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Our December 2018 Monthly Newsletter



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A Message from our Chapter President

Dear Members,

As we enter the Christmas season, I want to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and healthy and happy new year. I would like to thank Dominick and his committee on the terrific job they did on the pasta dinner. It was a great success for us and the Holy Cross Church. The pictures from that night can be seen on our website

If you can, please remember to bring in an unwrapped toy worth \$10-20 to our December meeting. The toys we bring in will be given to the Toys for Tots charity through the Little Falls PBA.

At the November meeting it was mentioned that there was a shortage of turkeys to be given to needy families. I apologize for not asking for a discussion and a motion on this. I'm asking that you think about this because it will be brought up at our December meeting so that the turkeys can be given out at Christmas time.

As we look forward to the new year we can start to work together as a club to make the upcoming pig roast as successful as our pasta dinner was.

As your President I again want to wish you all a healthy and happy holiday season, and I thank you for all your support this year.

*Ciao,
Carmen*

Merry Christmas





December Birthdays

12/05 Jean Chomko
12/17 Chris Watkins
12/25 Emilia Pedichi

Photo Albums

All of our chapter events pictures can be seen on our website.

Additional pictures from our "NJ IV District" and also a lot from our "UNICO National" events can also be seen on their websites.

www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

www.UNICO.org

www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com

Food Pantry

Please don't forget about our UNICO Phil Arena Food Pantry ... Your non-perishable donation will restock it

You can bring it directly to the pantry in the basement of Holy Angels Church ... or to any chapter meeting

Upcoming Events – Local and National

November 30 ... Friday ... *The day our final chapter dues check is due to UNICO National* ... Please get yours in

November 30 ... Friday ... *UNICO National Office Christmas Holiday Open House* ... Noon till 8:pm

December ... Date to be announced ... *Little Falls Christmas Tree Lighting*

December 2 ... Sunday ... *NJ District IV Christmas Dinner for Special Needs* ... Let our chapter president know how many will be going

December 12 ... 2nd Wednesday ... *Monthly Meeting* ... Hollywood Pizza in Fairfield ... 376 Fairfield Road (in the upstairs private room)

January 10 ... Thursday ... *Our NJ District IV Meeting* ... All are invited to attend ... Delegates are urged to attend ... More information on where will be announced ... Hosted by the Bloomfield Chapter

January 26 ... Saturday ... *Our 1st Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser* ... This is a must pre-pay ticket event as seating is limited ... Buy your tickets now

February 28 – March 2 ... Thursday Friday Saturday ... *UNICO National Mid-Year Board Meeting* ... Orlando FL ... Must register to attend ... Call the National Office for information

April ... Date to be announced ... *Our 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt* ... More information will follow

July 24 25 26 27 ... Wednesday thru Saturday ... *The 97th Annual National Convention* ... At the Gaylord in Nashville TN ... Must register to attend ... Call the National Office for information

“UNICO”

Below are our UNICO's CORE VALUES

If you know of someone who has them or
If you know of someone who would like to help us make a difference
Please invite them to a meeting and possibly have them
join our chapter as a new member

U – Unity

N – Neighborliness

I – Integrity

C – Charity

O – Opportunity

“Service Above Self”



Did You Know ?

The Feast of the Nativity was decreed in Italy by Emperor Aurelian in AD 274

The first Nativity Scene, the "presepio", was created in the village of Greccio in the year 1224. It was requested to be made by St. Francis of Assisi

The eight days celebrated before Christmas are known as the Novena. It honors the journey of the shepherds to the manger

The Seven Fishes are one of the most common Christmas Dinners in Italian history

Do you still do the Seven Fishes?

ComUNICO

You can now read the ComUNICO magazine online, just by clicking on the cover below



Who's Who

Our 2018-2019 Executive Board

President	Carmen Gaita Jr.
1st Vice President	Eileen Wood
2nd Vice President	Pat Ligouri
Treasurer	Bruce Ponchak
Recording Secretary	Steve Pelonero
Sgt. At-Arms	Dominick Bucci
Corresponding Secretary	John Morano

Our 2018-2019 Board of Directors

Bruce Ponchak	Chapter President	2016 & 2017
John Barbieri	Chapter President	2014 & 2015
Robert Appaluccio	Chapter President	2012 & 2013
Steve Pelonero	Chapter President	2010 & 2011
Carmen Criscione	Chapter President	2008 & 2009
Salvatore Benvenuti	Chapter President	2006 & 2007

Our 2018-2019 Chapter Delegates

President Carmen Gaita Jr ...	50 Members (President +2)
..... Delegate Eileen Wood	
..... Delegate Joyce O'Hara	
..... Alternate Delegate Jean Chomko	

Fundraising Committee Heads

Dine with UNICO	Joe Benvenuti, Jean Chomko, Mark BiFalco
Dinner for a Year Raffle	Carmen Criscione
Golf Outing	Joe Barone
Holiday Donations	Robert Appaluccio
Modell's	Roni Corrado
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages	Pat Corrado
Pig Roast	Joe Agresti PNP / James Minella
Refrigerator of Wine 2020 Raffle	Steve Pelonero

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Christmas Tree Lighting w/ Candy Cane Giveaway	Joe Agresti PNP
Community Service Day (April)	Chuck Russo
Easter Egg Hunt	Joe Agresti PNP / Patrick Ligouri
Food Pantry	Roni Corrado
Good and Welfare	Sal Nocella
Membership	John Barbieri
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo	Joe Agresti PNP / Chuck Russo
Study Abroad Collegiate Scholarship	Joseph Agresti PNP
Website	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri
Wine Tasting and Chapter Christmas Dinner	Joe Agresti PNP

November Photos

Our Chapter had a Pasta Dinner on November
"Tutta a tavola e Mangia"

All of the photos can also be seen on our chapter website
www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org



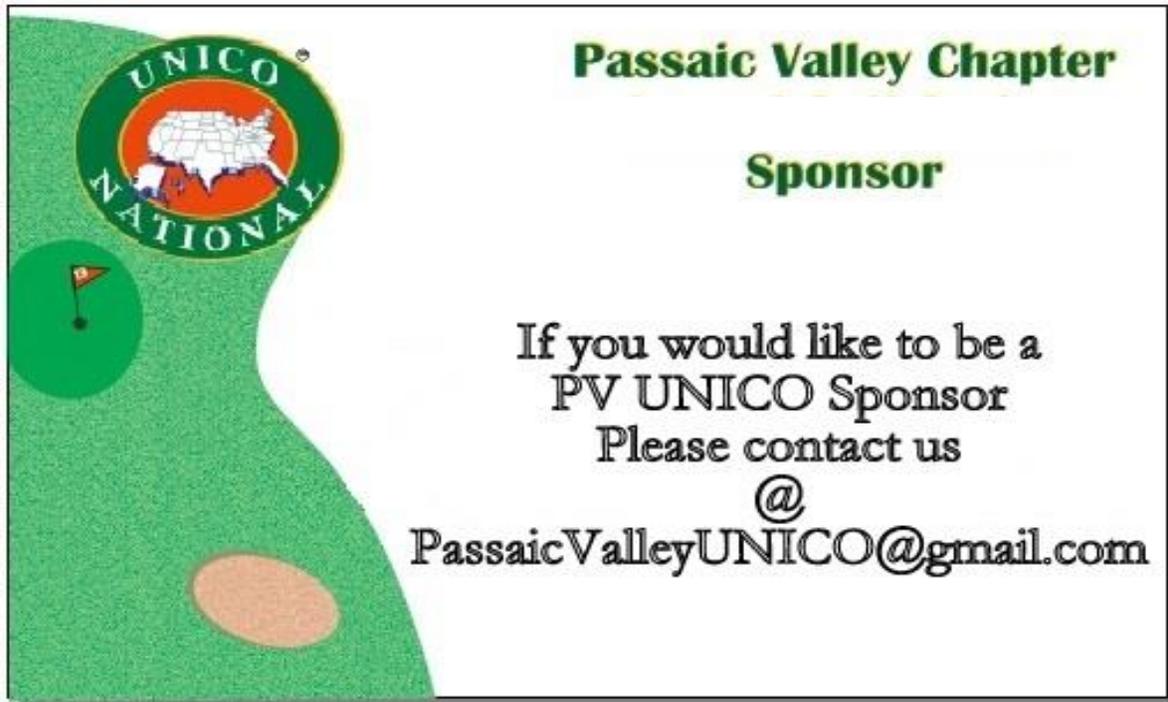


Did you know that we are also on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter ?

www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO - www.Instagram.com/passaicValleyUNICO - www.Twitter.com/PassaicValleyUNICO

It's Never Too Late

*We will advertise your name for an entire UNICO year
(See pages 8, 9 and 10)*

The graphic features a green background with a circular UNICO National logo on the left, a golf ball, and a hole. The text on the right reads: "Passaic Valley Chapter Sponsor. If you would like to be a PV UNICO Sponsor Please contact us @ PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com".

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About UNICO ~ UNICO is the largest Italian American Service Organization in the United States
Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, Opportunity

UNICO was founded on October 10, 1922 in Waterbury, Connecticut. A group of 15 men, led by Dr. Anthony P. Vastola, came together to create what has become a very special and very proud organization. It was Dr. Vastola's dream to create an Italian American service organization to engage in charitable works, support higher education, and perform patriotic deeds. Our motto is "*Service Above Self*".

Each year, the UNICO Foundation and the UNICO National Chapters across the country donate approximately \$1 million to various charities. Scholarships continue to be the primary focus of UNICO, as roughly one-third of all monies raised goes to deserving students from all of the chapter locations throughout the chain.

UNICO National has funded major research in Cooley's Anemia and Mental Health. Through its association with the Jimmy Valvano Foundation it has funded over 10, \$50,000 grants to help find a cure for Cancer. These worthy areas continue to receive generous support from the chapters and its members for these worthy causes.

If you would like to attend one of our meetings to see if you might be interested in joining UNICO, please contact us through any member, or through our email. We would be honored to have you as a member of our Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter.

Committee Comments

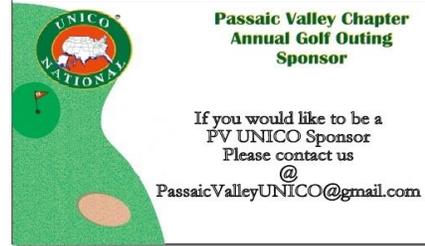
Would you like to be on a committee ?

Do you have a Fundraising idea ?

Please step up and
Serve our Chapter, our Community
and UNICO National

Keep us strong

Let more people know what we do



Do you know of some who would like to sponsor our UNICO Chapter ?

For just \$100.00 for the year, it gets them in this newsletter and on our chapter website for our entire UNICO year.

Please contact us via our chapter email: PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com
Or use our website to fill out the online form www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

Our Pasta Dinner ~ November 17 ~ Still looking for volunteers to make or bring Desserts, table covers, disposable dishes, dinner utensils

Call Dominick Bucci if you can help: 973-703-6473



Please support our sponsors
See pages 12, 13 and 14 in this newsletter

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UNICO NEW JERSEY DISTRICT IV
 Cordially Invites You To Our
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
“A SPECIAL PARTY FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE”

Sunday, December 2, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM
 The Chandelier
 340 Franklin Avenue
 Belleville, NJ

\$40.00 person
 (free to special needs friends and chaperones)

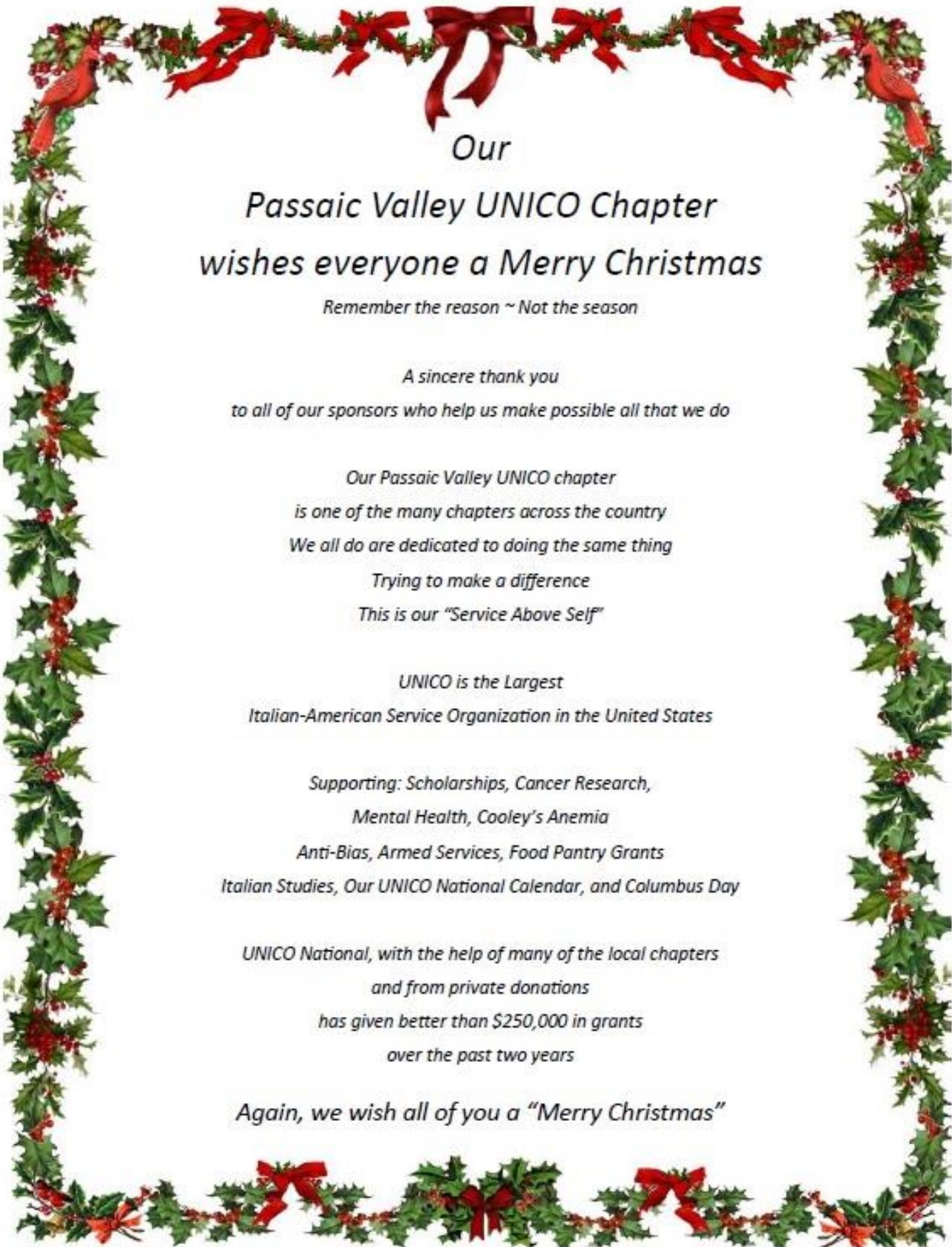
RSVP PLEASE BY NOVEMBER 24, 2018 to:
 NJ IV District Governor Steve Calantone – 862-668-8682
 PNP Joe Agresti – 201-874-0546
 PNP Paul Alongi – 973-714-8253

This year's invited guests are:
 The Circle Of Friends – Clifton Young Adults
 Out and Back from the Epilepsy Foundation
 Horizon from Bloomfield and others

MENU
 Escarole Soup – Salad – Pasta w/Vodka Sauce
 Pepper Steak – Roasted Chicken – Eggplant Rollatini – Vegetables
 Ice Cream – Coffee – Tea – Beer – Wine – Soda

LIVE MUSIC
 and
A VISIT FROM “SANTA CLAUS” OF COURSE!





*Our
Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter
wishes everyone a Merry Christmas*

Remember the reason ~ Not the season

*A sincere thank you
to all of our sponsors who help us make possible all that we do*

*Our Passaic Valley UNICO chapter
is one of the many chapters across the country
We all do are dedicated to doing the same thing
Trying to make a difference
This is our "Service Above Self"*

*UNICO is the Largest
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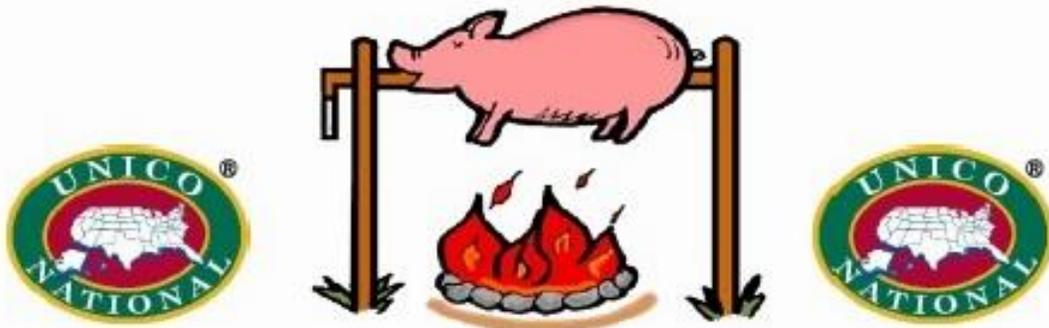
*Supporting: Scholarships, Cancer Research,
Mental Health, Cooley's Anemia
Anti-Bias, Armed Services, Food Pantry Grants
Italian Studies, Our UNICO National Calendar, and Columbus Day*

*UNICO National, with the help of many of the local chapters
and from private donations
has given better than \$250,000 in grants
over the past two years*

Again, we wish all of you a "Merry Christmas"

PIG ROAST DINNER

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BYOB



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