be placed on the roads and highways so you won't get lost! See you in HERSHEY...the *SWEETEST PLACE ON EARTH!*