



# UNICO NATIONAL

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## MONTHLY MINUTES April 8, 2020

**Date** April 8, 2020  
**Place** Virtual meeting ... Emailed reports and comments  
**Prayer** Click here >>> [UNICO Prayer](#)  
**Flag Salute** Click here >>> [Pledge of Allegiance](#)  
**Dinner** Your own at home  
**Meeting** Virtual

### Members & Guests in Attendance via responding in an email

Virtual members 5  
 1 Steve Pelonero, 2 Chuck Russo, 3 Emelia Klosek, 4 Frank Capalbo, 5 Dominick Bucci  
 Virtual guests 1  
 1 Nina Capalbo  
 Total 6  
 Percentage (5/55 members) 9%

### Executive Board

<u>Attendance at meetings</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>10/9</u>	<u>11/13</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>1/8</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>3/11</u>	<u>4/8</u>	<u>5/</u>	<u>6/</u>
President: Carmen Gaita	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X		
1 <sup>st</sup> VP: Eileen Wood	😊	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	😊	X		
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP: Pat Ligouri	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	X	😊	X		
Secretary: Steve Pelonero	😊	😊	X	😊	X	😊	😊	😊		
Treasurer: Bruce Ponchak	😊	😊	X	😊	😊	😊	X	X		
SgtAtArms: Dominick Bucci	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊		

### Delegates at meetings

Jean Chomko	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X	X		
Joyce O'Hara	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	X	😊	X		
Eileen Wood	😊	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	😊	X		

### Board of Directors at meetings (6 past Chapter Presidents)

Bruce Ponchak	😊	😊	X	😊	😊	😊	X	X		
John Barbieri	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X		
Bob Appaluccio	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X		
Steve Pelonero	😊	😊	X	😊	X	😊	😊	😊		
Carmen Criscione	X	😊	😊	X	😊	😊	😊	X		
Sal Benvenuti	😊	X	X	😊	😊	😊	😊	X		



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### Past Chapter Presidents in attendance at meetings

	9/11	10/9	11/13	12/11	1/8	2/12	3/11	4/8	5/	6/
Joe Agresti PNP	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X		
Bob Appaluccio	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X		
John Barbieri	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X		
Sal Benvenuti	😊	X	X	😊	😊	😊	😊	X		
Carmen Criscione	X	😊	😊	X	😊	😊	😊	X		
John Morano	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	😊	😊	X		
Steve Pelonero	😊	😊	X	😊	X	😊	😊	😊		
Bruce Ponchak	😊	😊	X	😊	😊	😊	X	X		
Chuck Russo	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊		
Angelo Verrone	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X	X		

### Opening Remarks

- **President Carmen Gaita:**
  - None given
  
- **1<sup>st</sup> VP Eileen Wood:**
  - None given
  
- **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Patrick Ligouri:**
  - None given

### Secretary Minutes

Secretary: Steve Pelonero

Steve emailed the March minutes to all of the chapter members as well as to the National Office for their records. They are also on our chapter website

- Motion to accept
  - 1<sup>st</sup> X
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> X
- All were in favor: X



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## **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer: Bruce Ponchak

X

- Motion to accept  
1<sup>st</sup> X  
2<sup>nd</sup> X  
All were in favor: X

## **Bills and Communications**

- None reported

## **Fundraising Committees**

- **Beefsteak Dinner: Joe Benvenuti**
  - No report given
- **Holiday Cheer: Bob Appaluccio**
  - No report given
- **Food Pantry: Roni Corrado**
  - No report given
- **Overseas and Food Pantry: Roni Corrado**
  - No report given
- **Golf Outing: Joe Barone**
  - No report given



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- **Community Service Day: Chuck Russo**
  - Unfortunately, due to the current COVID19 situation, the food drive scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> must be cancelled.
  - I will be working with Little Falls ShopRite in an effort to possibly re-schedule this Community Service event for some time in the fall.
  - My sincere gratitude for the support over the years and especially to chapter members who had unselfishly volunteered to participate.
  - Stay safe, and add a prayer or two to St Rocco, the patron saint against epidemics and infectious diseases.

## **Non Fundraising Committees**

- **Scholarship Dinner: Joe Agresti and Chuck Russo**
  - No report given
- **Bunny Breakfast: Joe Agresti**
  - No report given
- **Good and Welfare: Sal Nocella**
  - Dominick Bucci: Please pray for my sister, Fran Cuccinello. She is in ICU at St. Joseph's Hospital in Wayne. Covid-19. Pray for everyone in this world this Easter season especially doctors, nurses and first responders. I wish everyone a great Easter. Dominick J. Bucci
  - Steve Pelonero: Please pray for the soul of our Past UNICO Foundation President, John DiNapoli. John had passed away Tuesday evening from the Covid-19 virus
- **Membership: John Barbieri**
  - No report given
- **Newsletter: Steve Pelonero**
  - Newsletter is online: Click here >>> [www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)
  - Website: March 11th meeting 85,542 hits 66 hits since the February 12th meeting
  - Website: April 8<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting 85,597 hits 55 hits since the March 11th meeting



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## District and National Events

- **District News**
  - The NJ IV District March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled
  
- **National News**
  - **National Website Update**
    - Stay in touch with National by clicking here >>> [National Website Page](#)
  
  - **Midyear ~ March 19, 20, 21 ~ Thurs, Fri, Sat ~ St. Petersburg FL**
    - The St. Petersburg, FL, UNICO National Mid-Year Board Meeting was cancelled

## Old Business

- Carmen Gaita reported that he assigned a Nominating Committee and thanked those that volunteered their service to our chapter. A motion to come off the floor will be at a future meeting, but those that the committee pushed forward are:
  - For president: Eileen Wood
  - For 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Pat Ligouri
  - For 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Dominick Bucci
  - Treasurer: Bruce Ponchak
  - Secretary: Chuck Russo stepped up
  - Sgt.At-Arms: Jim Minnella
  
- President Carmen reported that the budget was balanced but in order to make it balance it was needed to take \$4,500 from our slush fund. He stressed that we need to / should stick to the budget for the rest of the year unless someone has a fundraiser that they would like to chair
  
- Carmen Criscione, who is on our dinner meeting committee, remarked that most restaurants will work with us, but that Wednesday is a bad day for some of them. Carmen Gaita asked if anyone was against changing the day of the week. Steve Pelonero noted that as per our chapter constitution, that as long as we give a two week notice any day of the week is ok

## New Business

- None reported



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## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn a virtual meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Steve Pelonero

2<sup>nd</sup> X

All were in favor: X

## **Respectfully & Virtually Taken by**

Steve Pelonero, Passaic Valley Chapter Secretary / UNICO National Executive Vice President