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A Message from our Chapter President

Ciao Everyone

Well, this will be our last newsletter for the season!

Our last 2021 meeting for our chapter will be June 9th at Francesco's in Woodland Park at 7Pm. Please try to attend.

Our final fund raiser of the year is our upcoming Golf Outing at the Meadows in Lincoln Park on June 14. I hope we will have a good turnout.

Our Scholarship dinner on June 16 will be held at The Barnyard in Totowa. I know we will have a great attendance. Let's pray for good weather!

Just a reminder, if you have not done so, be sure to sign up for the Convention in July. This is an event that I would like to see our members in attendance as we swear in Steve Pelonero as our National President.

Enjoy the summer wherever your plans are taking you! See you in September!

*Respectfully
Eileen Wood
President*



June Birthdays

6th Rick Lijoi
 9th Angelo Verrone
 10th Michael DeMusso
 28 Pat Liguori
 30th Henry Youngster

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.

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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

June 9 ~ 2nd Wednesday ~ Chapter Monthly Meeting ~ More information to follow.

June 14 ~ Monday ~ Our Annual Chapter Golf Outing ~ All of the information is on our chapter website ~ Flier section and member section.

June 16 ~ Wednesday ~ Our Annual Chapter Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner ~ At the Barnyard in Totowa ~ \$30 per person ~ Please bring advanced payment to the May 12th meeting.

July 26, 27, 28 ~ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ~ UNICO National's 98 Annual Convention ~ In Parsippany at the Sheraton (formally known as the Tara) ~ The flier and the Registration Form are in this newsletter.



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”



Facts about Italy

Italy's proper name is Repubblica Italiana.

Rome, its capital city, was founded in 753BC.

Italians eat spaghetti only with a fork.

Gelato is an Italian invention.

A calzone is simply a folded-up pizza.

There are three active volcanos in Italy: Vesuvius, Stromboli, Etna.

The colors of the Italian flag represent three virtues: Green (hope), White (faith), Red (charity).

Italy was unified as a nation in 1861 by Garibaldi.

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	Carmen Gaita
Study Abroad College Grants	Joseph Agresti PNP
Website	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

Committee & Comments

Chapter Golf

*Joe Barone ~ June 14th at the Meadows in Lincoln Park.
Please attend our May 12th meeting for more information.*

Chapter Scholarship

*Carmen Gaita ~ June 16th at the Barnyard in Totowa.
Please attend our June 9th meeting for more information.*

Italian Flag Raising

*Steve Pelonero ~ We will have an Italian Flag Raising in Little Falls, in October.
The town is still in the process of coming up with the agenda.
Please come to our June 9th meeting for more information.*

Food Pantry

*Roni Corrado ~ Happy to report that the monies which were collected at the Annual Community Day were distributed to Little Sisters of the Poor, Passaic County Veterans, and First Reformed Church of Little Falls.
Each pantry received \$225 in Shop Rite gift cards.
A sincere and grateful thank you to the members for sustaining this endeavor this past year.*

Overseas Soldier Program

A package of goodies was sent out to Pfc. Anthony Penque in Afghanistan.

UNICO National 98th Annual Convention

*July 26, 27, 28 ~ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.
Please come to our May 12th meeting for more information.*





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

	<u>PER PERSON</u>	<u>CHILDREN (12 & under)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention Package Includes: <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Registration <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Monday Night Icebreaker <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Wednesday Inaugural Gala 	\$350.00	\$50.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration Only (For Members not taking the Convention Package) 	\$100.00	

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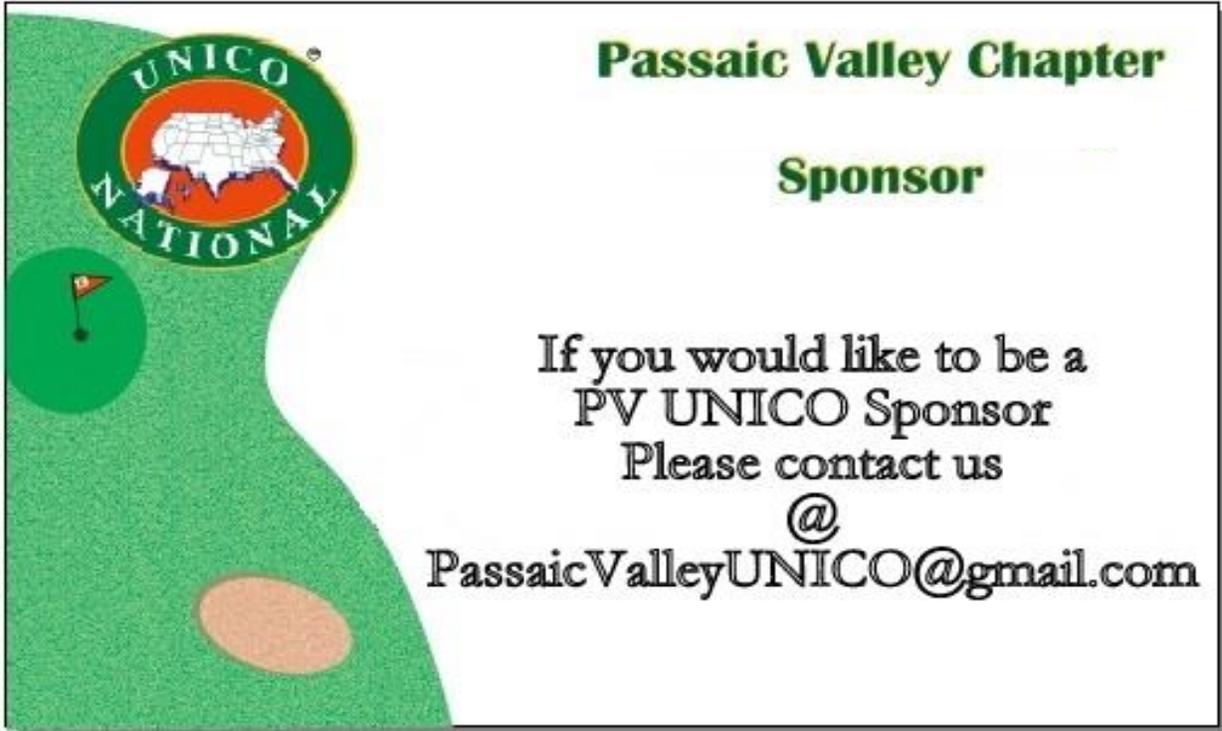
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21st century ~ Anti-Bias ~ Cancer Research & Prevention

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 Sponsors and Supporters

You too can be added to this page for just \$100

We sincerely appreciate your generosity & help

For those that would like to help us in 2021/2022

Please reach out to 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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