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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

Well we almost made it through a year and what a year it has been. I have to say I am very proud of our members. When it seems like things are hanging and just when I became concerned, everything fell into place. I attribute this to the past experience of many of the members who have organized in the past and are excellent at it. Kudos to you all who have enabled us to stay strong throughout the year!

From a chapter perspective, we are in good shape. All the reports that were required by National were sent in and we are compliant. We are working on our upcoming officer's report for National as well as our Chapter Achievement and Awards Program for National. We have engaged in several fundraisers that have allowed us to support National and all of the endeavors we set out to support. The executive board will assemble the data and we will submit shortly.

We had 2 significant fundraisers this past month: Dominick Bucci blasted the roof of the past pancake breakfasts. Even receiving less money for the Applebee's split we still managed to exceed the past 2 events. Excellent Job Dominick and all the members who helped during this event! Also, everyone who pushed to get people to attend! If we all work together GOOD THINGS HAPPEN!

The second event was not only a GREAT TIME; we raised over \$4,000 dollars. That is remarkable and Joe McGill and his committee did an outstanding job. My hat is off to Joe and his team as well as all the members who again reached out to their family, friend, and co-workers. Eileen & Joyce did a great job on the Trick Tray gifts with the help of the members that came through with donations, baskets and items for the baskets. Serving the food was no easy task. Congrats to all the servers, but especially Joe Benvenuti who made sure we never ran out of any food, and was able to source additional items we needed. Just an amazing effort by everyone!

Coming up is the Main Event... The Scholarship Presentation! I am hoping to see a greater number of members at this event and judging from the preliminary numbers we will have over 65 people in attendance. This will be one of the largest Scholarship events we have ever had and again, a BIG THANK YOU to Bob Appaluccio for taking the lead as Chairperson. Bob and his committee have really stepped up and it is greatly appreciated. Also a big THANK YOU to Chuck Russo for taking care of the Brian Piccolo award winners and everything that goes into assuring total success. There were multiple meetings held to guarantee everything is on target and that illustrates the passion and knowledge of this committee to insure success. Excellent work team!

*I am really excited about our upcoming Officers for 2015 – 2016. I want to thank
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## Upcoming Events – Local and National

2015 ~~~

**June 4, 2015** ... Thursday ... **Chapter Scholarship & Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner** ... Victor's Chateau, Little Falls .... \$35.00 ... RSVP Needed

**June 10, 2015** ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ... **NJ IV District (our District) Scholarship and Installation Dinner** ... Cedar Grove is the host Chapter ... RSVP needed ... Belle Napoli, Bloomfield ... Come and support 3 of our chapter members will be re-installed for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term

**June 15, 2015** ... Monday ... **Our Annual Golf Outing** ... Our flier with more information is all on our website and in our Newsletter.... Sign your foursome up soon

**June 17, 2015** ... 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday ... **Our last meeting of our UNICO year** ... Our Pizza Meeting ... **Check our website for more information** ... [www.PVUNICO.com](http://www.PVUNICO.com)

## June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Angela Jones - 6/7  
Angelo Verrone - 6/9  
Elaine Barone - 6/30

## Photo Albums

All of our chapter events 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.

Two pictures in particular are on page 4 of this newsletter.

- [www.PVUNICO.com](http://www.PVUNICO.com)
- [www.UNICO.org](http://www.UNICO.org)
- [www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com](http://www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com)

## More Important Dates

More important dates for our chapter, our district, and also UNICO National, can always be seen on the 3 websites that are shown on page 1 of this newsletter. Stay in touch and stay informed.

### Recommend an event

Have you been to any fundraisers lately that you feel would be something we should do? Do you have an idea where we can raise money to support the initiatives we engage in? Send any recommendations to the executive board and we will seriously consider it.

### Members ~ Members ~ Members

Do you know someone who would like to join our chapter? Invite them to a monthly meeting to hear about what we do and also receive a free meal.

### A Re-Designed Website to Visit

The UNICO National Photo Album was recently re-designed  
Now it has three links at the top of its host page

Still go to [www.UNICO.org](http://www.UNICO.org)

Still go to the "Photo Gallery Section"

Still click on the "Picasa Logo"

When the new host website opens up look at the 3 links  
Pictures by the Year ~ Pictures by Chapter ~ Heritage Calendar Pictures  
Enjoy what has been preserved of our UNICO's memories

## President's Message


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~~~ everyone for having the confidence in me to carry on as President for my second term and I look forward to hopefully moving our chapter further along than we are today. I would like to welcome Carmen Gaita Jr. as our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Eileen Wood as our new Secretary. There is no doubt they will be an asset to our team. Thank you to Bruce Ponchak, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Joe McGill as Treasure, and Dominick Bucci as Sergeant at Arms. All Officers will be sworn in at the Scholarship Presentation. I would also like to thank Pat Ferro and Paul DeAppolonio for their service and support throughout the year.

John Barbieri

*Some Pictures from our "Comedy Night Fundraiser"
Saturday Evening ~ May 16, 2015
Chaired by member Joe McGill*





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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 of 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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*June 4, 2015*



*Our 39<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
*Scholarship and Brian Piccolo*  
*And*  
*Officer Installation Dinner*

*Victors Chateau*  
*Newark Pompton Turnpike*  
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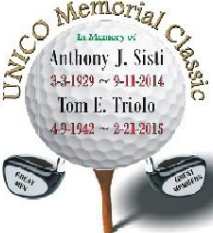
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