

## **Tuesday February 17, 2009**

### **Minutes UNICO National NJ District IV Meeting, “President’s Only”**

DG Anthony Latella called the meeting to order at 8:05pm. Meeting held at Castalia in West Paterson .

#### **District IV Officers**

District Governor	Anthony Latella
Secretary	John Borgese
Treasurer	Anthony Ricciardi
1 <sup>st</sup> Deputy D.G.	John Harris
2 <sup>nd</sup> Deputy D.G.	Sal Ingallina
1 <sup>st</sup> Alt. D.G.	Mike Napolitano
2 <sup>nd</sup> Alt. D.G.	Gene Catania (absent)
Sergeant at Arms	Lou Serafini

#### **National Officers Present**

PNP: Paul Alongi  
Anti-Bias Chair: Manny Alfano  
Eastern Region District Governor: Anthony Ricciardi

#### **Chapter Presidents Roll Call**

Belleville	Manny Alfano
Bloomfield	Mike Napolitano
Cedar Grove	Richard Orsini
North Haledon	Gene Catania (represented by John Harris)
Passaic/Clifton	David D’Arco (absent)
Passaic Valley	Carmen Criscione
Pequannock	Nick Cetani (absent)
Sparta	Gary D’Uva (absent)
Montclair	Judy Vella (absent)

The minutes from our last meeting in January 2009 were approved.

#### **DG Report:**

The meeting started that meeting be switched be held on the first Tuesday of each month. The only meeting that will be switched is the Cedar Grove meeting that will be now held on Tuesday May 5 at a site to be determined. DG Latella stressed the urgency of having all Chapters in the District submit their reports to National. He commended the PV Chapter for their filings of their reports. He encouraged all Chapters to support each other and that a healthy dialogue amongst the Chapters can only strengthen the District. We as a District have to look at ways to raise money to give back to the community. He shared his desire to get Heritage and Culture in the individual Chapters and get more participation revolving around this topic. He commended Secretary John Borgese for posting on the District website a short film about this topic and encouraged all in attendance to review it.

This meeting had a different format and no Chapter reports were reported.

National Anti-Bias Chair, Manny Alfano, shared the NJ Assembly and Senate are jockeying for position concerning the Referendum for an Italian American Heritage Month”. More on this in upcoming meetings.

PNP Paul Alongi spoke about the Fun Night raising \$9000 toward the Convention costs and that there will be a Bowl-A-Thon on March 22 to continue raising funds to reduce the individual costs for the convention. He shared the District will be having their annual Bowl-A-Thon on May 3 at Van Houten Lanes in Clifton and that all Chapters look to donate a lane.

PV President Criscione shared his thoughts on another District fund raiser that will have little or no cost for the District. "Dinner for 2" for a year. That each Chapter donate 2 restaurants each and sell chances for \$5. This can raise thousands for the District.

It was reported and requested for Chapters to donate towards Ann Tichenor, former Admin in the National Office. She is experiencing serious health issues and the medical costs are quite extensive.

Bloomfield President Napolitano brought an interesting idea to the table. Selling bottled water at events that can have your own Chapters label on the bottle. The cost is minimal and can raise exposure for your Chapters and the District.

Scholarship Chairman, John Harris shared that the District is again giving 2 scholarships out this year. Each chapter will submit 1 applicant form it's Chapter. Filing deadline is May 15 to be sent to John Harris, address to follow. Applications will be reviewed anonymously by the National Scholarship Committee. The Scholarships will be awarded on June 17 at the North Haledon meeting.

The topic of getting an amemdment added to the National Budget to facilitate the expenses incurred by the Regional Governors be brought up at the National meeting. Unanimously all President's agreed.

Treasurer Ricciardi requested all assessments to be paid.

### **Chapter Reports:**

- Cedar Grove-President Richard Orsini-none reported
- The Belleville Chapter, President Manny Alfano-none reported.
- North Haledon-John Harris represented President Gene Catania-none reported.
- Bloomfield-Mike Napolitano-none reported.
- Passaic Valley- Carmen Criscione-none reported.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

The next District meeting scheduled for March 18, 2009 at Victor's Chateau, Rte 23 South, Little Falls. To be hosted by the Passaic Valley Chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Borgese  
NJ District IV Secretary