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A Message from our Chapter President

Dear Members,

Now that the holiday season has come to an end, I hope that everyone had a joyous Christmas and a healthy New Year's.

The first half of our year has been a success in raising money, so we can continue to help people in our three towns. However, we only have two more events planned: the pig roast on January 26th and our annual golf outing.

We need to really support these two events as well as sell tickets for the "Dinner for Two Raffle" which Carmen Criscione is running, and the "40 Bottles of Wine with Refrigerator Raffle" for our 2020 Vision Fundrasier.

On another note, we have gained new members but also lost a few. Please keep trying to find new prospective members. "The more hands, the easier the lifting will be."

Once again, thank you for making the first half of the year a success and wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2019.

Ciao,
Carmen

PS- Please remember our 1st Vice President, Eileen Woods, will be having surgery at the end of the month so keep her in your thoughts.





January Birthdays

01/22 Dominick Giuliano

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.

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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

January 9 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Chapter Meeting** ... Amore Ristorante, Woodland Park ... 7:00 pm Dinner – 8:00 pm Meeting

January 10 ... Thursday ... **Our NJ District IV Meeting** ... All are invited to attend ... Delegates are urged to attend ... Hosted by the Bloomfield Chapter @ the Brookdale Tavern, 1099 Broad Street, Bloomfield ... 7:00 pm Eat and Meet

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

March 21 ... Thursday ... **UNICO National Hockey Day - Devils vs Bruins** ... Call the National Office for More information

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

July 11 ... Thursday ... **Tentative drawing date for our Dinner for a Year Raffle and also our 2020 Vision Raffle** ... 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

Don't forget to check out

our District website and our UNICO National website for more dates that be of interest to you

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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 ?

On January 4th, our Chapter website will have been online for 15 years. Thanks for the visits

In Italy, La Festa di San Silvestro is celebrated December 31 (New Year's Eve). As with most Italian festivals, food plays a major role, and families and friends get together for huge feasts. Tradition calls for lentils to be served on New Year's Eve because they symbolize money and good fortune for the coming year

Italian New Year gift items that are considered very lucky are sweets, honey jar, Gold, silver, money, coins and lamps. Every gift denotes something very special and this is the reason that Italian people love spreading their happiness by sharing these gifts.

ComUNICO

You can now read the Com-UNICO 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, Mark BiFalco, Jean Chomko
 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
 2020 Vision 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

Some December Photos

Our NJ IV District had their Annual Christmas Dinner for our Special Need Friends
Here are some of the photos that were taken which have our members in them
All of the photos from this event can be seen on our NJ IV District website
www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com ... or by visiting ... www.UNICO.org



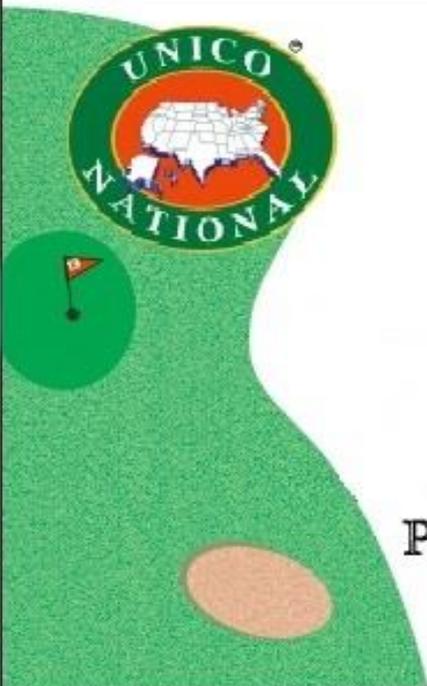


Did you know that we are also on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter ?

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



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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

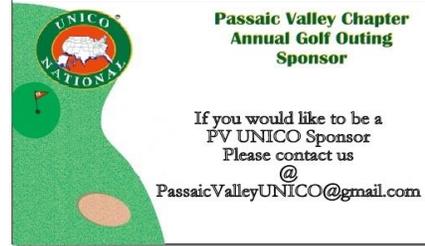
Would you like to be on a committee ?

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

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Our Pig Roast Dinner ~ January 26

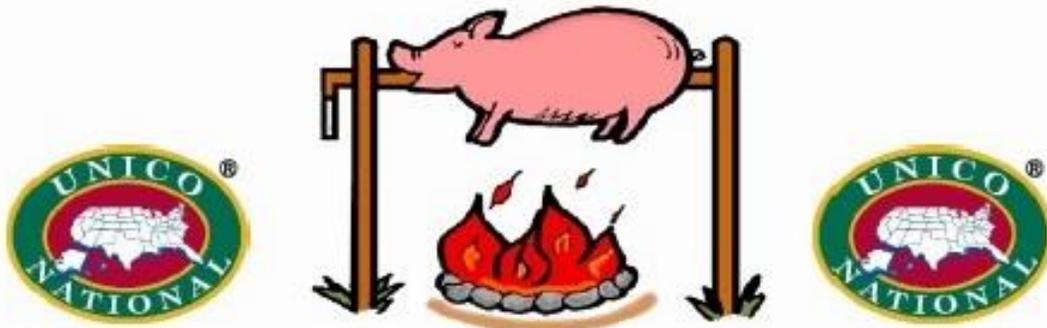
Call Joe Agresti for tickets : 201-874-0546

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