



UNICO NATIONAL

PASSAIC VALLEY CHAPTER
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Monthly Minutes April 14, 2021 ~ 2nd Wednesday

Date April 14, 2021
Place Zoom and Live at Holy Cross church in Woodland Park.
Prayer Dominick Bucci, Chapter 2nd VP
Flag Salute Dominick Bucci, Chapter 2nd VP
Dinner Zoom and BYO live meeting.
Meeting 7:00 pm

Members & Guests in Attendance

Members at meeting 25
Guests at meeting 0
Total (Roster is at 48) 24
Percentage at meeting 52%

Executive Board

<u>Attendance at meetings</u>	<u>9/20</u>	<u>10/20</u>	<u>11/20</u>	<u>12/20</u>	<u>1/21</u>	<u>2/21</u>	<u>3/21</u>	<u>4/21</u>	<u>5/21</u>	<u>6/21</u>
President: Eileen Wood	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X		
1 st VP: Pat Ligouri	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	😊		
2 nd VP: Dominick Bucci	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊		
Secretary: Steve Pelonero	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊		
Treasurer: Bruce Ponchak	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X	😊		
Sgt.At-Arms: Jim Minnella	😊	😊	😊	X	X	X	X	😊		

Delegates at Meetings

1. Jean Chomko	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	😊		
2. Joyce O'Hara	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊		

Board of Directors at meetings (6 past Chapter Presidents)

Carmen Gaita	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊		
Bruce Ponchak	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X	😊		
John Barbieri	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	😊	😊	😊		
Bob Appaluccio	😊	X	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊		
Steve Pelonero	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊		
Carmen Criscione	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	😊		



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Past Chapter Presidents in attendance at meetings

	9/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	1/21	2/21	3/21	4/21	5/21	6/21
Joe Agresti PNP	X	X	😊	X	X	X	X	😊		
Bob Appaluccio	😊	X	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊		
John Barbieri	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	😊	😊	😊		
Sal Benvenuti	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊		
Carmen Criscione	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	😊		
John Morano	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊		
Steve Pelonero	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊		
Bruce Ponchak	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	X	😊		
Chuck Russo	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	😊	😊	😊		
Angelo Verrone	X	😊	😊	😊	X	😊	😊	X		

Opening Remarks

- **President Eileen Wood:**
 - Not present
- **1st VP Pat Ligouri:**
 - In Eileen's absence Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting
- **2nd VP Dominick Bucci:**
 - Dominick welcomed everyone

Secretary Minutes

Secretary: Steve Pelonero

- Steve reported that the minutes were emailed to all chapter members as well as being on our chapter website.
- Motion to accept by:
 - 1st Joyce O'Hara
 - 2nd Jean Chomko
 All were in favor.



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Treasurer Report

Treasurer: Bruce Ponchak

Bruce emailed the minutes to all chapter members.

- Motion to accept by:
 - 1st Carmen Gaita
 - 2nd Joe Benvenuti
- All were in favor.

Chapter Budget

- No report.

Bills and Communications

- John Morano reported that we received three items in the mail:
 - Our Gaming License was received in the mail.
 - A thank you from Elaine Barone.
 - A condolence thank you from Pat Corrado for the passing of his brother.

Fundraising Committees

- **Holiday Cheer: Bob Appaluccio**
 - No report.
- **Food Pantry: Roni Corrado**
 - Roni thanked everyone for their generosity.
 - Roni noted that the next donation will be going to the LF United Methodist Church Food Pantry, then St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly, then to the LF Reformed Church
- **Overseas Soldier Program: Roni Corrado**
 - No report



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- **Golf Outing: Joe Barone**
 - Joe Barone that the golf outing is set for June 14 at the Meadows in Lincoln Park.
 - Joe reported that as usual getting the sponsors is the key factor in making any outing a success. Members please help.
 - The fliers, tri-fold, and sponsor applications are on our chapter website.
 - Continental Breakfast and two drink tickets per player
 - Dinner at the Brownstone
- **Community Service Day: Pat Liguori**
 - Pat reported that this Saturday, April 17th, is our Community Service Day.
 - Community Service Day was started by a Past UNICO National President (PNP).
 - Pat noted that again it will be at ShopRite in Little Falls as a Food Pantry Drive.
 - Multiple pantries have been contacted and are ready to accept the donations of non-perishable items.
 - Volunteers are always needed to hand out the fliers, collect the food, and drive to the pantries.

Non-Fundraising Committees

- **Scholarship: Carmen Gaita**
 - Carmen reported that three UNICO chapter members have applied for our \$1,000 scholarship. The final pick will be at the next committee meeting.
 - Carmen reported again that this committee is running a raffle @ \$10.00 a ticket to be drawn on May 21st. It is a 50/50. More tickets are still able for purchase. You have to be in it to win it.
 - Dinner price at the Barnyard in Totowa is \$30.00 per person.
 - Date is Wednesday evening, June 16th.
 - Carmen asked to please bring your dinner ticket money to the May meeting or mail in it as soon as possible. We are trying to avoid having a person sit at the entry door to collect the money. We want all the members to enjoy the total time at the event.
 - Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Award recipients will be awarded. Along with the induction and swearing in of our 2021-2022 officers.
- **Italian Heritage: Angelo Verrone**
 - No report



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- **Italian Studies: Joe Agresti PNP**
 - Joe reported that Montclair State University Italian Class still has no recipients for this years Study Abroad.
- **Good and Welfare: Sal Nocella**
 - Sal Nocella reported that a condolence thank you card was received from Pat Corrado for the passing of his brother.
- **Membership: John Barbieri**
 - John reported that of our 48 members. John wished a happy birthday to our two April birthday members. All birthdays are listed in the “Important Dates Section” of our website in the calendar view.
- **Newsletter & Website: Steve Pelonero**
 - Steve reported that all was up to date on both the website and newsletter.
 - All minutes and newsletters are on the website as well.
 - Our website is at 86,370 as of April 14 (meeting day), which is up 70 visits from the March meeting.

District and National Events

- **District News**
 - Joe Agresti reported that our NJ District IV is looking into do their Christmas Dinner for our Special Friends in July ... “Christmas in July” ... More information if this will come to fruition will be at a later date.
- **National News**
 - Steve Pelonero report on the Convention
 - Meeting days are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 26, 27, 28.
 - Monday evening is the Ice Breaker with the Infernos as entertainment.
 - Wednesday Evening is the Gala with Julian & Dominique as entertainment.
 - Tuesday evening is an open night. Hopefully enough money will be raised from the ad journal, etc so that possibly a cocktail event can be held at their outdoor pool area.
 - Steve reported that he printed some packets and he put them on the table at this meeting.
 - Swearing in of all officers will be Wednesday morning.
 - Registration to attend meetings is \$100.



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- Both the Ice Breaker and Gala Dinner cost is \$350.00 for both.
- Just one dinner, either Ice Breaker or Gala is \$200.00.
- Location is at the Sheraton/Marriott in Parsippany, formerly the Tara.
- Joe Agresti noted that he was putting together the Ad Journal which subsidizes in a large way the convention. He asked that if any member would like to take out an ad, to please contact him.

Old Business

- John Morano noted that it was verbally voted on to save \$5,000 for the 2021 Convention if needed. Steve Pelonero, chapter member will be sworn in as the next UNICO National President that week.

New Business

- Jim Minnella reported that he might be able to get a foursome from the PBA of Little Falls for our golf outing. Hopefully our chapter can reciprocate at their July 12th outing at the Passaic County Golf Course.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn @ 7:48 pm

- 1st Joe Benvenuti
 - 2nd Chuck Russo
- All were in favor.

Respectfully Taken by

Steve Pelonero, Chapter Secretary