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A Message from our Chapter President

Dear Members,

We are coming into the final months of our calendar year, and once again please try to support our remaining activities. Of course, our main fundraiser the golf outing needs every one of our members' support. Please see our chairman, Joe Barone, if you can help in any way.

On a personal note, I would like to thank our members for the support they showed me in my time of need. Besides being a service organization that helps our communities, the friends I have made in UNICO have made it worth joining. If more people realized that I think we would have many more members. I thank you and my children thank you.

Also, the board will be recommending that as a chapter, we give to Steve's National Convention. So, if possible please try and attend this month's meeting to find out all the details.

Again, thank you for all your support.

Ciao,
Carmen

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## ***Message from the editor***

Due to a technical issue, the February Newsletter was not available. Both February's and March's information are all included here.  
Thank you for your understanding

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New Feature on Page 6
"Word Search"



February Birthdays

02/02 Charles Russo
 02/02 Gisella Sisti
 02/08 Eileen Wood
 02/12 Joyce O'Hara
 02/15 James Cestone
 02/22 John Morano

03/03 Phil Barone
 03/07 Joe Barone
 03/15 Angela Jones
 03/31 Dr. Kyle Eoepchino

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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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

February 13th ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** ... Amore in Woodland Park ... 7:00 pm dinner / 8:00 pm meeting

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 13 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** ... More information will follow

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

April 10 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** ... More information will follow

July 11 ... Thursday ... **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
 There are a lot more dates there that be of interest to you

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"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 ?

[] In Italy, February is the month to celebrate "Carnivale" ... It is the last celebration before Lent begins

[] St. Agatha's Feast Day in Catania, Sicily is said to be the second largest 2 day procession in the world which starts on February 4

[] The Umbrian town of Terni, Italy claim St. Valentino, on February 14th, Valentine's Day, is their patron saint

[] There are many other feasts held in Italy during February. If you read this article and newsletter online, click this website [<<< here >>>](#) for more days that Italians celebrate

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 January Photos

Our First Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser

Our first annual Pig Roast Fundraiser was a success. A thank you to those who put it together (top left photo), the committee (top right photo) and a congratulations to Roni Corrade who was awarded our Chapter Member of the Year. Roni was awarded not only a Proclamation from the Township of Little Falls from Councilman Chris Vancheri, but also proclamations from Dr. Frank DeFrank, UNICO National Executive VP (bottom left photo) and Senator Kristin Corrado (bottom right photo)





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

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Everyday Words in Italian Word Search

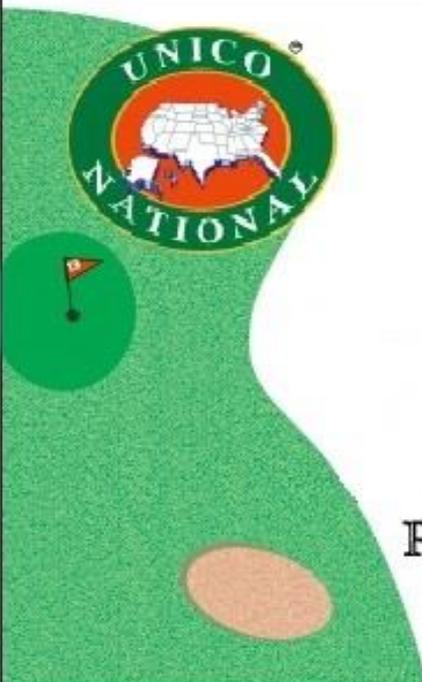
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ASSISI ~ BREAKFAST ~ CALABRIA ~ CAMPANIA ~ CENA ~ DINNER ~ EVENING ~ GRAZIE
 ITALY ~ LIGURIA ~ LUNCH ~ MATTINA ~ PANTHEON ~ PRANZO ~ PREGO ~ PUGLIA
 ROME ~ SICILY ~ THANKS ~ TRENTO ~ TUSCANY ~ UNICO ~ VATICAN ~ VENICE ~ VINO ~ WINE



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*We will advertise your name for an entire UNICO year
(See pages 9, 10 and 11)*



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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

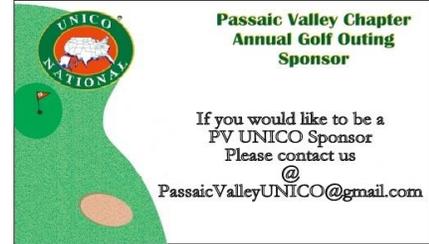
Would you like to be on a committee ?

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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