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A Message from our Chapter President

Welcome to June 2024!

For the past Two Years, since I have been Chapter President, it truly seems like yesterday.

The new Board of Directors, the Executive Board and your next Chapter President will continue to provide and strive to make us even better!

Here are some dates to remember but there are always a few more on the next page of this newsletter and also on our chapter website:

On June 9th we have our annual Scholarship Dinner and our chapter meeting on the 12th. I look forward to seeing ALL our members at them.

June 17 we are having our annual Golf Tournament and hope that we get an even greater turnout than last year. Remember to support it by finding golfers and more importantly, SPONSORS!!

Thank you everyone for supporting me during my Illness.

As we will be not meeting in July & August, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer season.

Your chapter president

Dominick Bucci



June Birthdays "Happy Birthday"

09 Angelo Verrone 30 Elaine Barone 30 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.

www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

www.UNICO.org

www.UNICONJIV.yolasite.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 Chairs, Carmen Gaita, or Patricia Pelonero on how you can help.

Upcoming Events – Local and National

June 9, 2024 ~ Sunday ~ Our Annual Brian Piccolo, Scholarship and Officer Installation Dinner ~ At the Barnyard in Totowa ~ \$50 ~ 6 pm ~ More information is in the Committee Comments section of this newsletter.

June 12, 2024 ~ 2nd Wednesday ~ Our tradition year end Chapter Pizza Meeting ~ Holy Cross Church ~ 7 pm dinner ~ 7:30 pm meeting.

June 17, 2024 ~ Monday ~ Our 39th Annual Golf Outing ~ The Meadows in Lincoln Park with a Beefsteak to follow at the Brownstone ~ The Golf Flier, with more information, is in this newsletter.

June 27, 2024 ~ Thursday ~ 6:30 pm ~ NJ District IV Meeting ~ Hosted by the Sparta Chapter ~ At IL Porto Restaurant in Sparta ~ #7 Boardwalk on Lake Mohawk ~ Must RSVP to Chapter President.

July 28, 29, 30, 31 ~ Sunday through Wednesday ~ The UNICO National Convention. This year it is in Princeton NJ ~ All the information is on the UNICO National Website @ www.UNICO.org.

December 3, 2024 ~ Tuesday ~ Our UNICO NJ District IV Christmas Dinner for our Special Need Friends ~ More information will follow.

Below are our UNICO's CORE VALUES

If you know of someone who has them and 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

<u>Travelers Guide</u> to Italy

Clicking here will bring you to some of the most traveled tourist places in Italy and Sicily

ComUNICO

You can now read the <u>Com-UNICO</u> 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
Treasurer	Bruce Ponchak
Secretary	Steve Pelonero
Sgt. At-Arms	
Corresponding Secretary	

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 ... 49 Members (President +2)

Delegate: Jean Chomko

Alternate Delegate: Sal Benvenuti Alternate 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 Fundraising Committee Heads

Cornhole Tournament	John Barbieri
Food Pantry	Carmen Gaita and Patricia Pelonero
Golf Outing	Joe Barone
	Carmen Gaita, Joe Benvenuti, Sal Benvenuti
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages	Open - To be appointed

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April)	Charles Russo
Good and Welfare	Joe Benvenuti
Heritage	Angelo Verrone
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero PNP
Nominating Chair	Open - To be appointed
Publicity	
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo	Charles Russo
Study Abroad College Grants	Cav. Joseph Agresti PNP
Website	Steven Pelonero PNP
Website Member Section	John Barbieri



Annual Golf Outing

Monday June 17, 2024

501c3 organization **Meadows Golf Club**

- Breakfast at 8:00am **Back by Popular Demand...**

76 Twin Bridges Road, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035 Shotgun Start at 9:00am

- Beefsteak dinner at the Brownstone at 3:00pm (includes beer, soda, coffee and tea)

Contests, Prizes & Raffle's		
Money Raffle	Closest to the Pin	
Straightest Drive	Low Team Gross	
Win a Car "Hole in One"		
Prizes on Every Par 3		



Online Registration

\$175 per person - Check or Cash Payment \$75 per person Dinner Only

\$179 per person - Credit Card Payment Pre-Registration is REQUIRED by June 10, 2024 Go to: www.unicomembers.com/golf

Golf Hole Sponsorship - \$100

Ad displayed on the course, on our Website, and in our Monthly Newsletter for the Year!

Contact: Joseph Barone

JCHRZBAR@gmail.com or 973-986-7042

All proceeds will go to our local scholarship and charitable endeavors

Italian Heritage Photo From the 2024 UNICO Heritage Calendar ~ June Castellammare del Golfo, Sicily



Castellammare del Golfo is one of four coastal towns in Sicily. The town is located on the northwest west corner of Sicily.

This photo was taken by chapter member Steve Pelonero's brother Anthony when they had the pleasure of visiting Sicily together and along with their wives and also with Sal and Debbie Benvenuti and with a personal tour guide Alfie Orlando.

The name Castellammare can be translated as "Sea Fortress on the Gulf". Today the town's economy continues to be based on fishing with the addition of tourism.

Many residents from Castellammare del Golfo immigrated to New York City, settling in neighborhoods like Little Italy, Italian Harlem, and various Brooklyn districts.

Where is your Heritage From?



Committee & Comments

Food Pantry ~ Carmen Gaita and Patricia Pelonero

As always, donations for our local food pantries can always be brought to any chapter meeting (non-perishable items, money, or food gift cards). Thank you always for your support.

Golf ~ Joe Barone

Please tell your friends, neighbors, acquaintances and relatives about a fun day of golfing that is coming up soon. The 39th annual PV UNICO golf outing fund raiser will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, at the Meadows Golf Club, 79 Twin Bridges Road, Lincoln Park, N.J. 07033. Check in with continental breakfast will be at 8:00 AM and golf shotgun start time will be at 9:00 AM. We have an exciting day planned with a lot of great people. We have some really nice prizes to award, a money raffle, different skill contests on the course and a WIN A CAR contest. To wrap up the day, we have an amazing beefsteak dinner with all the trimmings at Brownstone Restaurant in Paterson, New Jersey, from 3:00 to 7:00. Cost for breakfast, golf and beefsteak is just \$175.00. The cost just for the beefsteak is \$75.00. If help is needed to enlist a sponsor or enroll a golfer, please contact myself or any member of the 2024 PV UNICO golf committee: John Morano, Steve Pelonero, Sal Benvenuti, Joe Benvenuti, John Barbieri, Jerry Gaeta, Joyce O Hara, or Jay Sisti. ~~~ Best regards, Joe Barone, 973 986 7042, jchrzbar@gmail.com

Overseas Soldiers ~ Roni Corrado

The chapter would like to send another package of snacks to Evelyn Tosi's grandson in Syria. Anyone wishing to donate individually wrapped snacks should bring them to the June meeting. Some ideas: Rice Krispie treats, granola bars, Cheez-its, cookies, etc. Just please no chocolate or chocolate covered items. ~~~ Thank you, Roni.

Publicity Committee ~ Roni Corrado / Christine Castillo

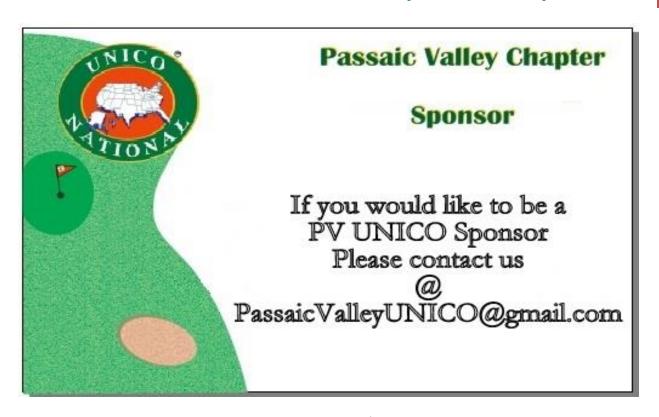
The Italian Tribune printed our articles and pictures of both the Corn Hole and Community Day events in their May 16 issue. These will be forwarded to our scrapbook.

Scholarship ~ Chuck Russo

If you would like to attend the chapter Scholarship/Awards Dinner on June 9 to celebrate our chapter and help recognize our fantastic recipients, please let me know as soon as possible as "we must get a final head count to the Barnyard by June 3rd". The cost is \$50 a person and includes one free drink at the Presidential Cocktail Hour prior to the dinner. It is the culminating event of our chapter year and is a great time to socialize and enjoy a great dinner. Call, text, or email me prior to June 2nd. Chuck ~ chazzru@msn.com, 973-303-8659 ~~~ Thank you, Chuck.

Vice President Joe Benvenuti

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend and a thank you to all of our service men and women for their service in keeping us free and safe. We have a few big events coming up first being our awards dinner June 9th which is so important to what we do all year long. Please make an effort to attend this wonderful night. Our second important date is our annual golf outing on June 17th. This makes it possible to give so many Scholarships to High School Seniors going to college. We need many more hole sponsors this year. We are no where close to what we had last year, so please helps us out and reach out to anyone who sponsored a hole last year and try to get golfers as well. With everyone's help we can make this a great event and a good fundraiser as well. ~~~ Thank you all for your support, Joe B.



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".

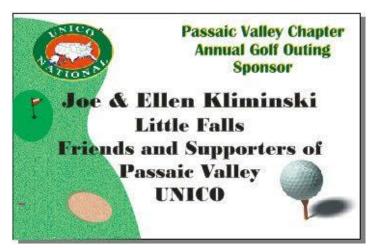
Each year, the UNICO Foundation and the UNICO National Chapters across the country donate approximately \$1 million to various charities. Scholarships continue to be the primary focus of UNICO, as roughly one-third of all monies raised goes to deserving students from all the chapter locations throughout the chain.

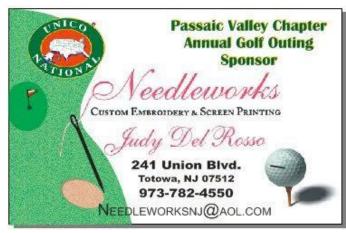
UNICO National has funded major research in Cooley's Anemia and Mental Health. Through its association with the Jimmy Valvano Foundation, it has funded over 10, \$50,000 grants to help find a cure for Cancer. These worthy areas continue to receive generous support from the chapters and its members for these worthy causes.

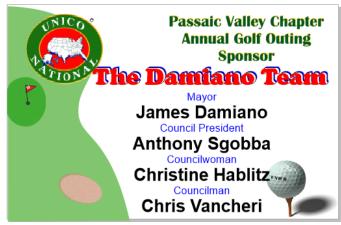
If you would like to attend one of our meetings to see if you might be interested in joining UNICO, please contact us through any member, or through our email. We would be honored to have you as a member of our Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter.

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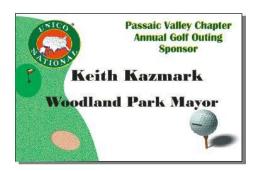


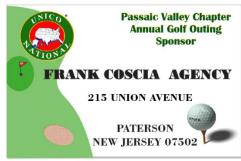








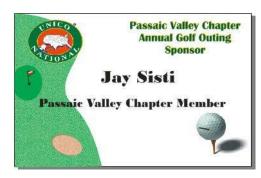


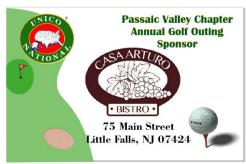


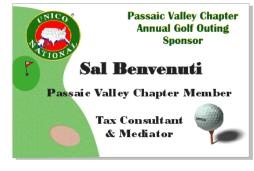




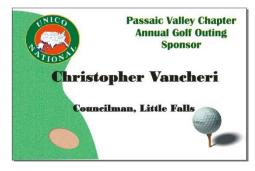


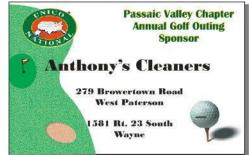


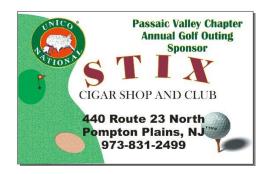




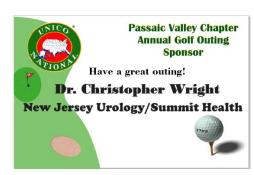


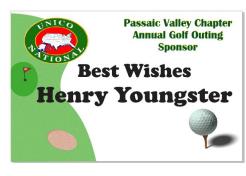










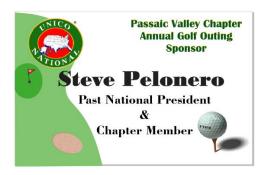


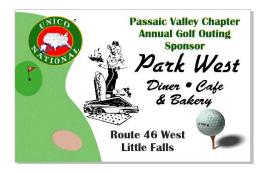




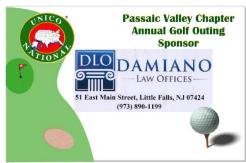






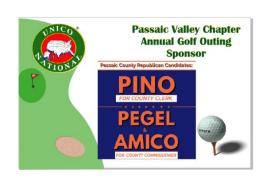






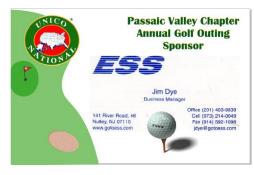




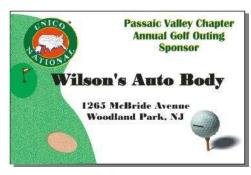






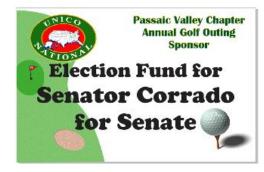












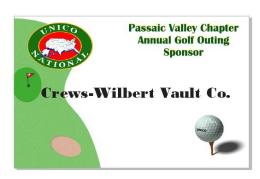






















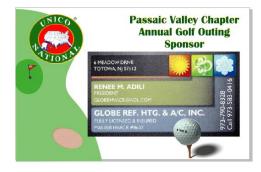


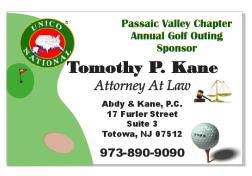




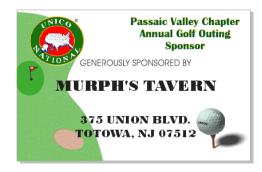




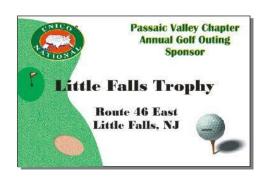


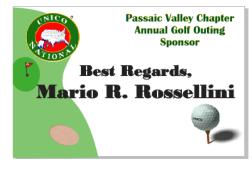


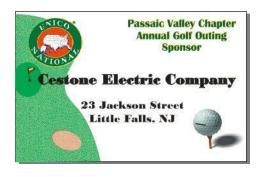


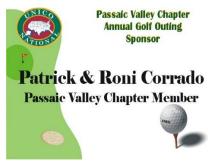














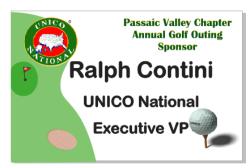




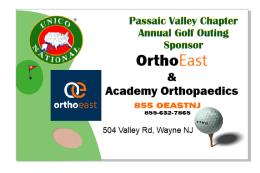






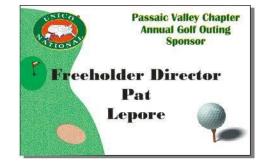








Marian J. Rabel





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

Keep going for our Cornhole Sponsors And for our 2024-2025 Golf Sponsor Pages

2024 Cornhole Sponsors

Thank you for your support





















(From July 1, 2024 ~ June 30, 2025)



All of our Sponsors (37)





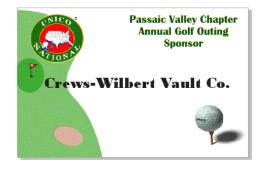






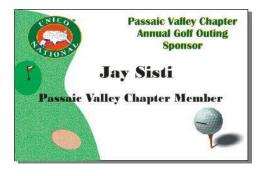






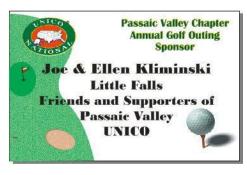
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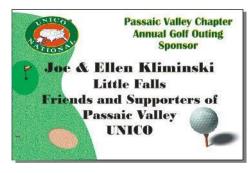


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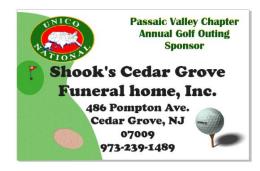




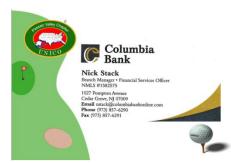


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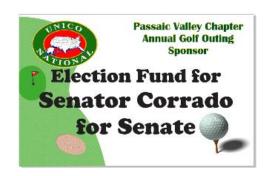
















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