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Our August 2023 Monthly Newsletter



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Chapter Website www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org Chapter Website www.UNICOmembers.com

Facebook Page www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO
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District Website www.UNICONJIV.yolasite.com

National Website www.UNICO.org

Chapter Email PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

## A Message from our Chapter President

Well, the National Convention is this last week of July and myself and our delegates will update the chapter at our September meeting of the events that transpired.

Enjoy your August! And hopefully our rain will hold off to enjoy the rest of our summer!!!!!

I will post monthly updates of our events so everyone can participate, also flyers are on our chapter and national websites!

Have a great summer and will "SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER" (ci rivediamo a settembre)

Arrivederci and God Bless!

Dominick J. Bucci

Passaic Valley UNICO - President



## July Birthdays "Happy Birthday"

08-06 Claudine Stefanelli 08-09 Cav. Joe Agresti PNP 08-09 Tony Orlando 08-15 Pete Longo 08-24 Carmen Allora 08-25 Joe McGill

#### 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

<u>August</u> ~ There is not meeting this month ~ <u>Have a safe summer!</u>

<u>September 13</u> ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ~ <u>Our Chapters first meeting of the UNICO year</u> ~ More information will follow ~ <u>Come and meet our MSU Study Abroad Scholarship</u> Recipient

<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"



#### **UNICO** Charities

#### Foundation Charities

- ... Cancer Research
- ... Cooley's Anemia
- ... Food Bank
- ... Italian Studies
- ... Mental Health
- ... Scholarship
- ... St. Jude's Hospital

#### **National Charities**

- ... Anti Bias
- ... Armed Forces
- ... Columbus Day
- ... Heritage Calendar

#### **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	
2nd Vice President	Joe Benvenuti
Treasurer	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

#### 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
Golf Outing	
Holiday Cheer	
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages	Pasquale & Roni Corrado

#### Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April)	Charles Russo
Good and Welfare	
Heritage	Angelo Verrone
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero PNP
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

# Italian Heritage Photo From the 2023 UNICO Heritage Calendar Month of August ~ Handmade Pottery



Handmade pottery from Siena, Italy

Siena is a city in central Italy's Tuscany region. The city is distinguished by its medieval brick buildings.'

The photo was taken by a UNICO member from the Long Island North Shore Chapter.

## Where is your Italian Heritage From



## **Committee & Comments**

### Chapter Dues Notice

There will be no dues envelope this month of August ~ It does not mean however that you have paid your annual dues to our chapter, which in turn goes to UNICO National ~ When September comes around, another notice will be mailed out to those that we show as not yet paid ~ Dues will be collected out our September meeting, unless you mail them to our PO Box after this newsletter comes our. Thank you for staying as a member of our UNICO chapter. Please get involved in one of our committees, we can always use your help

## Over Seas Soldier Program

At this time no one that we are aware of in our UNICO family is overseas. That is always good news.

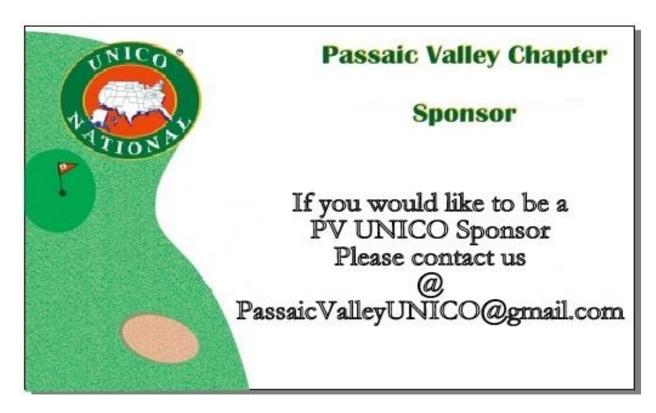
## Our Chapter Committees

- Anti Bias
- Community Service Day
- Cornhole Tournament
- Dinner Meetings
- Food Pantry
- Golf Outing
- Good and Welfare
- Heritage
- Holiday Cheer
- Newsletter
- Nominating
- Overseas Armed Service Care Packages
- Photographer
- Publicity
- Scholarship / Brian Piccolo
- Study Abroad
- Website

Please think about signing up to help out on one (or more) of these

## **Publicity Committee**

At this The Italian Tribune published the Scholarship Brian Piccolo article in its July 6 issue. All published pictures and articles are entered in the PV UNICO scrapbook. Great memories.



### **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 9-16)

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

### Or just click here



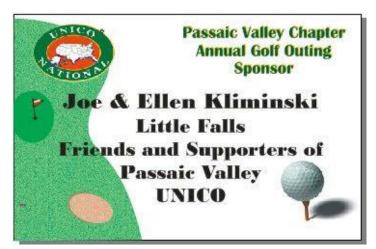
### UNICO GOLF (unicomembers.com)

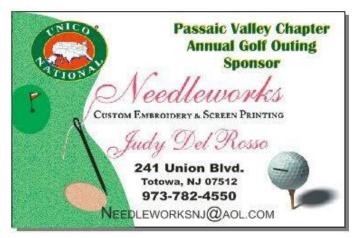
Just \$100 gets you in every issue of this newsletter, and on our chapter website for our UNICO year.

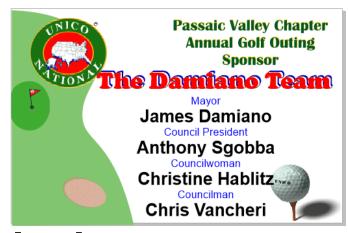
You will also be shown at our annual golf outing on June 19, 2023 <a href="https://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org">www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org</a>

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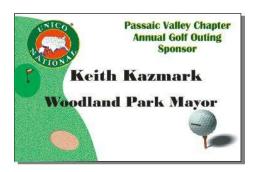


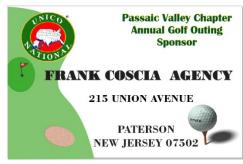








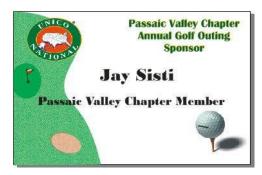




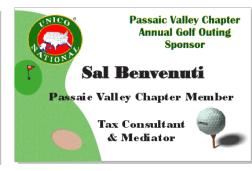




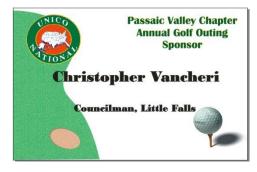


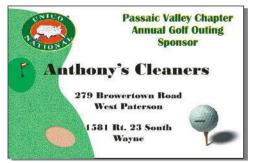


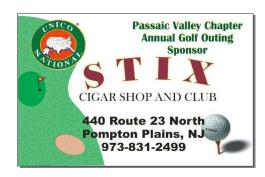




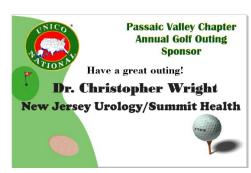


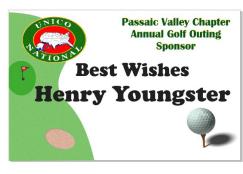










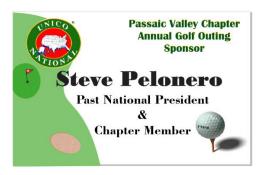


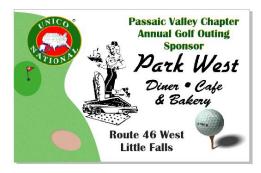




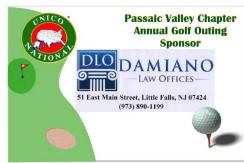










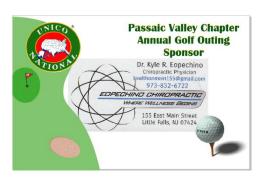




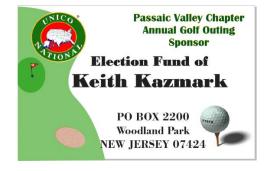


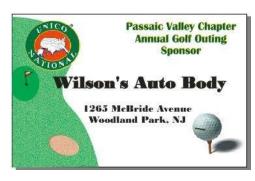






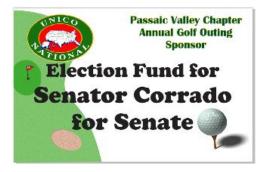


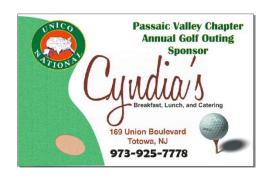


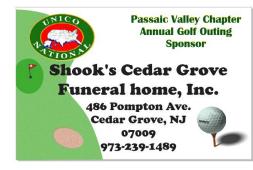








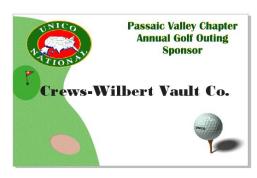
















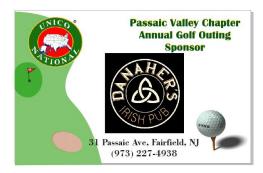






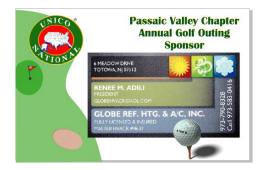


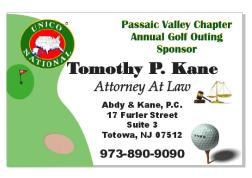




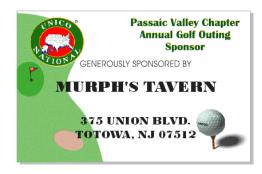




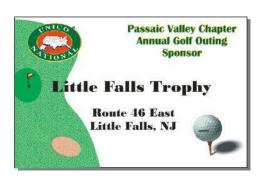


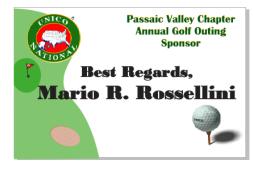




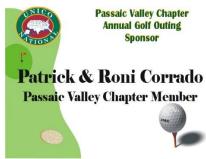














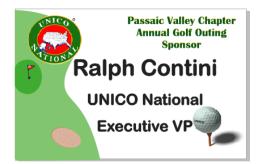


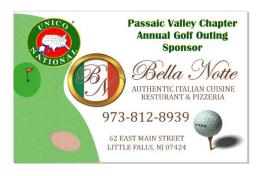


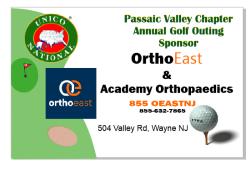






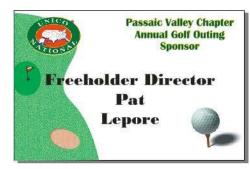








Marian J. Rabel





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 19th.

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