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# Passaic Valley UNICO

## Our March 2016 Monthly Newsletter



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

*Hello UNICAN's,*

First I want to apologize for getting the newsletter out so late this month. I ended up in the hospital for a couple of days and it put a damper on my plans. Everything is fine and I had 2 very restful days in Wayne. I am writing this at 11:22pm and packing for the trip to AC for the Mid Year Board Meeting, trying to follow the comments on the debate and catch up on some 450 emails as I was out of touch.

We have a big meeting this coming Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup>. We have joining us, Richard Muti who will speak about his latest book: ***Cent'Anni: The Sinatra Legend at 100***. If anyone is interested in purchasing a book, he will sign it and donate \$5.00 to our chapter so we look forward meeting Richards and hearing about a great Italian icon.

We will also be drawing "The Big Chill" raffle. So PLEASE, be sure to bring your tickets and money to the meeting. The last 2 wine raffles we pulled in an average of \$3,000.00. I hope that we can meet or exceed that number. If you need any last minute ticket books, please contact Carmen Criscione ASAP. This raffle has allowed us to meet our goals and we are again counting on your success in exceeding the past average proceeds.

Don't forget about the Sand's Bus ride, our Community Service Day, and the Applebee's Pancake Breakfast. The dates are on the Upcoming Events Section.

I am looking forward to attending the Mid Year Board Meeting and learning more about our national budget and national processes which I will report at our upcoming meeting.

Thank you all for being Passaic Valley Chapter members!

*John Barbieri*



## Birthdays

### Happy March Birthday

Philip Barone - 3/3  
 Nicolette Barbieri - 3/7  
 Joseph Barone - 3/7  
 Kyle R. Eoepchino - 3/31

## 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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## Upcoming Events – Local and National

**March 4&5** ... Friday & Saturday ... **UNICO National Meeting**  
**The Mid-Year Board Meeting** ... Friday committee meetings and workshops ... Saturday General Session ... The Marconi Science Award Presented Saturday Evening at Dinner ... Pre-Registration was required with the UNICO National Office

**March 9** ... **Our Big Chill Wine and Refrigerator Raffle Drawing**  
 At our monthly meeting on march 9th

**March 9** ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting**  
**Holy Cross Church, Woodland Park**  
 7:00 pm Dinner ... 8:00 pm Meeting

**April** ... Date and place still to be announced  
**3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 NJ District IV** Meetings ... The Wayne Chapter is the host

**April 17** ... Sunday ... **Sands Casino Bus Ride**  
 More information to follow ... Save the Date

**April 23** ... Saturday ... **UNICO National Community Service Day**  
 Our community service will be a food drive @ ShopRite in Little Falls  
 Come visit us and help us supply the needy

**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](mailto: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**  
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**O – Opportunity**

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## Who's Who

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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

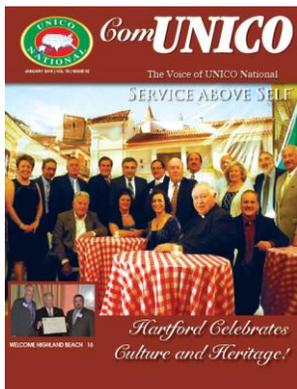
## Did You Know

About \$3,000 dollars in change is thrown into the Trevi Fountain on a daily basis. It is all donated to charity

The Olymopics have been held in Italy three times: 1956, 1960, and 2006

## ComUNICO

You can read all of the ComUNICO issues, online, by going to [www.UNICO.org](http://www.UNICO.org)



### Our 2015-2016 Board of Directors

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 Carmen Criscione  
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 Charles Russo

### Our 2015-2016 Chapter Delegates

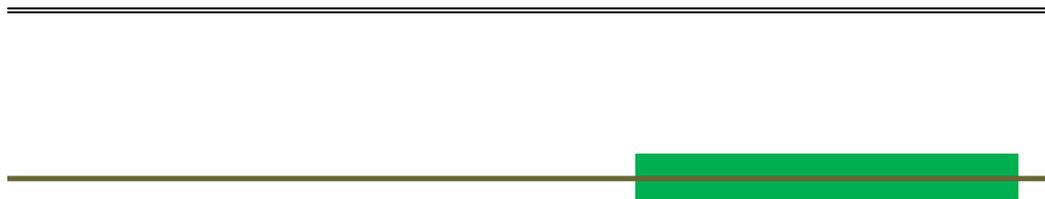
Salvatore Benvenuti ~ Convention  
 Jean Chomko ~ Convention (alternate)

### Fundraising Committee Heads

Applebee's Flapjack & Pancake Breakfast .....	Dominick Bucci
"The Big Chill" Wine Raffle .....	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 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



## Our 2016 Wine Tasting Committee and Friends



*Left photo: Lou and Ruth Fizzarotti checking with Joe Benvenuto, co-chairman at our Wine Tasting*

*Right photo: Mingling and having a great time at our 2016 Wine Tasting are Chuck Russo, committee member, Angelo Verrone, wine fundraiser co-chairman, with Sal Nocella, chapter member*

*All of the pictures from the evening can be seen on our chapter website [www.PVUNICO.com](http://www.PVUNICO.com)*

### 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.

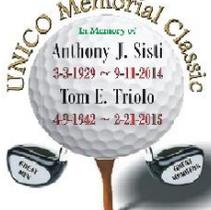
UNICO National has funded major research in Cooley's Anemia and Mental Health. Through its association with the Jimmy Valvano Foundation it has funded over 10, \$50,000 grants to help find a cure for Cancer. These worthy areas continue to receive generous support from the chapters and its members for 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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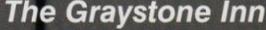
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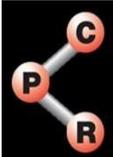


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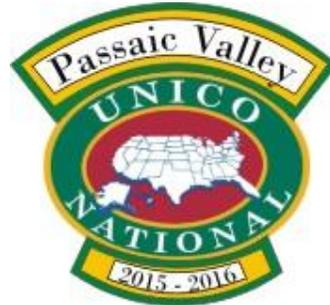
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