



## Italian American Heritage Club Of Hunterdon County

KEEPING OUR *Pride*, CELEBRATING OUR *Culture*, REMEMBERING OUR *Past*

### Program Notes for June 2013: André DiMino



André DiMino has dedicated himself to defending, promoting and preserving Italian and Italian American heritage and culture throughout

America. He has been widely recognized as the national leader of the Italian American community in his efforts against negative portrayals and stereotyping of Italian Americans in the media, most notably through opposition to reality shows such as MTV's "Jersey Shore" since before its debut. He has appeared on dozens of major TV and radio programs and his editorials and interviews have been in a wide number of newspapers, national magazines, publications, and web sites. He is an articulate and outspoken advocate for Italian Americans and has championed many positive initiatives celebrating Italian heritage and culture. It has been noted by many organizations and prominent individuals that he has amassed a significant record in his contributions to the positive Italian American identity in the United States and for his efforts at unifying Italian Americans across America.

Mr. DiMino is Executive Administrator and Past National President of UNICO National, the largest Italian American service organization in America, with over 140 chapters in 20 States. Mr. DiMino served as the 87th National President in the 2009-2010 term, has been a member since 1990 and a charter member and founding officer of the Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey Chapter. Mr. DiMino is on the Executive Board and is past president of the Italian American ONE VOICE Coalition, Inc., a national Italian American advocacy group, founded by Dr. Manny

Alfano in 1993, comprised of thousands of activists and organizations across the country.

A first-generation Italian American whose late parents were from Sicily, Mr. DiMino is married to Jenny, who is also an active UNICO member and first-generation Italian American. Her parents are from Basilicata and currently reside in Long Island, NY. André and Jenny DiMino reside in Bergen County, New Jersey.

Mr. DiMino is a technology business executive with an extensive engineering and science background in the design, development, commercialization, and manufacturing of medical and precision electronics and devices; environmentally safe chemical formulations; and personal care and cosmetic products. He has several issued and pending patents as well as technical publications.

Mr. DiMino has been actively involved in public and community service. He was elected to public office for four terms as Councilman and 8 years as Council President for the Borough of Woodcliff Lake as well as 10 years as Finance Chairman and 3 years as Fire Commissioner. He served as Chair of the Cost Containment Committee for 2 years and as Community Development Representative for 7 years for Bergen County. He was Trustee of the Pascack historical Society from 1994 to 1999; Vice-Chair of the NW Bergen Chapter of the American Heart Association from 1998 to 1999, among numerous other activities. Since 2000, he has served on the Advisory Board to Computer Science and Engineering at Fairleigh Dickinson University.