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### Passaic Valley UNICO

Our July 2023 Monthly Newsletter



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#### A Message from our Chapter President

July and August are finally here, and we start thinking about our next September meeting and some new chapter ideas and events!

I would like to congratulate our chapter Chairpersons and members on an outstanding year! We accomplished so many events from Holiday Chair, Food Drive, Golf Outing and our Scholarship and Brian Piccolo recipient awards!

I would like to recognize our newest members as well as our executive board for having them in our chapter. Let's all work together as a team and make the incoming year even better than ever!

As we conclude our final June meeting and Pizza celebration for our accomplishments the chapter sponsors for all your patriotic volunteer time.

Have a great summer and will "SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER" Arrivederci and God Bless!

I will post monthly updates of our events so everyone can participate, also many flyers are on our website!

Enjoy You Summer! Dominick J. Bucci – Chapter President



### July Birthdays "Happy Birthday"

07-09 Jessica Gaita 07-10 Daniel Dransfield 07-20 Evelyn Tosi 07-23 Michaela Ragusso 07-27 Pasquale Corrado 07-31 Joe Benvenuti

#### 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 nonperishable donation will help restock them.

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

#### Upcoming Events – Local and National

July 1 ~ The UNICO National Calendar Year officially starts on this day

<u>July 11, 2023</u> ~ Tuesday ~ <u>NJ District IV Meeting</u> ~ Lakeside Pub in Wayne ~ 7 pm ~ Eat and Meet ~ Must respond to Chapter president

<u>July 26 – July 29</u> ~ Wednesday through Saturday ~ <u>UNICO National Convention</u> ~ Sanibel Harbor Beach Marriott in Fort Myers FL

August ~ Our month off ~ Have a safe summer!

<u>October 11, 2023</u> ~  $2^{nd}$  Wednesday ~ <u>Chapter Monthly Meeting</u> ~ Casa Arturo in Little Falls ~ 7 pm ~ BYO ~ \$35.00 per person

November 8,  $2023 \sim 2^{nd}$  Wednesday  $\sim$  Chapter Monthly Meeting  $\sim$  Casa Arturo in Little Falls  $\sim$  7 pm  $\sim$  BYO  $\sim$  \$35.00 per person

Also ~ You can always visit the UNICO National Website Calendar for even more dates of something that may be of interest to you ~ www.UNICO.org ~ For a direct link to the calendar, please click here >>> UNICO Event Calendar



#### 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"



#### Italian Language

July

luglio

First

Primo (masculine) Prima (feminine)

Saturday

sabato

Summer

estate

Winter

inverno

Spring

primavera

Fall

autunno

#### **ComUNICO**

You can now read the <a href="Com-UNICO">Com-UNICO</a> magazine on the internet Just click or go here >>>

www.unico.org/comUNICO

#### Who's Who

#### Our 2023-2024 Executive Board

President	Dominick Bucci
1st Vice President	Carmen Criscione
2nd Vice President	Joe Benvenuti
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bruce Ponchak
Secretary	Steve Pelonero
Sgt. At-Arms	John Morano
Corresponding Secretary	John Morano

#### Our 2023-2024 Board of Directors

Steve Pelonero	Past Chapter President	2010 & 2011
John Barbieri	Past Chapter President	2014 & 2015
Bruce Ponchak	Past Chapter President	2016 & 2017
Carmen Gaita	Past Chapter President	2018 & 2019
Eileen Wood	Past Chapter President	2020 & 2021
Dominick Bucci	Current Chapter President	2022 & 2023

#### Our 2023-2024 Chapter Delegates

President Dominick Bucci ... 55 Members (President +3)

Delegate: Jean Chomko Delegate: Sal Benvenuti Delegate: Patricia Pelonero

(Delegates represent our chapter and are urged to attend our district, regional, and national meetings, especially if a vote is called for)

#### Our 2023-2024 Chapter Membership

55 members

#### Our 2023-2024 Fundraising Committee Heads

Cornhole Tournament	John Barbieri
Food Pantry	Open – To be appointed
	Joe Barone
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#### Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April)	Charles Russo
Good and Welfare	
Newsletter	
Nominating Chair	Open - To be appointed
Publicity	Christina Castillo & Roni Corrado
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo	Charles Russo
Study Abroad College Grants	Cav. Joseph Agresti PNP
Website	Steven Pelonero PNP
Website Member Section	John Barbieri

### Our 2023 Scholarship & Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner June 11th, 2023 ~ At the Barnyard in Totowa





















### Veteran / Flag Day Recognition Chapter members ~ Anthony Orlando and Cav. Joseph Agresti PNP





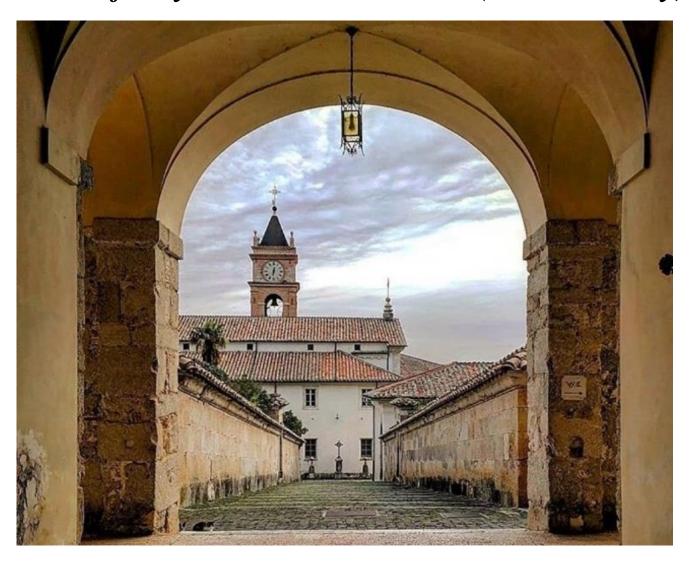




Chapter members, Anthony Orlando (top left photo) and Cav. Joseph Agresti PNP w/ nephews children (top right photo)

Bottom two photos Cav. Joseph Agresti PNP (center in both photos) Both men were honored on Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for their Armed Forces Service

# Italian Heritage Photo From the 2023 UNICO Heritage Calendar Month of July ~ Abbazia di Trisulti (Trisulti Abbey)



The first Benedictine abbey was founded in this site in 996 by Saint Dominic Abbot. In 1947 the monastery was taken over by the Cistercian Congregation of Casamari Abbey and now continues as a Cistercian monastery.

The name Trisulti could derive from Latin tres saltibus, meaning "at the three jumps": this was the name of a castle of the baronial Colonna family which commanded the three passes ("jumps") leading to Abruzzo, Rome and Latium.

The abbey is surrounded by a massive line of walls. The entrance has a bust of Saint Bartholomew by Jacopo Lo Duca, a pupil of Michelangelo Buonarroti; this leads to a central square where there is a Romanesque-Gothic guesthouse, commonly known as the "Palace of Innocent III" (including a portico, a terrace and a library of 36,000 volumes), and the church of San Bartolomeo (St. Bartholomew).

#### Where is your Italian Heritage From



#### Committee & Comments

#### 2nd Vice President Message ~ Joseph Benvenuti

I would like to thank all our members on an outstanding year. With the help of everyone in the club we were able to do lot of good deeds for our fellow neighbors. Want to wish you all a very good summer and a safe one for sure. Lets come back in September with a strong effort on having another good year with some good ideas for the coming year.

#### Chapter Due Notice

Dues envelopes were brought and handed out at the June meeting. The balance of reminders will be sent out via the U.S. Postal Service.

#### Food Pantry ~ Chair: Open

From: Roni Corrado ~ The May donation went to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Little Falls. Through the members generosity that pantry received \$100 in ShopRite gift cards and a trunk full of cleaning products and personal hygiene products.

A sincere thank you to the members of the chapter for the continued support of our monthly food pantries this year. You're the best!

#### Heritage ~ Chair: Angelo Verrone

If you would like to have your family's heritage, from the town that they came from in Italy, please let me know. We will come up with a nice write-up with some photos for a future newsletter. The most recent is in this newsletter on page 6. This photo is featured in the UNICO National Calendar for the month of July.

#### Holiday Cheer ~ Chair: Open

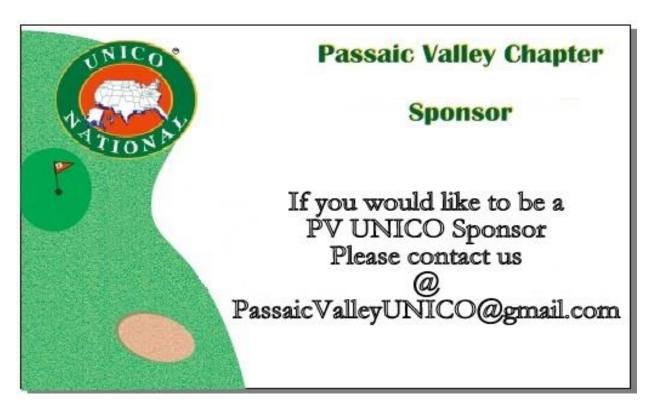
From: Roni Corrado ~ Thank you for another successful year of providing 5 local needy families with \$250 in ShopRite gift cards and \$250 in Kohl's gift cards for the holidays. I'll say it one more time members: you're the best!

#### Overseas Soldier Program ~ Chair: Roni Corrado

We are thankful that no soldiers from our area is in need of assistance.

#### Publicity Committee ~ Chairs: Roni Corrado & Christina Castillo

We sincerely thank the Italian Tribune for their graciousness in publishing our Corn Hole and Community Service Day events in their May 18 newspaper and our District IV Pasta Dinner in their June 22 publication.



#### **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 ~ Torraco 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 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 Please support them.

You too can be added to this page for just \$100. We sincerely appreciate your generosity & help.

Our campaign for our 2023-2024 year never ends. (please see Pages 14-17)

If you would like your company, your business, or your own personal ad to be displayed,
Please ask any chapter member for more information.

#### Or just click here



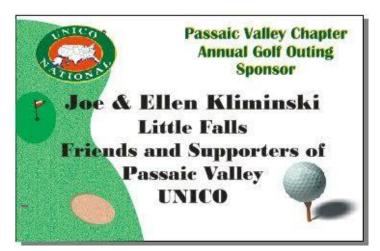
#### UNICO GOLF (unicomembers.com)

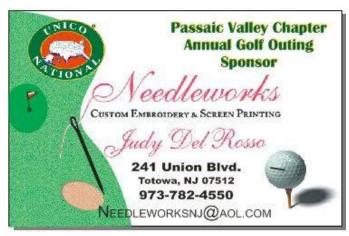
Just \$100 gets you in every issue of this newsletter, and on our chapter website for our UNICO year.

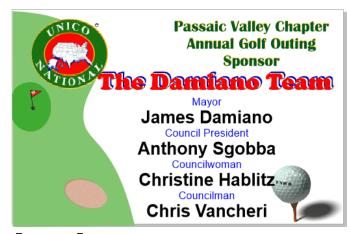
You will also be shown at our annual golf outing on June 19, 2023 <a href="https://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org">www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org</a>

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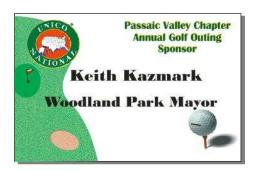


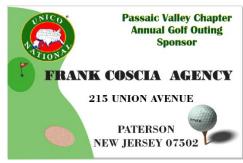








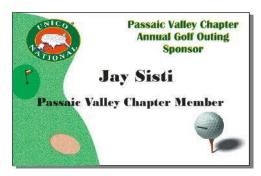








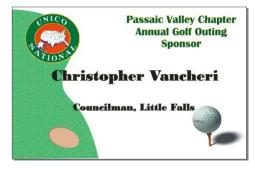


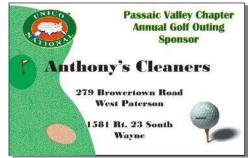






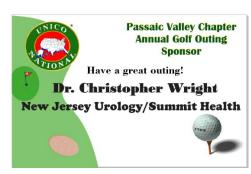


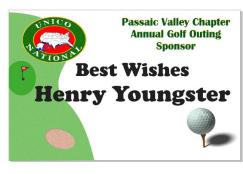










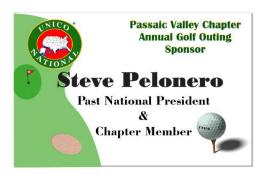


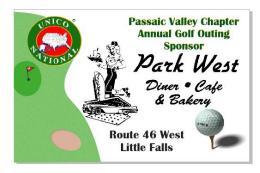


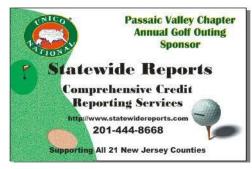


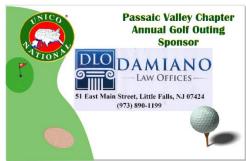










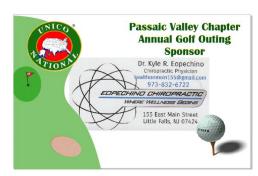






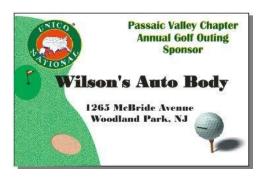






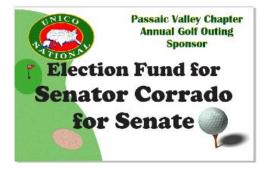


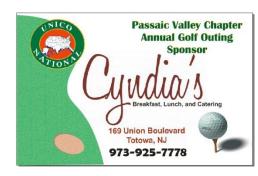










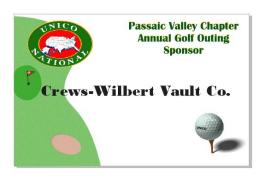






















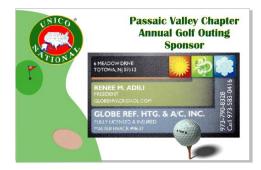


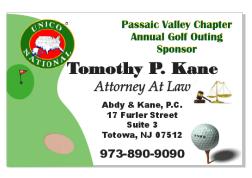




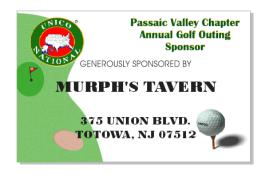




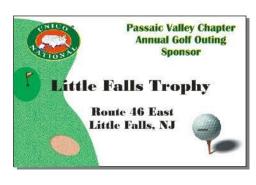


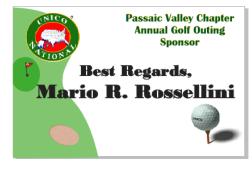


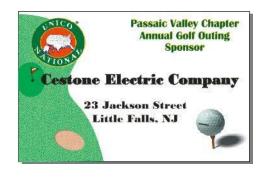


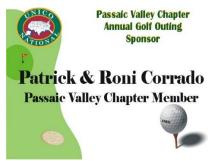














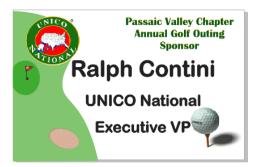




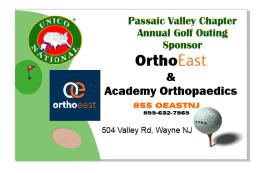






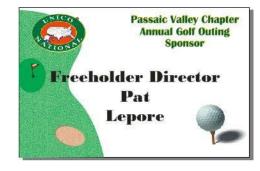








Marian J. Rabel





You too can be a proud sponsor of our Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter ~ It is never too late You will be in every newsletter for our 2023-2024 year.

And, if received early enough, you will also have a sign on one of the 18 holes at our Annual Golf Outing on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please see the golf flier on page 5 of this newsletter for more information