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Serving Little Falls Totowa Woodland Park

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Facebook Page www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO
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National Website www.UNICO.org

Chapter Email PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

## A Message from our Chapter President

Welcome May!

April was a busy month for our chapter, various events were completed with great success! The Bunny Breakfast in Woodland Park, Food Drive and District Pasta Dinner Attendance.

We are looking into various local advertisements and possible facility to display our Chapter Awards and Plaques in Little Falls or Woodland Park.

So far, we have some upcoming events scheduled and look forward for our members as well as family to participate in:

- May 10, 2023 Monthly Meeting at Holy Cross Church Parish Hall.
- June 11, 2023 Sunday Evening Scholarship Dinner at the Barnyard in Totowa.
- June 19, 2023 Golf Outing Fundraiser at the Meadows, Franks Restaurant Dinner (Also attached \$100.00 Ad Business Card Sponsors for 2023 – 2024).

Let's not forget our community upcoming events we should be involved with from street fairs, concerts in the park, parades to precipitate in.

I will post monthly updates of our events so everyone can participate, also flyers and more date are in this newsletter and on are Website!

Have a Safe and Fun Memorial Day Weekend!!! Dominick J. Bucci

Passaic Valley UNICO - Chapter President



## May Birthdays "Happy Birthday"

05-04 Dominick Bucci 05-05 Philip Polizzotto 05-31 Sal Nocella

#### 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 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

 $\underline{May 10} \sim 2^{nd}$  Wednesday  $\sim \underline{Monthly chapter meeting} \sim Holy Cross Church <math>\sim Catered \sim 7$  pm dinner  $\sim Meeting to follow$ .

May 17 ~ Wednesday ~ UNICO National Cigar Night Fundraiser ~ The flier is in this newsletter on page 6.

<u>June 11</u> ~ Sunday ~ <u>Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Presentation</u> ~ At the Barnyard in Totowa ~ More information to follow.

<u>June 19</u> ~ Monday ~ <u>Annual Golf Outing at the Meadows</u> ~ Dinner at Franks Restaurant in Lincoln Park ~ The flier is in this newsletter on page 5.

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"



#### History of our towns

Little Falls in Passaic County New Jersey traces its history back to its founding in 1711 when seven Dutch farmers banded together to begin farming in this fertile area of Northern New Jersey, which was then referred to as the Village of Little Falls.

#### www.lfnj.com

Totowa was formed as a borough by an act of the New Jersey Legislature on March 15, 1898, from portions of Wayne Township and the now-defunct Manchester Township.

#### www.totowanj.org

What is now Woodland Park was formed as a borough under the name West Paterson, by an act of the New Jersey Legislature on March 25, 1914, from portions of Little Falls Township, based on the results of a referendum held on May 1, 1914.

www.wpnj.us

### 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 2022-2023 Executive Board

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

## Our 2022-2023 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        |

## Our 2022-2023 Chapter Delegates

President Dominick Bucci ... 47 Members (President +1)

Delegate: Jean Chomko

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

## Our 2022-2023 Chapter Membership

47 members

## Our 2022-2023 Fundraising Committee Heads

| Cornhole Tournament                  | Steve Pelonero PNP                           |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Food Pantry                          | Roni Corrado                                 |
| Golf Outing                          | Joe Barone                                   |
| Holiday Cheer                        | Roni Corrado / Joe Benvenuti / Sal Benvenuti |
| Overseas Armed Service Care Package. | s Pat / Roni Corrado                         |
| Wine Raffle                          | Steve Pelonero / Chuck Russo                 |

#### Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

| Community Service Day (April) | Chuck Russo                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Good and Welfare              |                                   |
| Newsletter                    |                                   |
| 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                     |
| Wine Raffle                   | Steve Pelonero PNP                |

## Woodland Park's Bunny Breakfast with UNICO



There to help serve at the April Woodpark Bunny Breakfast were: Carmen Gaita, Claudine Stefanelli, Chapter President Dominick Bucci and John Barbieri



If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining UNICO

Please click on the Golf Logo to register to play or to sponsor and support our chapter



**Annual Golf Outing** 

**Monday June 19, 2023** 

## organization **Meadows Golf Club**

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

- Breakfast at 8:00am

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- Italian Style Dinner at Frank's Restaurant, Lincoln Park, NJ at 2:30pm (includes beer, soda, coffee and tea)

| Contests, Prizes & Raffle's |                    |  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Surprise!!!                 | Closest to the Pin |  |
| Straightest Drive           | Par 3 on the Green |  |
| Win a CAR "Hole in One"     |                    |  |



## **Online Registration**

\$150 per person - Check or Cash Payment \$50 per person Dinner Only

\$153 per person - Credit Card Payment **Pre-Registration is Requested** 

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





## UNICO NATIONAL 100TH ANNUAL CONVENTION FUNDRAISER

## CIGAR NIGHT

Come celebrate Cav. Ralph Contini \$110 per person

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Sanzari's New Bridge Inn 105 Old New Bridge Rd, New Milford, NJ





Come enjoy a night of camaraderie with friends & help raise funds to make the 2023 UNICO Convention a success!

Buffet Dinner with Wine, Beer, Soda Raffles, Live & Silent Auction featuring sports memorabilia.

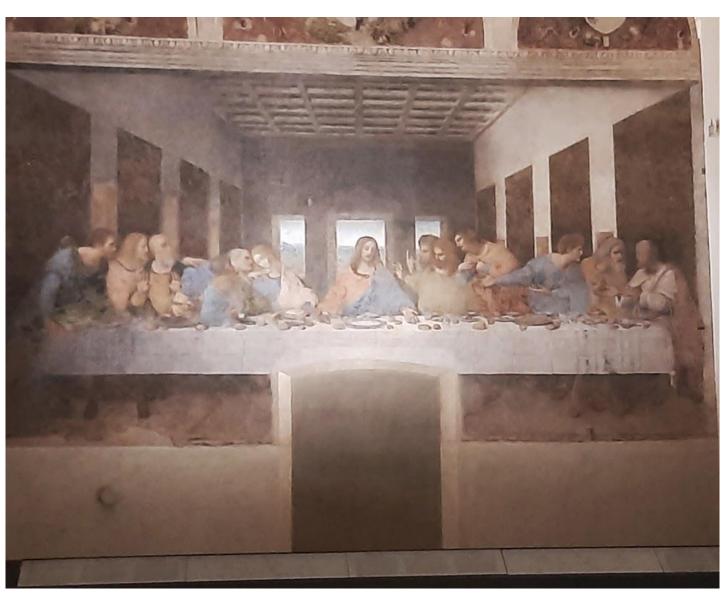
All checks payable in advance to: UNICO National Convention 2023 Mail to UNICO National Office

271 U.S. Hwy. 46, West, Suite F-103, Fairfield NJ 07004 Contact: Rick D'Arminio, PNP - 201-704-1146 Cav. Joe Agresti, PNP - 201-874-0546 / Cav. Ralph Contini 201-960-7131

# Italian Heritage Photo From the 2023 UNICO Heritage Calendar The Original Last Supper Painting in Milan, Italy

Taken by Granby CT chapter member.
This photo appears as the May photo in the 2023 UNICO National Heritage and Photo Calendar.

- Leonardo da Vinci started work on the mural sometime around 1495 and finished it in 1948.
- This famous mural does not only depict the last time Jesus would eat with his disciples before being captured and sentenced to crucifixion, but it also portrays the moment he reveals to them that he knows one of them will betray him.
  - Painted on the wall of the dining room of the Santa Maria Delle Grazie, it measures 15 feet by 29 feet in diameter.



## Where is your Italian Heritage From



## **Committee & Comments**

## Food Pantry ~ Chair: Roni Corrado

- The May collection will benefit St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Little Falls. They are in need of personal hygiene items and household cleaning items. They would appreciate the following: shampoo, deodorant, bars of soap or liquid body wash, toilet paper, and feminine hygiene products. For cleaning supplies: dish detergent, cleanser, scouring pads, toilet bowl cleaner, and liquid cleaner for floors (such as Mr. Clean). Please bring your donations to the May meeting and they will be delivered to the pantry.
- St. James food Pantry of Totowa thanks us for our April donation of \$75 in Shop Rite gift cards and groceries

## 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.

## Holiday Cheer ~ Chair: Roni Corrado

Thank you to everyone for another successful year.

## Newsletter Editor Request (2nd) ~ Chair: Steve Pelonero PNP

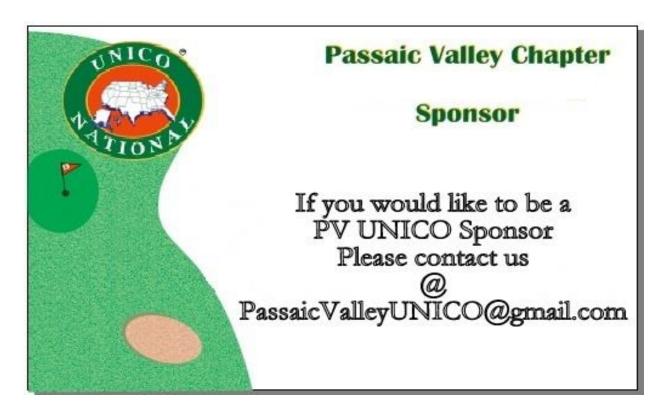
Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share? ~ Please send him the recipe and hopefully a photo. We will work on getting it published in a future issue of this newsletter.

## Overseas Soldier Program ~ Chair: Roni Corrado

There are no soldiers in our families that are overseas at this time. No news is sometimes always good news.

## Scholarship ~ Chair: Chuck Russo

- The scholarship committee met recently to select the recipients of this year's chapter scholarships and Brian Piccolo Awards. The names will be revealed at the May chapter meeting.
- The Scholarship/Awards Dinner to honor those recipients, and to serve as the social culmination of the chapter's year will be held on June 11 at 6PM at the Barnyard in Totowa. The scholarship committee feels that it is important for as many members as possible, along with their significant others, attend not only to honor the special group of recipients, but also, as per tradition, to mingle with other chapter members and guests as we wrap up the year.
- For those members who plan to attend the scholarship dinner, please bring payment of \$45 per person to the May chapter meeting. It truly facilitates the finances for the committee and is greatly appreciated.



## **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.

AND our 2023-2024 Season has just started (see pages 16 & 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.

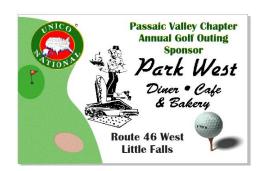
You will also be shown at our annual golf outing on June 19, 2023 <a href="https://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org">www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org</a>



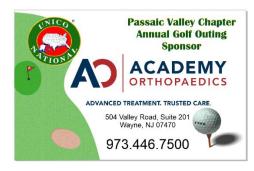










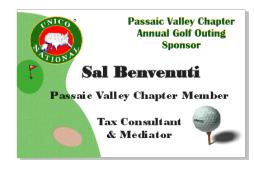












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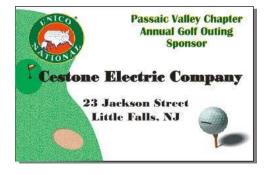




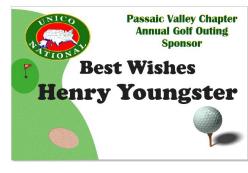


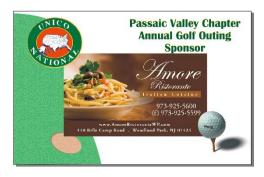




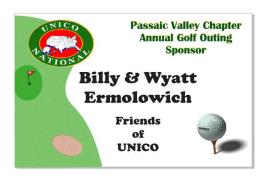




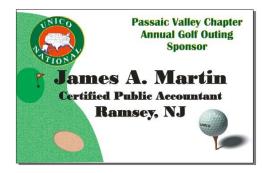




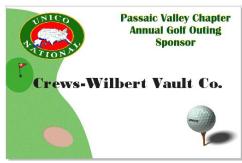


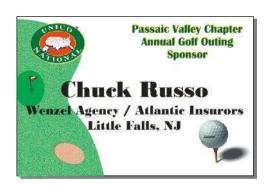


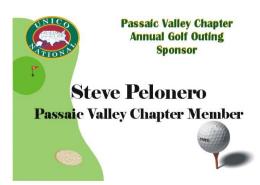
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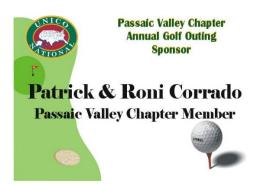




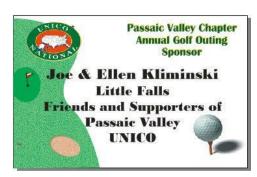




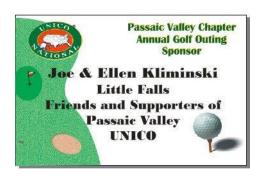


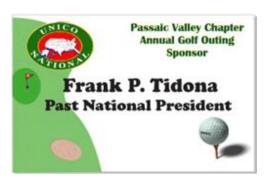












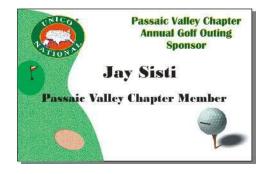


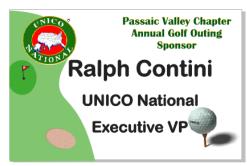
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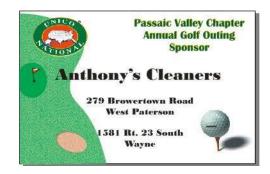








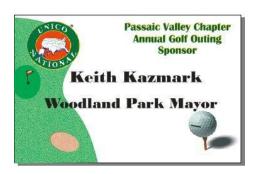










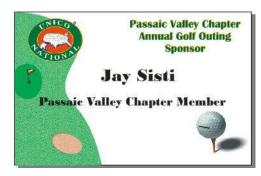


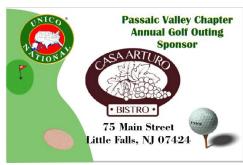






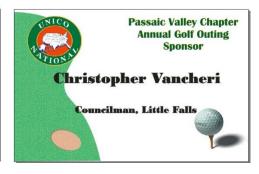


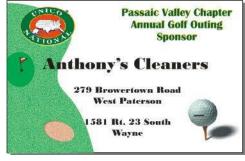




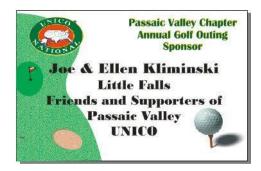






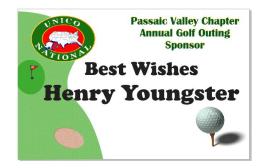


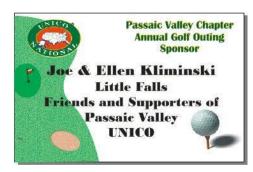
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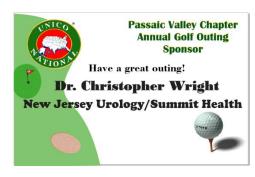


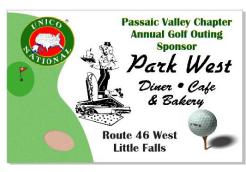


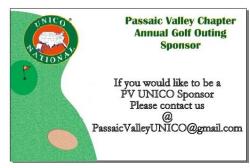


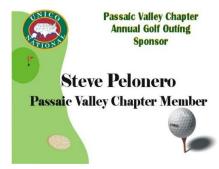












You too can be a proud sponsor of our Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter You will be in every newsletter for our 2023-2024 year. And, if received early enough, you will also have a sign on one of the 18 holes at our Annual Golf Outing on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

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