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Our April 2019 Monthly Newsletter



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A Message from our Chapter President

Dear Members,

First, I would like to wish everybody a Happy Easter and thank the club for the donation to St. Jude's on behalf of my wife.

Our March meeting was a long meeting with many things being discussed. I would like to thank Joe Barone, chairman of our golf outing for all the hard work he has done for the past few years as well as this year. As chairman Joe stated that the committee will look at other venues for next year. To have input on this matter, you should join the committee to have your ideas heard.

We discussed using \$2,000 from our treasury so we could have six scholarships to give out. Please take some time to think about this, so when the vote occurs in April you are making a decision that you believe in. Of course, the majority vote will carry the motion. However, at least you can voice your opinion and if you voted against the majority hopefully you will go along with the decision and still support the scholarship dinner.

The Executive Board will also discuss how we can support Steve's presidency in 2020 and inform the club so that it too can be voted on. For those that were not aware, Steve is not only our chapter secretary, but is currently our UNICO National 1st VP and in 2020, in Fort Myers FL, he will be sworn in as our 98th UNICO National President.

April is an important month with two events that will benefit our communities: The Easter Egg Hunt and Community Service Day. Please try to help at both events.

*Hope to see you all at our April meeting which will be at Amore's.
Thank you again.*

Ciao,
Carmen



April Birthdays

04/03 Steve Pelonero
04/16 Michael D'Antuono
04/27 Bruce Ponchak

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

April 10 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** ... Amore – Woodland Park ... 7:00 pm Dinner ~ 8:00 pm Meeting

April 13 ... Saturday ... **Bunny Breakfast** ... The flier is on page 5 of this newsletter

April 27 ... Saturday ... **UNICO National Community Service Day** ... More information is on page 6 of this newsletter

June 10 ... Monday ... **Our 35th Annual Golf Outing** ... The flier is on page 7 of this newsletter

June 12 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Our Annual Scholarship & Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner** ... A must RSVP Event ... At the Barnyard in Totowa

July 11 ... Thursday ... **Drawing date for our Dinner for a Year Raffle and also for 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 ?

The currency of Italy is the Euro. Prior to that it was the Lira

Pizza was invented in Napoli around 1860

The Po is Italy's longest river

Roma (Rome), the capital is often called "The Eternal City", with approximately 3.57 million inhabitants. It is Italy's biggest city

Italy was unified as a nation by Garibaldi in 1861 and since then includes the islands of Sicily and Sardinia

As of the year 2011, 61 million people were living in Italy

Months and days of the week are always spelt with "all" lower case letters

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 ...	48 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
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 March Photos

*A presentation at our March 13th meeting.
Member Evelyn Tosi and her grandson, Sgt Ed Moore, with Chapter President Carmen Gaita*



*Some UNICO members who attended the M.S.U. Italian Cultural Day on Thursday March 14th
Standing from the left: Anthony Bengivenga, Greater Westfield UNICO, Steve Pelonero, Rutherford Chapter: Frank PNP and Joan Tidona. 2nd from the right standing Joe Agresti PNP and Sal Benvenuti
Sitting from the left: Pat Pelonero, Coccia Institute Director Maryanne Re
And Elda Coccia and our NJ Italian Consulate*

MAYOR KEITH KAZMARK
The Committee on Recreation & Community Relations
along with the Borough Council invite you to our annual

Bunny Breakfast

Online Registration Required



Please join us for a Children's Pancake Breakfast & Fun



Pancakes & Sausage for the children only

Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny

Pictures with the Bunny

Color & make a craft



Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019 / register online by April 5

Time: 9 - 10 am, Breakfast (10 am, Egg Hunt)

Where: Memorial Middle School Cafeteria, 15 Memorial Dr.

For: Free for Children of Woodland Park only pre-K - 5th

Don't forget to bring a basket for the egg hunt!

Must Register Online: By April 5th

<https://register.capturepoint.com/woodlandparkborough>

Please bring a Donation for the Easter Basket Drive!

		<p>THE BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK 5 BROPHY LANE, WOODLAND PARK, N.J. 07424</p> <p>MAYOR KEITH KAZMARK THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT</p>	
<p>973-345-8100 ext. 211 kkazmark@wpnj.us</p>	<p>www.wpnj.us councilmembers@wpnj.us</p>		

Community Service ~ Food Pantry Drive

Our UNICO National Community Service Day Report

A reminder that our annual Food Drive will be held on Saturday, April 27th at the Little Falls ShopRite.

We will be at the ShopRite at 8 AM to set up and will be collecting food, money etc between 8:30AM and 4PM (we will stop soliciting between 3 and 3:15 but will continue collecting till approximately 4PM as the remaining solicited customers exit the store).

This is a rain or shine event; there is no rain date. If the weather is really bad, we will do the best we can.

A number of members have signed the volunteer list to participate on that day. If you are not on that list and would like to help, please let me know as soon as possible. Most volunteers have indicated on the sign up sheet "AM" or "PM". I will be putting together a more precise schedule after the chapter meeting next week, so if you prefer a certain time slot (One or two hours, or more), please let me know at or prior to the chapter meeting. If your volunteer status has changed, please let me know so adjustments can be made to the schedule.

Many thanks to our chapter members for all the great things we do, including this annual Food Drive.

Please contact me at chazzru@msn.com, or my cell - 973-303-8659 to volunteer or with any questions or status changes.

Ciao,
Chuck





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Passaic Valley Chapter *35th* Annual Golf Outing

Monday June 10, 2019

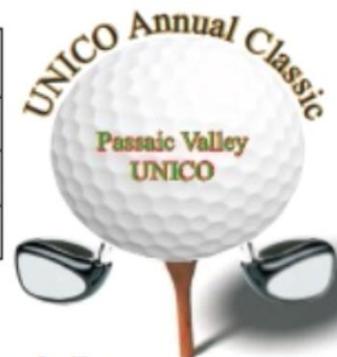
Preakness Valley Golf Course

209 Totowa Road, Wayne, New Jersey
Shotgun Start at 10:00am

- **Breakfast** at 8:00am
- **2 On-course beverages**
- **Full Beefsteak dinner at the Brownstone** at 4:00pm
(includes beer, soda, coffee and tea)



Contests, Prizes & Raffle's	
Surprise!!!	Closest to the Pin
Straightest Drive	Par 3 on the Green
Win a CAR "Hole in One"	



Online Registration

\$150 per person - Check or Cash Payment
\$50 per person Dinner Only

\$153 per person - Credit Card Payment
Pre-Registration is Requested

Go to: www.unicomembers.com/golf

Golf Hole Sponsorship - \$100

Ad displayed on the course, on our Website,
and in our Monthly Newsletter for the Year!

Contact: Joseph Barone

JCHRZBAR@gmail.com or 973-986-7042

All proceeds will go to our local scholarship and charitable endeavors

Committee Comments

Please support our two Raffles
“Dinner for Year” & “40 Bottle of Wine with Refrigerator”
 Both to be pulled on July 11, 2019

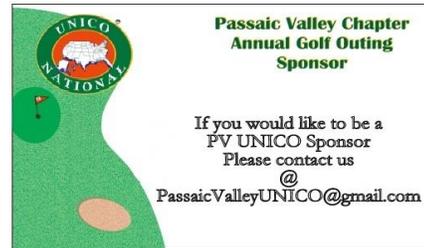
Would you like to be on a committee ?

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.

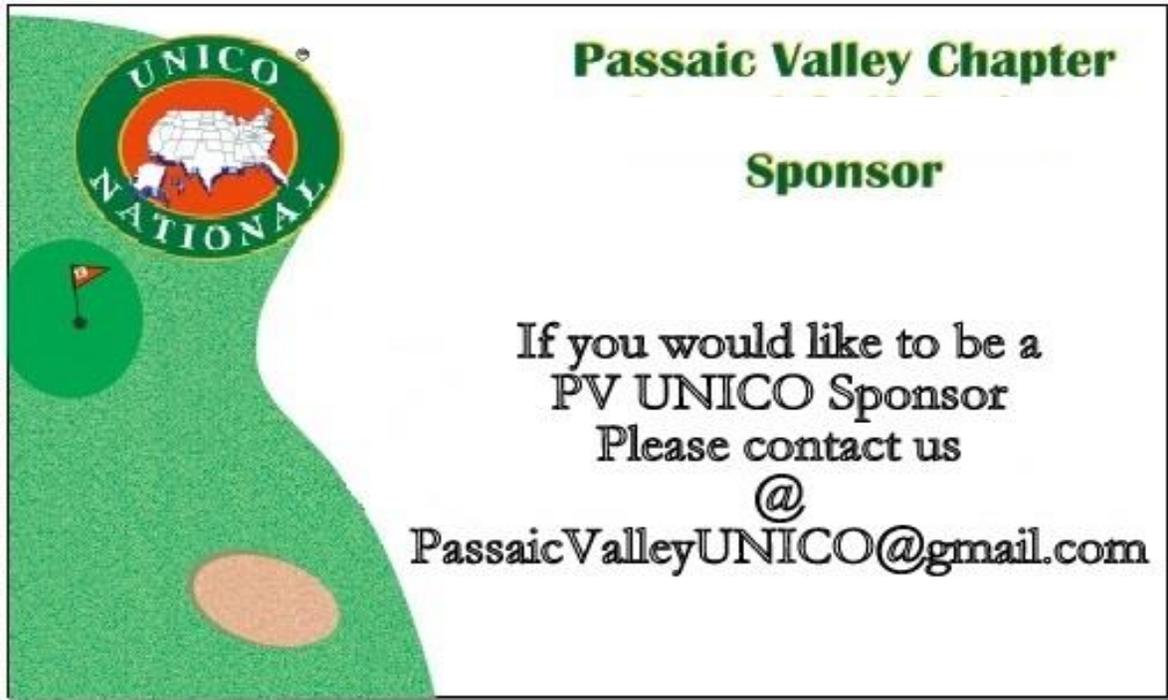
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Please support our sponsors
 See pages 11, 12 and 13 in this newsletter



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(See pages 9, 10 and 11)*



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About UNICO ~ UNICO is the largest Italian American Service Organization in the United States
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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.

April ~ aprile

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