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

Hello UNICAN's, and welcome to June.

I hope everyone is planning your vacation and getting ready for the hot weather.

Can you believe it's been 2 years since I have been the President of our chapter? While it seems like yesterday I am ready to hand the torch to our new President Bruce Ponchak. I am sure Bruce will continue to provide the attention needed to maintain the chapter and continue to strive to make us even better.

On June 8<sup>th</sup> we have our annual Scholarship Dinner. Thanks to Joe Agresti and his committee, everything worked out well. It was a struggle to find someone who wanted to step up to the challenge and Joe came through... THANK YOU. I look forward to seeing ALL our members at the dinner.

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding one of our largest events of the year, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. Joe Barone and his committee have done an amazing job again this year and I hope that we get an even greater turnout than last year. We still need everyone's support in finding golfers and more importantly, SPONSORS!!! Please continue to reach out to thoughts that can help us make this event the best ever.

On a closing note, I want to thank all of you for your support for the last 2 years. It was certainly a learning opportunity for me. The President's position is a very demanding position and one that many rely on. As you had elected me, I hope that I have met with your expectations. Working with everyone has been very special and I again thank you all for your support. I will continue to support Bruce and those on the executive board to assure we meet the expectation of the members and the National Office.

As we will be off for July & August, I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy summer season.

*John Barbieri*



## Upcoming Events – Local and National

**June 8 ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ... Scholarship & Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner, Francesco's Restaurant, Woodland Park, 7:00 PM**

**June 13 ... Monday ... Our Chapter 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser ... More information to follow ... But you can always visit our website at [www.PVUNICO.com](http://www.PVUNICO.com)**

**June 14 ... Tuesday ... The 4<sup>th</sup> and final NJ District IV Meeting ... At the Brownstone ... 7:00 pm start: Dinner & Meeting ... District Officers to get sworn in ... Please attend and support it**

**June ... Date to Be announced ... Our Final Meeting of our Chapter UNICO Year ~ Our Traditional Pizza Meeting**

**July 27, 28, 29, 30 ... Wednesday through Saturday ... The 94<sup>th</sup> Annual UNICO National Convention ... Chesapeake Bay, Maryland ... Register through UNICO National**

## Birthdays

### Happy June Birthday

Alexander Guthrie - 6/6  
Angela Jones - 6/7  
Angelo Verrone - 6/9  
Pat Liguori - 6/28  
Elaine Barone - 6/30

## 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.

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## How Many of These Italians Did You Hear Of

Louis Vincent "Lou" Albano

Marco Andretti

Joseph Coccia Jr

Frederick Steven Couples

Joe DiMaggio

Nicholas Jerry "Nick" Jonas

Sean Edward Landeta

Mario Perillo

Pope John XXII (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli)

Alvin Ray "Pete" Roselle

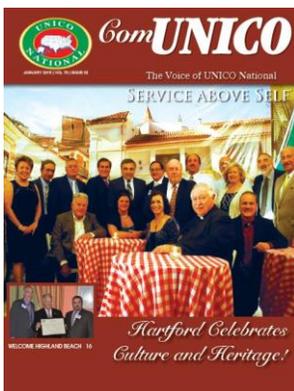
Bruno Samartino

Bruce Springsteen

**They are all in the premiered in the 2016 UNICO Calendar**

## ComUNICO

You can read all of the ComUNICO issues, online, by going here



## Who's Who

### Our 2015-2016 Executive Board

President .....	John Barbieri
1st Vice President .....	Bruce Ponchak
2nd Vice President .....	Carmen Gaita Jr.
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 Angelo Verrone  
 Charles Russo

### Our 2015-2016 Chapter Delegates

Salvatore Benvenuti  
 Jean Chomko (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



# Lots of Photos in May

*Below Left Photo: at the Rutherford Chapter Golf Outing  
Joe McGill, Pat Pelonero, Sal Benvenuti, Bob Appaluccio*



*Below Right Photo: at the Coolies Anemia Golf Outing Hosted by Coolies Anemia in Staten Island  
Lou Pandolfi from Kearny UNICO, Frank Tidona PNP from Rutherford UNICO  
Sal Benvenuti and Steve Pelonero from our Passaic Valley Chapter*



*Below Photos: At the Eastern Region District Governor Meeting / Breakfast on Sunday may 15<sup>th</sup>, in Clark NJ*

*Left photo: All of the District Governors with some National Officers and guests ... Our DG and Chapter member Steve Pelonero is standing 3<sup>rd</sup> from the left*



*Right Photo: Steve Pelonero DG, is pictured with the ER Chair Robert Tarte and the UNICO National President Dr. Ann Walko*



## More Photos in May

*Left Photo: At the Saddle Brook Chapter Wine tasting are our Chapter members Sal Benvenuti and Joe Agresti PNP, with Verona's PNP John Alati*

*Right Photo: At the NJ District IV Jimmy V Bowl-a-Thon is our Passaic Valley Chapter Team; Nikki Barbieri, Joe Vasta, and PV Chapter President John Barbieri*



*Below Photos: At the National Convention Wine and Cigar Fundraiser at Sorrenti Winery in the Poconos*

*Left Photo: All UNICO members ... Right Photo: Joe Agresti PNP, Sal Benvenuti, Sal Ingalina (Cedar Grove UNICO) and Steve Pelonero*



# And even "more" Photos taken in May At our Karaoke for St. Jude and Jimmy V

We're leaving it up to you to name all of the talent pictured below : Friday may 6th



# New ~ Our 2016/2017 ~ Sponsors and Supporters



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# ***Our 2016 Scholarship Recipients Congratulations***

## **High School Graduates**

*Claudia Barone (Woodland Park – PVHS)*

*Michael LoBue (Totowa – PVHS)*

*Rosa Mazza-Hilway (Little Falls – PVHS)*

*Jessica Purcell (Woodland Park – PVHS)*

*Gabriell Ramos (Woodland Park – Mount St. Dominic Academy)*

## **College Student Italian Study Abroad Grant Recipients**

*Joseph Scarpa (Montclair State University – Freshman)*

### **About UNICO**

UNICO is the largest Italian American Service Organization in the United States  
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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.

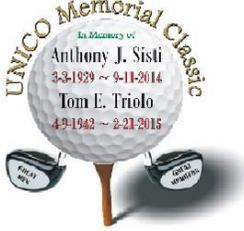
UNICO National has funded major research in Cooley's Anemia and Mental Health. Through its association with the Jimmy Valvano Foundation it has funded over 10, \$50,000 grants to help find a cure for Cancer. These worthy areas continue to receive generous support from the chapters and its members for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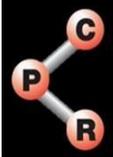


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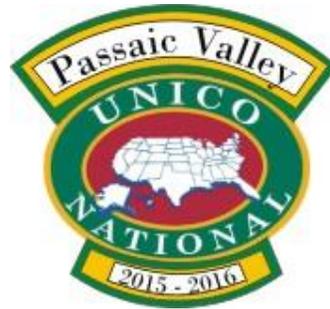
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