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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

April was a good month for our chapter and we have once again conducted several events with total success. The Bus ride to the Sands was a really nice day. We almost filled the bus and we made some money. Thanks to Elaine Barone and Joyce O'Hara for an exciting day!

On Saturday the 23rd we held our annual community day at the ShopRite in Little Falls. We collected a lot of food and several hundred in cash. We gave out balloons to the children and overall it was a great day and the generosity of the individuals who gave was unprecedented. Once again, Chuck Russo and his team has done an amazing job in organizing this great event.

On April 30th we held our Flapjack Pancake day at Applebee's. This is a great and fun fundraiser where we get to serve the patrons and have some great discussions with all the attendees. Dominick Bucci and all the members who helped has once again done a great job in putting this together.

Coming up is a new event suggested by one of our new members: Pat Liguori. "Be a Painter" We will be holding this event September so it will give everyone an opportunity to spread the word. I have spoken to several people and this is the new fun fundraiser. So as it is still new, we have an opportunity to make a few dollars. The artist provides all the necessary materials, all we need to do is get the participants.

The nominating committee has put the new slate of officers together for 2016 2017. Pat Liguori has stepped up to be our upcoming Secretary and we really appreciate his service.

The scholarship applications are in and Joe Agresti will be providing directions to his committee. We are awaiting the location of the scholarship dinner which we hope to have shortly.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next monthly meeting on May 11th.

John Barbieri



Upcoming Events – Local and National

May 6 ... Friday ... Chapter Karaoke Fundraiser ... The flier is on our chapter website

Birthdays

Happy May Birthday

Dominick Bucci - 5/4
Philip Polizzotto - 5/13
Salvatore Nocella - 5/31

**May 11 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Meeting ... Agenda is nomination of our 2016-2017 Chapter Executive Board Members ... Please try to attend Holy Cross Church, Woodland Park
7:00 pm Dinner ... 8:00 pm Meeting:**

May 15 ... Sunday ... NJ District IV Jimmy V Bowl-a-Thon Fundraiser ... [Click here to see the flier](#) ... Or visit the NJ District IV Website

May 22 ... Sunday ... Convention Fundraiser ~ Wine, Finger Foods, Cigars ... [Click here to be taken to the National Website Calendar](#)

June 13 ... Monday ... Our Chapter 32nd Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser ... More information to follow

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.

- www.PVUNICO.com
- www.UNICO.org
- www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com

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

501c3 organization

Passaic Valley Chapter 32nd Annual Golf Outing
Monday June 13, 2016
Preakness Valley Golf Course
209 Totowa Road, Wayne, New Jersey
Shotgun Start at 10:00am

- Breakfast at 8:00am
- 2 On-course beverages
- Full beefsteak dinner at the **Brownstone** at 4:00pm (includes beer, soda, coffee and tea)

Contests, Prizes & Raffle's	
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 Pre-Registration is Requested
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U – Unity
N – Neighborliness
I – Integrity
C – Charity
O – Opportunity

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Did You Know

Did you know that Italians eat spaghetti only with a fork not using a spoon?

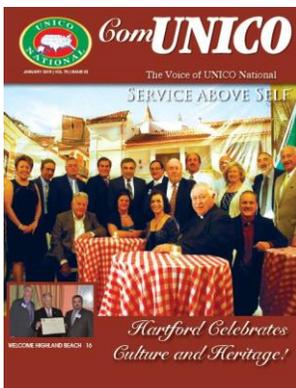
Italian main dishes contain: pork and beef, seafood and potatoes, rice and pasta

In Italy, most young people in school learn to speak English, French or German as well

The highest mountain of Italy can be found in the Alps. It is the Monte Bianco, better known as Mont Blanc

ComUNICO

You can read all of the ComUNICO issues, online, by going here www.UNICO.org



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

Our 2015-2016 Board of Directors

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

Our 2015-2016 Chapter Delegates

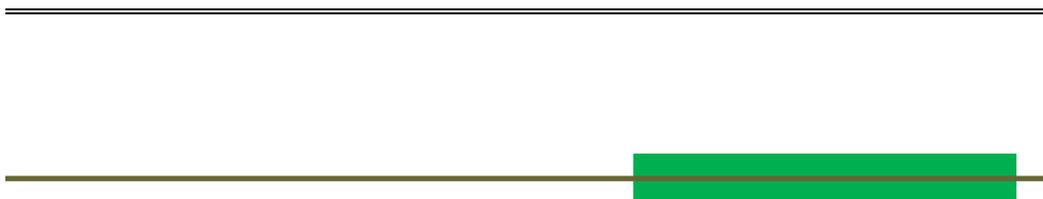
- Salvatore Benvenuti ~ Convention
- Jean Chomko ~ Convention (alternate)

Fundraising Committee Heads

- Applebee's Flapjack & Pancake Breakfast Dominick Bucci
- "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 Most Recent Photos



*At Montclair University
Presenting our Study Abroad Grant to Joseph Scarpa*

Pictured from the left are: Joseph Agresti PNP and Passaic Valley Chapter member, MSU Italian Studies Student Joseph Scarpa, Mrs. & Mr. Scarpa, John Barbieri Passaic Valley Chapter President



*At St. Agnes Church Food Pantry
Presenting the UNICO National Ralph Torracco Food & Shelter Grant*

Pictured from the left are: Archdeacon Deborah Drake, pastor of St. Agnes Episcopal Church; Bob Dombrowski, co-manager of the Food Pantry; John Barbieri, President of the Passaic Valley UNICO; Roni Corrado, Passaic Valley UNICO member; and Pat Keating, co-manager of the Food Pantry

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.

Community Service ~ April 23



Chuck & Tony



Jean & Pat



Joe & Evelyn



Jean & Jay



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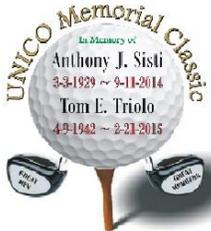
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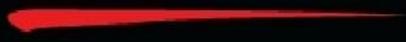
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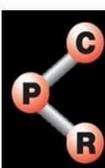
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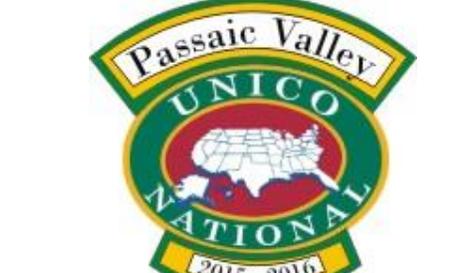
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