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# Passaic Valley UNICO

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## ***President's Message***

*Hello UNICAN's,*

Welcome to 2016. We have a lot of fundraisers in motion and I hope we make the most of these events. Meaning, we invite all our friends and family to enjoy the event and help us to raise the money so we can continue to provide for the many endeavored we choose to support.

Our membership is on the rise. Joining us in the last few months were: Henry Youngster, Philip Barone, Kyle Eopechino, and Pat Liguori. We are extremely lucky to have such wonderful individuals joining our chapter. But let's not stop here. I am sure you all know wonderful people who want to be part of something great. Invite them to a meeting so we can show them all the wonderful things we do to support others in need and local scholarships. Our next meeting is on January 13, 2016 at the Casa Rosa restaurant on McBride Ave in Paterson. Invite someone who will assist us in achieving our goals and wants to be part of an amazing organization.

It's is unbelievable my second term as president will be ending in June. It seems like yesterday and I am so pleased with the caliber of people in our chapter. We have plenty of time before the end of our fiscal year and I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has worked so hard to achieve our success.

We now have tickets for; "The Big Chill" raffle, 25 plus bottles of wine and a wine refrigerator that holds all those bottles. Carmen Criscione will be distributing the tickets at the meeting. If you would like them before, please let Carmen or I know. The Wine Tasting event at LaNeve's in Haledon is on February 6<sup>th</sup> and this is sure to be a great event. I plan on bringing several people and I hope you all will do the same.

All my best to you and yours for the New Year!!!.

John Barbieri



## Birthdays

Happy January  
Birthday to:

Kelsey Muir - 1/30

## 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)

## Upcoming Events – Local and National

**January 12 ... Tuesday ... Our 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 NJ District IV Meetings ...**  
Hosted by the Bloomfield Chapter ... At Bloomfield Steak and Seafood – 409 Broad Street – Bloomfield ... \$30.00 includes tip ... An RSVP Event starting promptly at 7:00

**January 13 ... Wednesday ... Our chapter monthly meeting ...** At the Casa Rosa, 246 McBride Avenue, Paterson... 7:00 pm Dinner ... 8:00 pm Meeting

**February 6 ... Saturday ... Wine Tasting ...** La Neve's in Haledon ... The flier is on our website [www.PVUNICO.com](http://www.PVUNICO.com)

**February 10... Our Big Chill Wine and Refrigerator Raffle Drawing**

**March 4&5 ... Friday & Saturday ... UNICO National Mid Year Board Meeting ....** Friday committee meetings and workshops ... Saturday General Session ... Register with the UNICO National Office 973-808-0035

**April 17 ... Sunday ... Atlantic City Bus Ride ...** More information to follow ... Save the Date

**April 23 ... Saturday ... UNICO National Community Service Day**

**April 30 ... Saturday ... Applebee in Totowa Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser ...** The flier is on our website [www.PVUNICO.com](http://www.PVUNICO.com)

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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 and see what we do

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**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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## 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

When in Italy, it is cheaper to stand at a café bar than to sit down in one of their chairs

When in Italy, if you order a peperoni pizza, peperoni in Italian means sweet pepper

When in Italy, even if it is very hot, it is very much frowned upon to enter a church bare shouldered

### Our 2015-2016 Board of Directors

Robert Appaluccio  
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 Salvatore Benvenuti  
 Angelo Verrone  
 Charles Russo

### 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

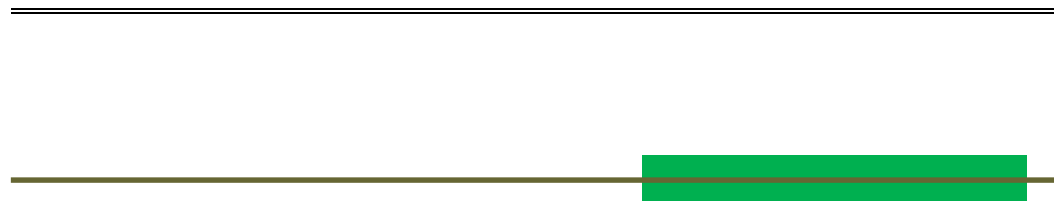
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### Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April 23).....	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



## Some Recent Photos



**Left Photo:** Bruce Ponchak (left - Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> VP) and Chapter President John Barbieri making a presentation to the family of Baby Emma

**Right Photo:** New member Philip Barone (left) was sworn in at our December 9th meeting by Chapter President John Barbieri ~ Welcome Philip

**More Photos can be found on the last page (Page 8) of this newsletter**

### 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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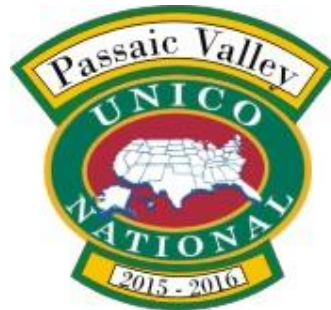
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# Some Photos From Our District IV Christmas Dinner

