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Serving
Little Falls
Totowa
Woodland Park

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A Message from our Chapter President

BUONA PASQUA TO YOU AND YOUR FAMIGLIA!

I sincerely hope you will all be enjoying some long needed Famiglia time with great Italian food and pastries!

Community Service at the Little Falls ShopRite will be approaching. Please try to give Pat Ligouri your support on April 17th. The food banks are still requesting many items.

Our Golf Outing on June 14 is also coming up. Let's all try to participate and get some sponsors.

Our next meeting, April 14, will again be held at the Church on Browertown Road in Woodland Park. Please try to attend.

Eileen Wood, Chapter President



April Birthdays

3rd Steve Pelonero
 16th Michael D'Antuono
 27th Bruce Ponchak

Photo Albums

All our chapter event 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 do not forget about our UNICO Phil Arena and our many other Food Pantries ... Your non-perishable donation will help restock them

Please contact our Food Pantry Chair, Roni Corrado, on how you can help

Upcoming Events – Local and National

April 14 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Chapter Monthly Meeting

April 17 ... Saturday ... UNICO National and our Community Service Day ... Food Pantry Drive at ShopRite

June 14 ... Monday ... Our Annual Chapter Golf Outing ... More information will follow

July 26, 27, 28 ... Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ... UNICO National's 98 Annual Convention ... In Parsippany at the Sheraton (formally known as the Tara

More days to know about in March:

8 th	<i>Festa della donna</i>	<i>International Women's Day</i>
14 th	<i>Daylight Savings</i>	<i>Clocks forward</i>
15 th	<i>Ide's of March</i>	<i>Assassination of Julius Caesar</i>
17 th	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	<i>Not widely celebrated in Italy but still acknowledged</i>
19 th	<i>St. Joseph's Day</i>	<i>In Italy, this is traditionally a meatless fasting day</i>
20 th	<i>Spring begins</i>	<i>This day daylight increases until autumn starts</i>
25 th	<i>Duomo in Florence</i>	<i>It was consecrated this day in 1436</i>
28 th	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Commemorates the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem</i>

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”



Traditional Easter Foods in Italy

Lamb ~ Meat

Columba ~ Pastry

Mixed foods ~ Fresh Beans

Salami with boiled eggs

Pastiera napoletana ~ A

ricotta, egg and berry filled cake

Casatiello napoletano ~ A

rustic cake filled with cheese, pancetta, salami and whole eggs

Pizza di Pasqua ~ A salt cake typically served at breakfast

Torta Pasqualina ~ A salt pie

Scarcella and Fiadoni ~ An Easter cake made of shortcrust pastry

The above foods can be seen on if you click on this website << [click here](#) >>

ComUNICO

You can now read the Com-UNICO magazine online, just by clicking on the cover page below.



Who's Who

Our 2020-2021 Executive Board

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

Our 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Carmen Gaita	Past Chapter President	2018 & 2019
Bruce Ponchak	Past Chapter President	2016 & 2017
John Barbieri	Past Chapter President	2014 & 2015
Robert Appaluccio	Past Chapter President	2012 & 2013
Steve Pelonero	Past Chapter President	2010 & 2011
Carmen Criscione	Past Chapter President	2008 & 2009

Our 2020-2021 Chapter Delegates

President Eileen Wood ... 55 Members (President +3)

Delegates and alternates: To be voted on at a chapter meeting.

Delegates represent our chapter vote at regional and national meetings.

Fundraising Committee Heads

Christmas Family Gifts	Bob Appaluccio
Food Pantry	Roni Corrado
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages	Pasquale Corrado

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Christmas Tree Lighting w/ Candy Cane Giveaway	Joe Agresti PNP
Community Service Day (April).....	Pat Ligouri
Good and Welfare	Sal Nocella
Membership	John Barbieri
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo	Chuck Russo
Study Abroad College Grants	Joseph Agresti PNP
Website	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

Committee & Comments

Chapter Food Pantry Drive

April 17th at ShopRite

Please attend our April 14th meeting for more information

Chapter Golf

June 14th at the Meadows in Lincoln Park

Please attend our April 14th meeting for more information

Chapter Scholarship

June 16th at the Barnyard in Totowa

Please attend our April 14th meeting for more information

UNICO National 98th Annual Convention

July 26, 27, 28 ~ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

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Italian Flag Raising

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UNICO NATIONAL 98TH ANNUAL CONVENTION 2021

Monday, JULY 26th through Wednesday, JULY 28th, 2021



Sheraton Parsippany Hotel
199 Smith Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054

TO MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION

- YOU CAN CONTACT THE HOTEL **DIRECTLY** BY CALLING
1-888-627-8148
 1. IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS BEING PART OF THE UNICO GROUP
 2. GIVE THE AGENT YOUR ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE DATES
- **ONLINE** at [Book your group rate for UNICO](#)

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, JULY 9.

UNICO GROUP ROOM RATE

\$149 + tax

Group rate available 3 days pre and post, based on availability.

Parking: FREE

Reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. A deposit for one (1) night will be charged.
Cancellations can be made up to 72 hours prior to arrival at no charge.

**NEXT - FILL OUT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM BY JULY 9, 2021
AND SEND IT WITH PAYMENT TO:**

UNICO NATIONAL

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UNICO NATIONAL 2021
98th Annual Convention
 Sheraton Parsippany Hotel
 Parsippany, NJ
 JULY 26 to JULY 28, 2021

Name _____ Nickname _____
 Spouse's name, if attending _____ (if spouse is a member, please complete a separate form)
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Email Address _____ Phone # _____
 Children Attending – name(s) and age(s) _____
 Chapter _____ District _____ Office held _____
 (i.e., National Officer, District Governor, Chapter President, Delegate, Trustee)

FEES AND CHARGES

- **Convention Package Includes:**
 Registration
 Monday Night Icebreaker
 Wednesday Inaugural Gala

PER PERSON

CHILDREN (12 & under)

\$350.00

\$50.00

Number of Adults _____ X \$350 = \$ _____
 Number of Children _____ X \$ 50 = \$ _____

- **Registration Only** (For Members not taking the Convention Package)

\$100.00

Total Amount Enclosed or To Be Charged To Your Card \$ _____

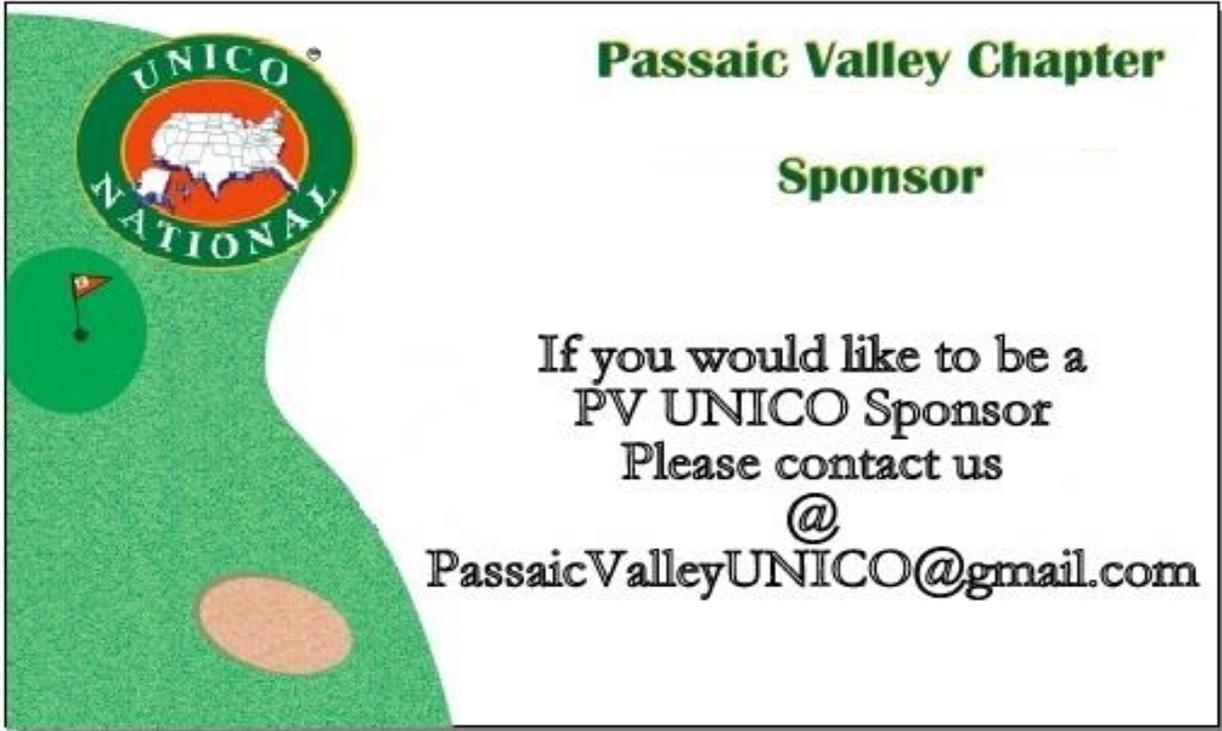
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 MasterCard Card number _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____ (3 or 4 digit)
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 Fairfield Commons, 271 US Highway 46 West, Suite F-103 Fairfield, New Jersey 07004
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Passaic Valley Chapter

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Our UNICO Charities

UNICO National

Armed Services ~ Columbus Day ~ Heritage & Photo Calendar

UNICO Foundation

21st century ~ Anti-Bias ~ Cancer Research & Prevention

Cooley's Anemia ~ Italian Studies ~ Mental Health

Scholarships ~ Torracco Food Bank/Shelter

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.

A Special thanks

To our past Sponsors and Supporters

We sincerely appreciated your generosity

For those that would like to help us in 2020-2021

You can reach us at

PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

Or you can ask any chapter member for more information

Just \$100 gets you in every issue of this newsletter and on our chapter website for our UNICO year 2020-2021

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