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# Passaic Valley UNICO

## Our July 2016 Monthly Newsletter



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

*Hello UNICAN's,*

*Well this is my first message as your President and I would like to thank you for trusting me with this honor. This message will have a lot of well deserved "Thank You" recipients.*

*The first "Thank You" goes to my predecessor, John Barbieri, for his dedication and leadership over the past two years. I can only hope to continue in his example of "Service Above Self".*

*The next "Thank You" goes to Joe Agresti and his scholarship committee for selecting outstanding scholarship and Brian Piccolo winners. Every year the credentials of these students are beyond outstanding. Also, thank you for putting together a great scholarship dinner which I'm sure everyone enjoyed.*

*My last "Thank You" goes to Joe Barone and his golf committee for putting together another wonderful and successful golf outing. It's this event that helps fund our scholarship program and allows us to give back to our community.*

*In closing, I want to wish everyone a happy and safe summer and I look forward to seeing everyone at our September meeting.*

*Bruce Ponchak*





## Upcoming Events – Local and National

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

**August** ... Even we get a month off for the summer ... **Stay safe**

**September** ... Date and place to follow ... **Our first meeting our chapter's new year**

## Birthdays

### Happy July Birthday

07/20 Evelyn Tosi  
 07/23 Jane Morano  
 07/25 Mary Benvenuti  
 07/27 Patrick Corrado  
 07/31 Joe Benvenuti

**Have a Great Summer  
 See you in September**

## 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](http://www.PVUNICO.com)
- [www.UNICO.org](http://www.UNICO.org)
- [www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com](http://www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com)



SUMMER  
 Vacation

## 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

**U – Unity**  
**N – Neighborliness**  
**I – Integrity**  
**C – Charity**  
**O – Opportunity**

**“Service Above Self”**



**Gelato Facts**

Gelato, in Italian, means frozen or to freeze

A gelato vendor is known as a “gelataio”

Gelato is made of fruit, sugar, and milk

Gelato traditionally hails from Northern Italy

Gelato can be traced back to 1565

The first ice cream machine was created by a Sicilian fisherman in 1686

More facts about Gelato can be found on this website ...  
<https://www.touritalynow.com/blog/ten-facts-about-gelato>

**ComUNICO**

You can read all of the ComUNICO issues, online, by clicking on the magazine cover



**Who's Who**

**Our 2016-2017 Executive Board**

- President ..... Bruce Ponchak
- 1st Vice President ..... Carmen Gaita Jr.
- 2nd Vice President ..... Eileen Wood
- Treasurer ..... Joseph McGill
- Recording Secretary ..... Patrick Ligouri
- Sgt. At-Arms ..... Dominick Bucci

**Our 2016-2017 Board of Directors**

- John Barbieri
- Robert Appaluccio
- Steve Pelonero
- Carmen Criscione
- Salvatore Benvenuti
- Angelo Verrone

**Our 2016-2017 Chapter Delegates**

- President Bruce Ponchak
- Alternate John Barbieri
- Delegate Sal Benvenuti
- Alternate Jean Chomko
- Delegate Dominick Bucci
- Alternate Joe McGill
- Delegate Eileen Wood
- Alternate Joyce O'Hara

**Fundraising Committee Heads**

- Applebee's Flapjack & Pancake Breakfast ..... Dominick Bucci
- Bus Rides ..... Elaine Barone, Mary Benvenuti, Joyce O'Hara
- Golf Outing ..... Joe Barone
- Holiday Donations ..... Robert Appaluccio
- Modell's ..... Roni Corrado
- Oversea's Armed Service Care Packages ..... Pat Corrado

**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 Collegiate Scholarship ..... Joseph Agresti PNP
- Website ..... Steven Pelonero

## Our 2016 High School Scholarship & Brian Piccolo Recipients

*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)*

*Our Scholarship / Brian Piccolo Chair ~ Joe Agresti PNP / Chuck Russo*



*All of our Scholarship, Brian Piccolo, and Officer Installation Photos can be seen on our website at*

[www.PVUNICO.com](http://www.PVUNICO.com)

*Or by clicking here < [Scholarship ~ Brian Piccolo ~ Installation Night](#) >*

### 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".

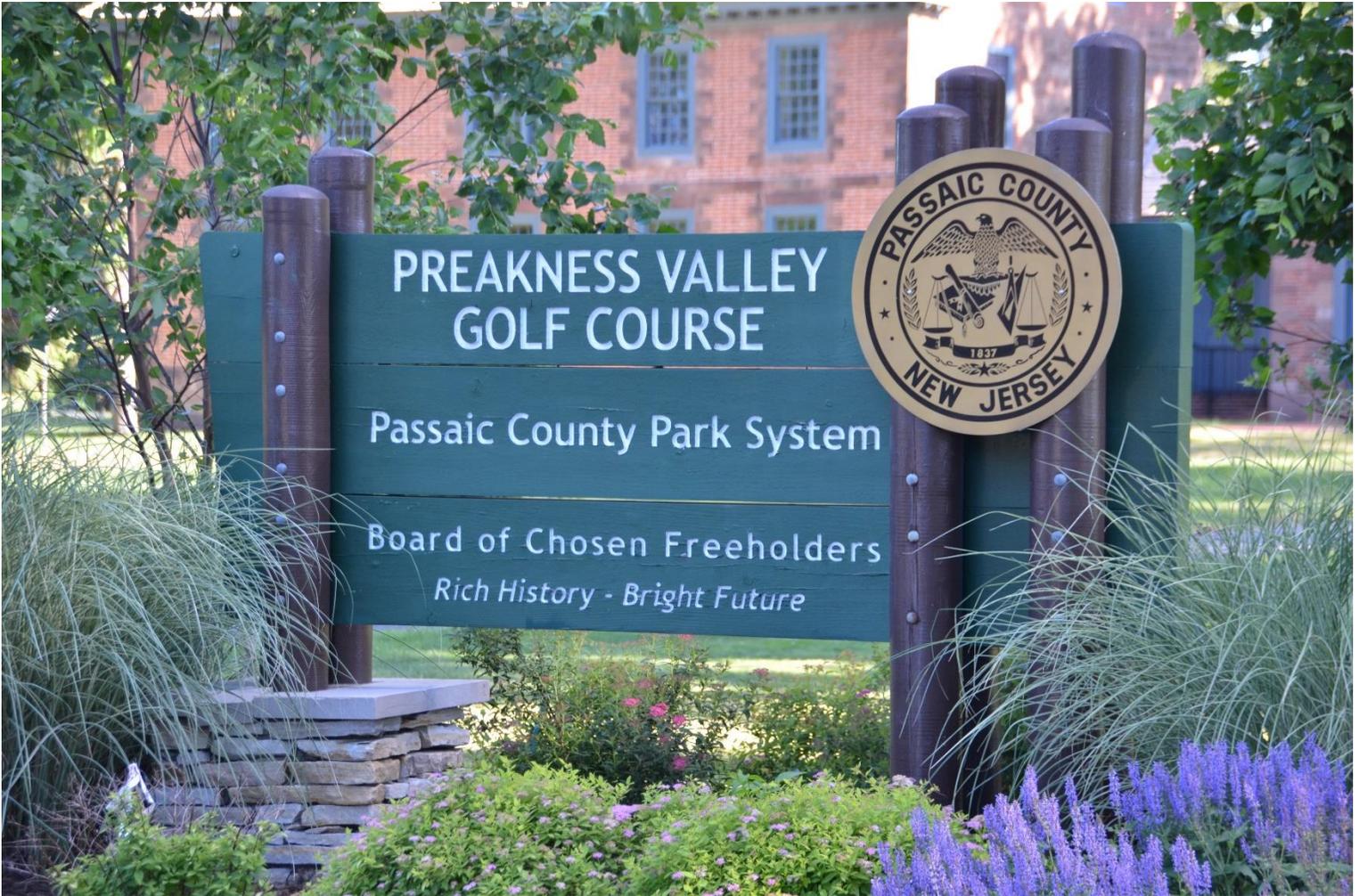
Each year, the UNICO Foundation and the UNICO National Chapters across the country donate approximately \$1 million to various charities. Scholarships continue to be the primary focus of UNICO, as roughly one-third of all monies raised goes to deserving students from all of the chapter locations throughout 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.

## Our June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ~ 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing

### Preakness Valley Golf Course



*All of our 2016 ~ 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Photos  
Can be seen by clicking on the above Photo*

*Or by going to our website*

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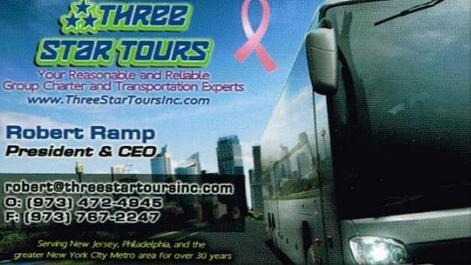
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