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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

The holidays are upon us and the New Year is around the corner. I hope everyone enjoyed their time with their family and friends during Thanksgiving. We have several events that will begin soon and we need everyone to help with all the committees.

As we struggled to get someone to take the Scholarship committee chair, I would like to thank Joe Agresti for stepping up. The scholarship committee is the most important committee for our chapter and this is where we spend most of our money we work so hard to raise throughout the year.

Joe Barone is in full motion with the Golf Outing set for; June 13, 2016. It is not too early to be soliciting donations for hole sponsors. If you know anyone who has a business, please approach them and ask if they would like to support our efforts in helping others by donating to this great event. Also, start spreading the word as you may know several golfers who would like to participate in our outing.

We have Dominick Bucci taking the lead on the Pancake Breakfast; April 30, 2016 at Applebee's. This is a great event, and a great fundraiser. Start thinking who you can invite to support this event. Invite; family, friends & co-workers! The price is right and it is certainly a fun time.

Carmen Criscione is working on the new wine raffle; "The Big Chill". We will be providing ticket books to all members to sell. This has been a great fundraiser and we hope that this will yield higher profits than the last two raffles.

I would like to again thank all our members for being a part of our chapter and wish you all the best for the holiday season.

John Barbieri



Upcoming Events – Local and National

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 5, 2015 ... Saturday ... An invite by the Passaic-Clifton Chapter to go on their NYC **Christmas Dinner Bus Ride to Little Italy** ... \$80.00 all inclusive ... Contact Dave D’Arco (President Passaic-Clifton) if you are interested

December 9, 2015 ... Wednesday ... **Our Monthly Meeting** ... At the Holy Cross Church, Woodland Park. 7:00pm Coffee & Donuts ~ 8:00pm Brief Meeting

December 12, 2015 ... Saturday ... An invite to see Bloomfield member Paul Alongi PNP and his **Garden State Concert Band at their Christmas Concert** in Bloomfield ... A no charge event

December 25, 2015 ... Friday ... **“Buon Natale”**



Birthdays

Happy December Birthday to:

- Jean Chomko - 12/5
- William Santoro - 12/5
- Michael DeFrancisci - 12/21

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.4mg.com

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

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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
Wine Tasting..	Joe McGill
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	Joe Agresti PNP/ Chuck Russo
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

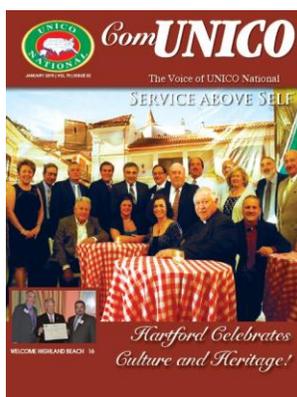
You can bring it directly to the pantry in the basement of Holy Angels Church ... or to any chapter meeting

Did You Know

Trivia: Do you remember who our 2012 female Brian Piccolo recipient was ? You need to be reading this on the computer to be able to access the article. Click here to find out and read a great story that was written about her >>> [2012 Brian Piccolo](#)

ComUNICO

Click here to read all of the ComUNICO online issues



From the “Eastern Region” in the Pocono’s To the “Meet the President” in New Jersey



Left Photo: Our NJ District IV members that were at the Eastern Region Meeting in the Pocono’s at the Inn at the Pocono Manor. Represented were Belleville, Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, and of course our chapter, Passaic Valley

Right Photo: Our chapter at the NJ-NY-PA Meet the National President Dr. Ann Walko from the Westfield NJ Chapter

Note: to see all of the pictures from either of the two events, just click on either of the photos

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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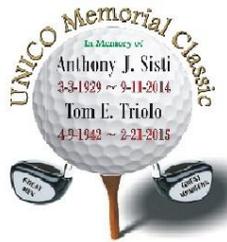

 In memory of
 

Thomas Triolo

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April 9, 1942 ~ February 21, 2015

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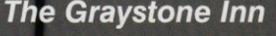
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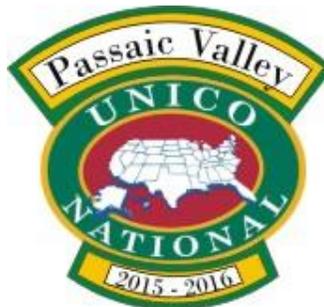
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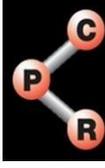


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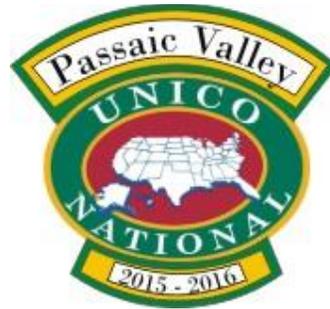
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