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A Message from our Chapter President

Ciao to all of our chapter members, families and friends!

As our summer recesses are over, it's time to start regenerating our chapter and our fundraising events.

The 99th UNICO National Convention in New Orleans was a great time. The Gala on Saturday night honored Mr. Jimmy Pitaro of ESPN along with our recipient who received the National Special Achievement Award. Also, the Dr. Anthony P. Vastola Award was awarded to our UNICO National Chaplin, Rev. Robert Wolfee.

Please try to attend our September 14th membership meeting at Amore Restaurant to meet our special guest "Gabriella Socio", from M.S.U. She received our Italian Study Abroad Grant. Please save this date to welcome her.

We also started distributing our wine raffle tickets, with a drawing on December 7th, where the proceeds will benefit our chapter causes.

On a final note, there was a Thank You in the Holy Cross Church Bulletin thanking everyone (and we were a part of it) who donated to the Ukrainian cause. The total donations to the UACCNJ included 18 shipping containers: 14 by sea and 4 by air, 3 ambulances, 11 Wound Vacs, 15 Pickup Trucks, 1,500,000 packaged meals, 100,000 Pampers, 3,000 First Aid Kits, 200 fully stocked medic backpacks, and 12 weekly critical medical supply shipments by air. In all, \$4,000,00 in aid which weighed more than 700,000 lbs.

*Grazie ea presto:
Dominick Bucci
Passaic Valley Chapter President*



September Birthdays

09-17 James Minnella
 09-26 Roni Corrado
 09-28 Elizabeth Mezzina

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

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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

September 11 ~ Sunday ~ UNICO National Cancer Foundation Fundraiser ~ Bocce in the Montville Community Park ~ All are welcome ~ Teams, Food, Fun

September 14 ~ 2nd Wednesday ~ Monthly meeting will be at Amore in Woodland Park ~ \$40.00 per person ~ BYO ~ All members are urged to attend this important meeting

December 7 ~ 1st Wednesday ~ Drawing date for our 40 Bottle Wine Raffle ~ Just \$5.00 a ticket



PLEASE NOTE: Our annual chapter dues notices will be going out again this month to those we show as not yet paid. As always, your membership keeps you involved with our UNICO motto of "service above self" and also your Italian Heritage. Please stay as a member and send in your due's payment as soon as possible. If you receive an envelope in the mail our records show that you have not yet paid them. If you feel you did, please send or bring a copy of the cancel check Grazie ~ Thank you for being a member of the largest Italian American Service Organization in the USA



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 ~ When there just click

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 Trivia

Multiple choice
(Answers are on page 4)

Longest river in Italy

Il Po ~ Tiber,
Adda ~ Arno

Christopher Columbus was born in which port

Venice ~ Naples,
Genoa ~ Palermo

Italy is divided into how many regions

17 ~ 18 ~ 19 ~ 20

Italy was established in what year

1859 ~ 1860 ~ 1861 ~ 1862

Population of Ukraine is more than that of Italy

True ~ False

(Answers are on page 5)

ComUNICO

You can now read the Com-UNICO magazine on the internet

Just click or go here >>>
www.unico.org/comUNICO

Who's Who

Our 2022-2023 Executive Board

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

Our 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Steve Pelonero	Past Chapter President	2010 & 2011
Robert Appaluccio	Past Chapter President	2012 & 2013
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

Our 2022-2023 Chapter Delegates

President Dominick Bucci ... 59 Members (President +3)
Delegate: Jean Chomko
Delegate:
Delegate:

(Delegates represent our chapter votes and are urged to attend our regional and national meetings)

Fundraising Committee Heads

Christmas Family Gifts Bob Appaluccio
Food Pantry Roni Corrado
Golf Outing Joe Barone
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages Pat Corrado
Wine Raffle Steve Pelonero / Chuck Russo

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April)..... Chuck Russo
Good and Welfare Sal Nocella
Newsletter Steve Pelonero
Publicity Vacant
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo Carmen Gaita, Charles Russo
Study Abroad College Grants Cav. Joseph Agresti PNP
Website Steven Pelonero PNP
Website Member Section John Barbieri

Our chapter members at the Annual Convention

Here in New Orleans at the 99th Annual



Ice Breaker ~ Tailgate Theme



Gala Night

Committee & Comments



Chapter Dues

Please do not forget about paying your one time a year chapter dues

Notices will be going out via the USPS

Youth Member (25 years of age and under) \$12.00

Exempt Life Member \$15.00

Regular Member \$80.00

Checks need to be made out to Passaic Valley UNICO

PO Box 341

Little Falls, NJ 07424

Food Pantry

Please do not forget about the Food Pantry

Please bring your donations directly to the Pantries

Our first collection will be to Holy Angels. Any type of nonperishable food would be greatly appreciated

I will also pass the envelope at the September meeting in the event that some would prefer to donate cash

As always thank you for supporting this endeavor

September Monthly Meeting

Our September monthly meeting will be on Wednesday the 14th

It will be held at Amore in Woodland Park

Our M.S.U. Scholarship Recipient plans to attend so let's have a great turnout

\$40.00 per person ~ BYO

Answers to the "Italian Trivia" from Page 3

Il Po ~ Genoa ~ 20 ~ 1861 ~ False



Our Italian Heritage for September



This photo appears in the 2022 UNICO National Heritage & Photo Calendar for the month of September

The Olive Trees and Grape Vines in San Gimignano, Italy

It was taken by a Clark NJ, UNICO chapter member

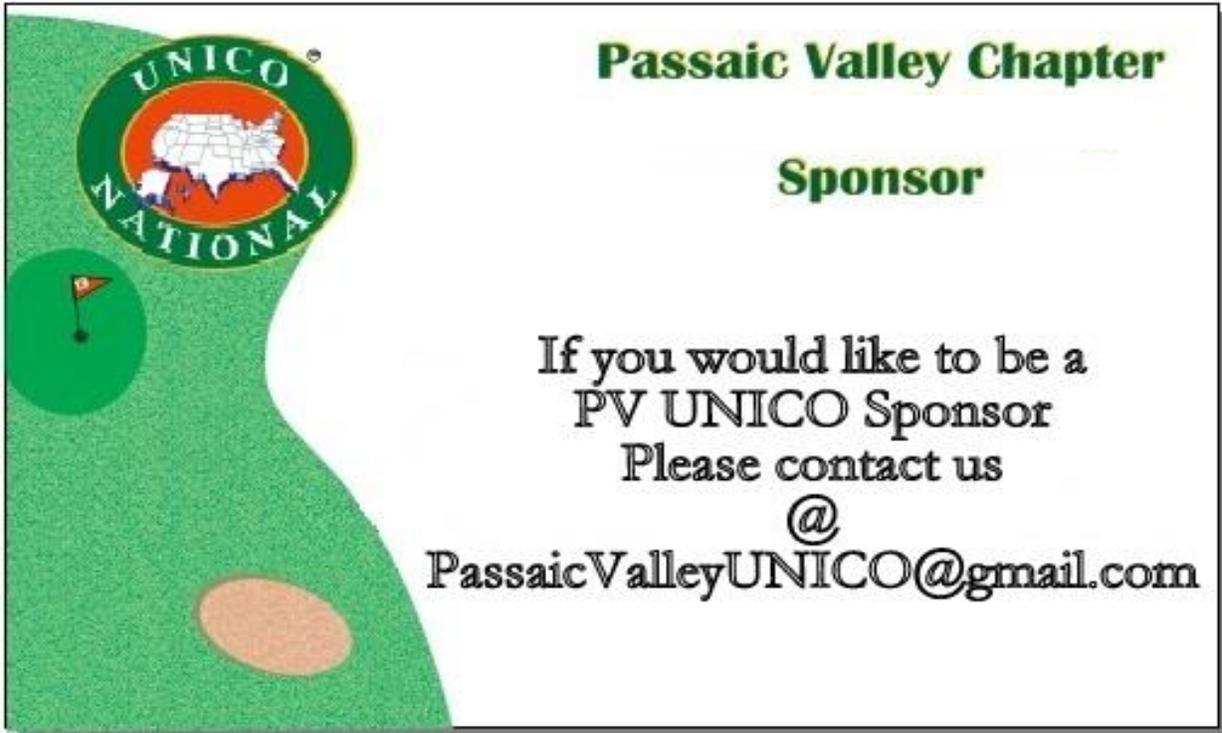
San Gimignano is a small walled town in Tuscany.

The town is famous and noted for its medieval architecture.

The town is also known for Safron and its White Wine

The wine grapes are grown on the hillside of the town





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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 2022-2023 year never ends

Please ask any chapter member for more information.

*Just \$100 gets you in every issue of this newsletter
and on our chapter website*

You will also be shown at our annual golf outing
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