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## President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

Here we are in November and time seems to be flying. We have several fundraisers on the slate and we seem to be moving along.

We have a new member, Henry Youngster of Little Falls who attended our October meeting and has decided to join our chapter. We will be swearing in Henry at our next monthly meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Cross Church. We are grateful to have Henry on board and look forward to his participation.

For those who attended the "Meet the President" event, thank you for joining us. It was a really nice event where we got to hear from Dr. Ann Walko and her plans for the future, as well as seeing many friends and fellow UNICANS during the evening. The food was very good as the Venetian always does an amazing job. And with the chapter picking up \$10.00 per member, it was a Win Win!

Final dues are due in the next 2 weeks and I thank everyone who has already sent them in. We are only missing a handful at this time and we are reaching out to those who we have not paid yet.

As we do have several events coming up, I urge everyone to get involved. As an organization, we rely on everyone's participation so I ask everyone to please take an active role in helping us to achieve our goals and assuring successful events and fundraisers. One that comes to mind is the Scholarship Committee Chair. We have over 54 members and we are struggling to find someone who will step up and chair this very important committee. The chair person's responsibility is to coordinate the activities that need to take place and to delegate the responsibilities to the committee members. There are several members who have taken on this responsibility in the past and we will provide as much assistance as required. So please consider chairing this extremely important committee.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> and I wish my best to all.

John Barbieri



## Upcoming Events – Local and National

**November 11, 2015** ... Wednesday ... **Our Monthly Meeting** ... Holy Cross Church, Woodland Park. 7:00pm Dinner ~ 8:00pm Meeting

**November 11, 2015** ... Wednesday ... **National Convention Fundraiser ~ Cigar Night at the Brick House** .... The flier is on the **NJ IV District Website**

**November 26, 2015** ... Thursday ... **Thanksgiving** .... “A thank you to everyone”

**December 2, 2015** ... Wednesday ... **NJ District IV Christmas Dinner ~ “Santa and Gifts for Some Special People”** ... The flier is on our **NJ IV District Website**

**December 4, 2015** ... Friday ... **UNICO National Office Holiday Open House** ... noon – 8:00 pm ... Come and visit and meet many UNICO members

## Birthdays

**Happy November Birthday to:**

Gerardo Gaeta - 11/1  
Anthony Nappi - 11/11  
John Barbieri - 11/15  
Gianna R Barone - 11/21  
Salvatore Benvenuti - 11/22

## 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.

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### **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”**

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## Who's Who

### Our 2015-2016 Executive Board

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### Our 2015-2016 Chapter Delegates

Salvatore Benvenuti ~ Convention  
 Jean Chomko ~ Convention (alternate)

### Fundraising Committee Heads

Applebee's Flapjack & Pancake Breakfast .....	Dominick Bucci
Barrel of Wine Raffles.....	Carmen Criscione
Bus Rides .....	Elaine Barone, Mary Benvenuti, Joyce O'Hara
Golf Outing .....	Joe Barone
Holiday Donations .....	Robert Appaluccio
Modell's .....	Roni Corrado
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages .....	Pat Corrado
Wine Tasting .....	Joe Benvenuti, Angelo Verrone

### 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 .....	OPEN .....
Study Abroad Scholarship (Montclair & Seton Hall) .....	Joseph Agresti PNP
Website .....	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

## 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

## Did You Know

The first Roman Emperor was Octavian Augustus. He came to power in 27BC

Italy has over 3,000 museums

After Rome, the next largest city is Milan

The two largest islands of Italy are Sicily and Sardinia

Rome's nickname is "The Eternal City"

## ComUNICO



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Just click on the cover photo that is shown to the left

## Seaside NJ ~ Columbus Day Parade

### Our chapter members cheering for the UNICO Float



(Above Photo)

Joe and Mary Benvenuti

Joe is standing and Mary is sitting in front of him

Also pictured are past chapter members .....

Helen Triolo (she is sitting on the right, next to Mary)

Helen's daughter, Michele Triolo (left in pink) is one of our past chapter scholarship recipients

Next to Michele (and clapping for UNICO) is her fiancée Matthew



(Above Photo)

Arlene and Joe Agresti PNP

Also pictured is a past chapter member

Tom Hamilton (to the right of Joe taking the picture)

### 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.

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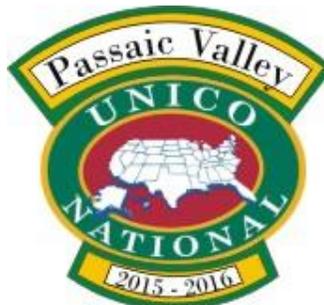
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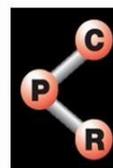


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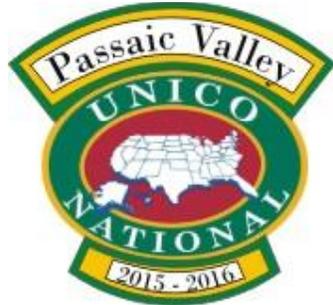
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