

# All Roads Lead to Hershey

*Convention 2010*

Pack up the family in the minivan and head for Interstate 81 in Pennsylvania, open the windows and when you see the cornstalks and smell the sweet chocolate you know you're near HERSHEY, PA – the site of this year UNICO National Convention to be held at the beautifully remodeled Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

The year was 1980 when President-Elect Renato Biribin, Esq. from New Jersey was handed the gavel by President Al Dante from Pennsylvania's Scranton Chapter. *Talk about circumstance!* Now, thirty years later, another Scranton Chapter member, Chris DiMattio, will be handed the gavel from another Jersey resident, Andre' DiMino! Past National President's Al and Renato have remained active on both a local and national scale all these years so it is fitting that Chris DiMattio has appointed both men as "Honorary Chairs" for this year's convention. However both are far from accepting "honorary" status and have contributing valuable ideas and direction to the success of this year's event just as they did thirty years ago.

The Convention has appropriately selected the theme "*La Famiglia dell' UNICO*" and the committee has made every possible arrangement to attract UNICO families from throughout the country. As you will see the event will be one of the most economically friendly in recent UNICO history ...and it couldn't come at a better time. Registration fee is only \$50 per member and the meal package is only \$175 per person while children 14 and under eat FREE! So make this your family vacation and let UNICO act as your concierge.

Although many details are still being ironed out, the following we know. It won't be 110 degrees in Hershey! So the first day, Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup>, starts with a golf outing at the famous Hershey Country Club's East Course – the one that has been rich in tradition since 1930, hosting such tournaments as the Hershey Open, the PGA Championship, LPGA Lady Keystone and most recently the Reese's Cup Classic. Our morning event is a must for those who want the challenge of a distinctive course or just "hack" around with friends. Wednesday's Ice Breaker meal will fill even the heartiest of appetites and the exciting entertainment and surprises for all ages will keep you up all night. Your entire family will feast on Italian delicacies and a Roasted Loin of Bone-in Pork fit for a king (or queen). Then join in the singing with our "Strolling Italian Musicians", and dance the "Tarantella" with dancers from Italy. The headliner group will be "**The DUPREES**"! They put on a show you will not want to miss!

After the opening ceremonies of the National meeting, Thursday will allow you to pamper yourself at the world renowned and luxurious Spa at the nearby Hotel Hershey or join the ladies for Afternoon Tea at the historic hotel after you tour the magnificent Hershey Gardens. Plenty of local tours await the family and a special tour of Gettysburg National Park and Battlefield will also be available. This will be the only night you'll dine "on your own" but our hospitality committee will make sure it's a memorable one to fit any budget! Back at the Lodge, a special surprise entertainment package is being planned.

Friday's events feature an "All-Star" Awards and Sports Luncheon and then at 5 P.M. the Scranton Chapter invites all convention attendees and their families to an "All-American Picnic" at a private, climate friendly, covered area in Hershey Park. You'll be able to be entertained while you feast and then enjoy the Park – compliments of the Scranton Chapter!

Saturday morning is when Chris DiMattio gets sworn in as National President and the meeting is open to all. Saturday afternoon will feature a Vigil Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Robert C. Morlino, Bishop of Madison, WI and a native of Dunmore, PA. The evening will feature two gala events – the Inaugural Grand Ball featuring another Hershey prepared meal featuring the finest of filets and dancing to the POETS, one of PA’s most entertaining show bands. For the youngsters, a “Gala” Pizza Party right down the hall, under professionally supervision is planned with lots of surprises.

We can’t say enough about the food. From breakfast to dinner the food is terrific. Don’t forget you’ll be in the agricultural capital of America and the freshness of each item will be in season and hand-picked daily! **SO DON’T DELAY, ROOMS ARE ALMOST FILLED!** The committee is led by Executive Vice President Chris DiMattio, Chairwoman, Karen Clifford, Co-Chairman Frank Tidona and Journal Chairman, Joe Agresti. Just follow the instructions found in this ComUNICO or visit our website, [www.unico2010.org](http://www.unico2010.org). A brochure will also be mailed to all members soon. See you in **HERSHEY...the SWEETEST PLACE ON EARTH!**