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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

Well here we go... the start of the new UNICO year, 2015-2016. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and are well rested and ready to take on the New Year.

We had an amazing last year and the bar is now set high. The Executive Board members met last week and we discussed several items. We are hoping to meet or exceed last year's numbers and I am very confident knowing we have so many great members who are up for the challenge.

Our first meeting of the year will be September 9th and will be at the Holy Cross Church in Woodland Park. We will have it catered by Francesco's. Dinner at 7:00pm, meeting at 8:00pm.

As this is the New Year, our dues are now due. We have paid National ½ the dues amount and the remaining balance is required shortly. Therefore, please bring your dues payments to the meeting and this will be one thing we can get behind us.

Remember, if you know anyone who may be interested in joining our chapter; invite them to the meeting on the 9th. If you know of potential members attending, please let me know in advance. If any member is choosing not to continue with our chapter, please let us know as soon as possible.

As this is my second term, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our chapter, members and our community. Open communication is vital to our organization and I look forward to any comments or concerns anyone may have and I hope we can get the creative juices flowing to enjoy another remarkable year.

See you all on the 9th at Holy Cross Church... Remember, "Bring a potential Member"

John Barbieri



Birthdays

Happy Belated

August Birthday to:

Joseph Agresti - 8/9
 Anthony Orlando - 8/9
 Patricia Barone - 8/18
 Carmen Allora - 8/24
 Joseph McGill - 8/25

Happy September

Birthday to:

Dominique DeFrancisci - 9/4
 Angelene Agresta - 9/23
 Roni Corrado - 9/26
 Wilma DeFrancisci - 9/30
 Victoria Ferro - 9/30

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
- www.UNICO.org
- www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mq.com

Upcoming Events – Local and National

September 9 ... Wednesday ... Monthly Meeting

Holy Cross Church in Woodland Park
 Time 7:00 Dinner – 8:00 Meeting

October 23-24 ... Friday-Saturday ... National Eastern Region

Place: Inn at Pocono Manor, Pocono, PA
 Register via UNICO National 973-808-0035

October 28 ... Wednesday ... Meet the National President

Place; Venetian, Garfield
 Pre-paid ticket sales only - via your District Gov./Chapter Pres.
 More information to follow

Don't forget ~ Please visit our NJ IV District Website for "More Important District, National, and other Chapter Events" ~ < [Click Here To Go](#) >

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. ~ PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

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.

U – Unity
N – Neighborliness
I – Integrity
C – Charity
O – Opportunity

"Service Above Self"



Who's Who

Our 2015-2016 Executive Board

President	John Barbieri
1st Vice President	Bruce Ponchak
2nd Vice President	Carmen Gaita Jr.
Treasurer	Joseph McGill
Recording Secretary	Eileen Wood
Sgt. At-Arms	Dominick Bucci
Corresponding Secretary	Christina Castillo

Food Pantry

Please don't forget about our UNICO Phil Arena Food Pantry

Your non-perishable food donation will restock it

You can bring it directly to the pantry in the basement of Holy Angels Church ... or to any chapter meeting

Our 2015-2016 Board of Directors

- Robert Appaluccio
- Steve Pelonero
- Carmen Criscione
- Salvatore Benvenuti
- Angelo Verrone
- Charles Russo

Did You Know

Do you know what UNICO Foundations there are? ... Anti-Bias, Calendar, Century 21 (closed), Columbus Day, Coolies Anemia, Italian Studies, Jimmy V, Membership, Mental Health, Scholarship, St. Jude's ~ A chapter or individual can make a donation to any one of these causes to help better and-or promote UNICO on a national level

Our 2015-2016 Chapter Delegates

Salvatore Benvenuti ~ Convention

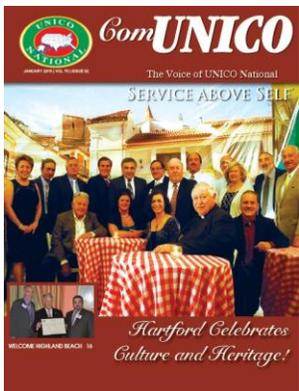
Fundraising Committee Heads

Applebee's Flapjack & Pancake Breakfast	Dominick Bucci
Barrel of Wine Raffles.....	Carmen Criscione
Bus Rides	Joe and Elaine Barone
Golf Outing	Joe Barone
Holiday Donations	Robert Appaluccio
Modell's	Roni Corrado
Overseas Care Packages	Pat Corrado
Comedy Show	Joe McGill

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April).....	Chuck Russo
Food Pantry	Angelo Verrone
Good and Welfare	Sal Nocella
Italian Heritage with Our Youth at P.V.H.S.	Angelo Verrone
Membership	Jay Sisti
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo	Robert Appaluccio
Website	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

ComUNICO



< < < Read the latest issue of ComUNICO here
Just click on the cover photo that is shown to the left

***Here are some pictures of our chapter members
With their families and also with our chapter friends
The 93rd UNICO Convention in Newport Beach, CA***

*All of the convention pictures can be seen
On the UNICO National website in the Photo Gallery Section
www.UNICO.org*

Our chapter at the Wednesday Evening Ice-Breaker



*Our NJ IV District Chapters in Attendance
Belleville – Bloomfield – Passaic/Clifton – Passaic Valley - Wayne*



All of “our” Chapter Pictures can also be seen on our website ~ www.PVUNICO.com

UNICO National News

Convention Update

Our 2015-2016 UNICO National President, Dr. Ann Walko (from the Westfield NJ chapter) was sworn in, along with your UNICO Foundation, National Officers, and District Governors ~ Our new UNICO year has begun. It did however officially start on July 1st and ends on June 30th

Chapter dues are due both to chapters and to National. When all of the chapter members are all paid, the chapter president, along with his executive board, make sure that the dues are then paid to UNICO National to keep your chapter in good standing. The sooner each member gets them in, the easier it is for your officers

*At the convention, via the various National Foundations and from the many chapters across the country, a total of **\$87,505.00** was raised. A special thank you goes out to all of the chapters who helped support them with their various fundraising efforts across the country*

All three of the mandatory UNICO National meetings are set, along with the annual Meet the President which is on Wednesday, October 8th. The Eastern Region will be at the Inn at Pocono Manor, PA on October 23rd and 24th (Friday and Saturday). The Mid-Year Board Meeting will be on March 4th and 5th (Friday and Saturday) at the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City. And next years 94th Annual Convention will be at the Hyatt Resort, Spa, Marina in Chesapeake Bay, MD. The convention is currently scheduled for Wednesday through Saturday, July 27th through July 30th (more information will follow) ~ "Save the Dates"

The 21st century Foundation Fund has met at it's goal of attaining the \$1,000,000 base fund. The Jimmy V Foundation reached it goal again of \$50,000 for Colon Cancer Research. ~ And along with all of the other many Foundations, a special thanks goes out to all UNICO members for their "Service Above Self"

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 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.

Thank You to our 2015-2016 Sponsors and Supporters

In memory of

Thomas Triolo

Long Time Member of Passaic Valley UNICO

April 9, 1942 ~ February 21, 2015

Always Remembered

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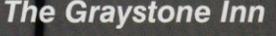
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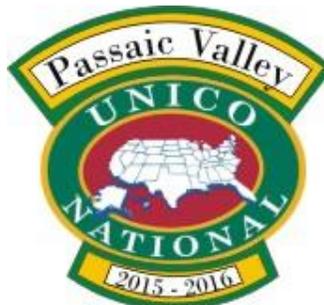
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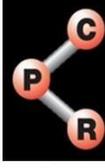


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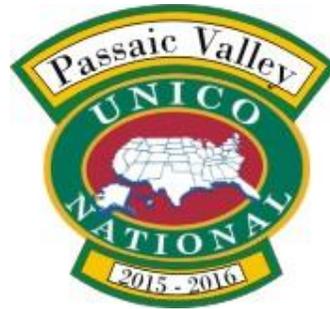
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