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A Message from our Chapter President

Lot happening this month with our upcoming events of our Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Awards and also our Golf Outing with thanks to our project Chairs for doing a great job in this year's programs.

We need to start planning some new and creative fall events and fundraisers after our summer recess period.

We also welcome our reinstalled Chapter Board as we continue to honor our UNICO pledge and continue to serve our community.

Have a great summer till me meet in September. I will provide updates on our National Convention and any District 2023 upcoming events.

Enjoy You Summer! Dominick J. Bucci – Chapter President



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June Birthdays "Happy Birthday"

06-09 Angelo Verrone 06-30 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.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

June 10 ~ Saturday ~ UNICO National Bocce Fundraiser for the convention

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

<u>June 13</u> ~ Tuesday ~ <u>NJ District IV Meeting</u> ~ Host chapter and place to be determined.

<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.

June 21 ~ 2nd Wednesday ~ <u>Tradition Monthly Chapter Year End Pizza & Mussles</u> <u>Meeting</u> ~ Holy Cross Church ~ BYO

July 1 ~ The UNICO National Calendar Year officially starts on this day

<u>July 26 – July 29</u> ~ Wednesday through Saturday ~ <u>UNICO National Convention</u> ~ Sanibel Harbor Beach Marriott in Fort Myers FL

<u>August</u> ~ Our month off ~ <u>Have a safe summer !</u>

Also ~ You can always visit the UNICO National Website Calendar for even more dates of something that may be of interest to you ~ <u>www.UNICO.org</u> ~ For a direct link to the calendar, please click here >>> <u>UNICO Event Calendar</u>

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"

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Italian Language

Green Verde White *Bianca (feminine)* Bianco (masculine) Red Rossa / Rosso Today Oggi One Una Two Due Three Tre **Breakfast** Colazione Lunch Pranzo Dinner Cena Father Padre Mother Madre Grandmother Nonna Grandfather Nonno Aunt Zia Uncle Zio **Brother** Fratello Sister Sorella

ComUNICO

You can now read the <u>Com-UNICO</u> magazine on the internet Just click or go here >>> <u>www.unico.org/comUNICO</u>

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-Årms	
Corresponding Secretary	

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 ... 48 Members (President +2) Delegate: Jean Chomko (Delegates represent our chapter votes and are urged to attend our district, regional, and national meetings)

Our 2022-2023 Chapter Membership

48 members

Our 2022-2023 Fundraising Committee Heads

Cornhole Tournament	John Barbieri
Food Pantry	Roni Corrado
	Joe Barone
	Roni Corrado / Joe Benvenuti / Sal Benvenuti
	s Pat / Roni Corrado

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April)	Chuck Russo
Good and Welfare	
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero PNP
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

Our Chapter's April 29th Community Service Day

This is the day that we collect non-perishable items for 8 Food Pantries in our Passaic Valley area. A thank you everyone for supporting us and for those in need. This is our "Service Above Self".

















United Methodist Church Little Fails Holy Angels Church Little Fails Little Sisters of the Poor Totowa

- Veterans Food Pantry Paterson
- Little Falls St. George Orthodox Church

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Photo from UNICO's, April 21st, NJ District IV Pasta Fundraiser



On Friday, April 21st, close to 300 people were served pasta, meatballs, sausage, salad and dessert. It was held to raise funds to have a great Christmas Dinner in December for our Special Need Friends.

Representatives from the chapters who supported the UNICO NJ District IV Dinner for our Special Need Friends. Pictured from the left: Gary D'Uva (NJ IV DG) from Sparta; Ray from Sparta. Steve Calantone (Eastern Region Chair) from Wayne: Amy from Cedar Grove; Anna from Pequannock. National Executive Director Cav. Ralph Contini; Dominick from Passaic Valley. xxx from Passaic-Clifton; Steve from Montclair; xx from xx. and Tina from Bloomfield.







Italian Heritage Photo From the 2023 UNICO Heritage Calendar Il Duomo in Milan



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

- Work for the construction of Milan cathedral began in 1386.
- On 16 October 1418 Pope Martin V, who was returning from the Council of Constance, consecrated the church's high altar.
- At the end of the fifteenth century the greatest architects and artists of the time, including Leonardo da Vinci, tried to accomplish the difficult task of designing the tiburium.
- On 20 May 1805, Napoleon Bonaparte, about to be crowned King of Italy, ordered the façade to be finished.

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History of Avellino

Chapter member, Angelo Verrone's Heritage The history of his heritage derives from Avellino, in the Campania region of Southern Italy



The city of Avellino, east of Naples, retains some remarkable structures and sights despite its unfortunate recent history. The city was heavily bombed in WWII, during which 1 in 8 citizens were tragically killed. It was rebuilt, only to be impacted by a destructive earthquake in 1980 that affected the entire central-eastern area of Campania and into next-door Basilicata. Despite these setbacks, Avellino and its population of 54,000 continues on as an industrial center and an interesting city.

Because of the circumstances in the last century, the city has few important historical monuments. Among those standing, the Cathedral, dedicated to the Madonna dell 'Assunta, was built in the 12th century and rebuilt several times after, with a neoclassical facade redone in 1891, with frescoes and a wooden choir of the 16th century, inside. The church and its museum are definitely worth a visit.

Agriculture was at the heart of Avellino's economy until the mid-1970s, since then many younger people have moved away from family farms, and sometimes also migrated away from the area, in pursuit of higher wages. Nevertheless, tobacco, viticulture and especially the production of hazelnuts remain important to the local economy and, with increased investment in recent years, employ a number of people.

The 1980 Irpinia earthquake represented a turning point for the town and for the entire province of Avellino. Large amounts of money flowed in for infrastructure investment, and the extra money generated innovation and economic expansion.

The Flag of Avellino



Avellino's Coat of Arms



Where is your Italian Heritage From



Committee & Comments

Chapter Dues

Dues envelopes will be brought to the June meeting. The balance that are not handed out will be sent out via the US Postal Service.

Food Pantry ~ Chair: Roni Corrado

The last collection of the year taken at the May meeting went to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Little Falls. They were the recipients of \$100 in Shop Rite gift cards and several bags of cleaning products and personal hygiene items. Thank you all for your sustained support of our food pantries this year. Our efforts are greatly appreciated by the pantries we serve. Our members are the best!

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. The most recent is in this newsletter on page 10. We will come up with a nice write-up with some photos for a future newsletter.

Holiday Cheer ~ Chair: Roni Corrado

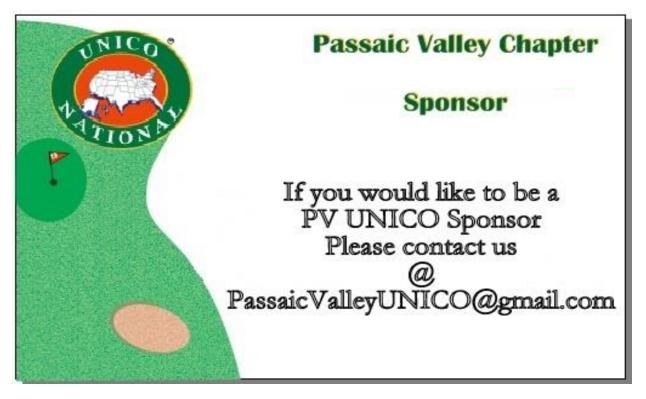
Thank you to everyone for another successful year.

Overseas Soldier Program ~ Chair: Roni Corrado

No soldier has been brought to our attention by chapter members as needing our assistance.

Scholarship ~ Chair: Chuck Russo

Final responses for our Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner attendance is on Tuesday, May 30th as our final count to the Barnyard is on Wednesday, the 31st of May ~~~ A reminder for those attending that the chapter cocktail hour will be held at 5pm, one hour prior to the dinner in the Barnyard Bar area one free drink from the bar for chapter members and a guest each.



Our UNICO Charities

<u>UNICO National</u> 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. (Pages 14-17)

AND our 2023-2024 Season has just started (Pages 18-23)

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



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 <u>www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org</u>

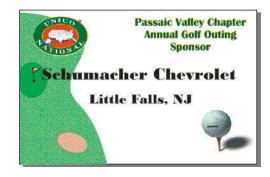


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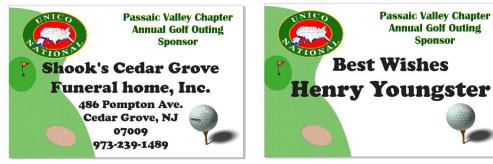






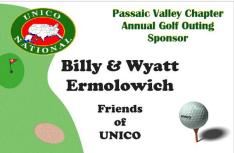












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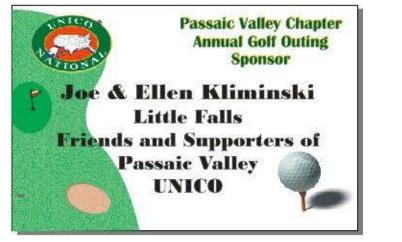




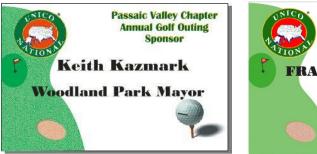


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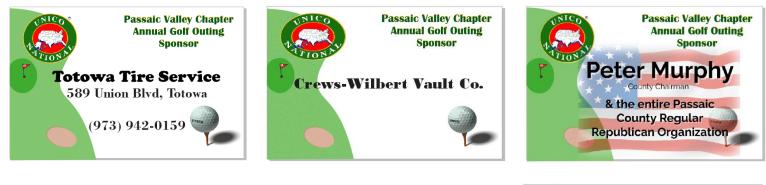






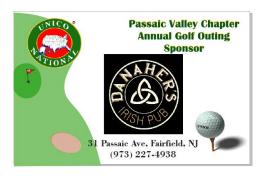




















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You too can be a proud sponsor of our Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter You will be in every newsletter for our 2023-2024 year. And, if received early enough, you will also have a sign on one of the 18 holes at our Annual Golf Outing on June 19th. Please see the golf flier on page 5 of this newsletter for more information