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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

Thank you to everyone who came to our September meeting. We had the pleasure of having Sal Ingallina, our District Governor and Dr. Maryanne Re, Director of the Coccia Institute at Montclair State University join us for the evening.

Our next meeting is on October 12th (the real Columbus Day) at Holy Cross Church. We are scheduled to have a guest speaker from William Paterson University to discuss their study abroad program in the Carrera Marble Fields in Italy. William Paterson University received one of our study abroad scholarships last June.

This month there are many Columbus Day celebrations throughout our local towns as well as New York City and Seaside Heights. If you have the opportunity to go to one, I'm sure you will enjoy it. Also don't forget Meet the President Night at the Venetian on October 25th. Our National President, Dominick Nicastro, will be honored in his hometown.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting.

Bruce Ponchak



UNICO National ~ October 10, 1922



October Birthdays

Robert Appaluccio - 10/1
 Christina Castillo - 10/2
 Emilia D'Albero - 10/4
 Alexandria Goldinak - 10/4
 Carmen Gaita Jr - 10/9
 Carmen Criscione - 10/18
 Jean Giancola - 10/22
 Frank Capalbo - 10/23

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

Upcoming Events – Local and National

October 6 ... Thursday ... **NJ District IV 1st Meeting** ... Cedar Grove is Host Chapter ... Let your chapter president know if you will be attending ... **For more information**, please visit the District Website at www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com

October 9 ... Sunday ... **Seaside Columbus Day Parade**

October 10 ... Monday ... **Columbus Day and the NYC Columbus Day Parade** ... Chapters are invited, urged, and welcome to march with their Chapter Banner ... Contact the National Office for contact information

October 10 ... The founding of **UNICO National** in 1922

October 12 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** ... 7:00 pm Dinner – 8:00 pm Meeting with a guest speaker - Holy Cross Church Woodland Park

October 12 ... Wednesday ... **UNICO National Book Signing** ... 7:30 pm - n/c cost at Calandra's in Fairfield ... Umberto Mucci "Two Flags, One Heart"

October 25 ... Tuesday ... **Meet the National President ~ Dominick Nicastro** ... At the Venetian in Garfield ... Pre-pay your ticket through your chapter President or Treasurer ... RSVP only

November 11 & 12 ... Friday and Saturday ... **UNICO National Eastern Region Meeting** ... Chatham in Cape Cod Massachusetts ... Must pre-register through the National Office ... More information and the registration form is on the National Website @ www.UNICO.org

If you are "not" a member and would like to attend any of our meetings as our guest, please contact any of our Chapter Officers for more information ... Or email us at PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

Ask a friend, ask a co-worker, and even ask a neighbor if they ever heard of UNICOAsk if they would like to get involved and also to celebrate their Italian Heritage in the fun ways that we do throughout the year

Ask them if they would like to attend a dinner meeting to see how our chapter helps students, supports local causes, aids in the raising of funds for medical research, and assists UNICO on a National level

We are the Largest Italian-American Service Organization in the United States

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

“Service Above Self”



Did you know?

Did you know that the National website www.UNICO.org has a Calendar that can be used for chapter events as well as for National Events

Did you know that current and past issues of the ComUNICO Magazine can be downloaded from the "home page" of the www.UNICO.org website

Did you know that there is a photo link on the national website where you can get a sneak preview of the 2017 Convention site in Scottsdale, AZ ... Stay for just \$99.00 a night

Did you know that the **UNICO** was founded on October 10, 1922 **Happy Birthday UNICO** "UNICO" ~ "Unique"

ComUNICO

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



Who's Who

Our 2016-2017 Executive Board

President Bruce Ponchak
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 2nd Vice President Eileen Wood
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 Sgt. At-Arms Dominick Bucci

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John Barbieri	Chapter President	2014 & 2015
Robert Appaluccio	Chapter President	2012 & 2013
Steve Pelonero	Chapter President	2010 & 2011
Carmen Criscione	Chapter President	2008 & 2009
Salvatore Benvenuti	Chapter President	2006 & 2007
Angelo Verrone	Chapter President	2004 & 2005

Our 2016-2017 Chapter Delegates

President Bruce Ponchak	Alternate Delegate John Barbieri
Delegate Sal Benvenuti	Alternate Delegate Jean Chomko
Delegate Dominick Bucci	Alternate Delegate Joe McGill
Delegate Eileen Wood	Alternate Delegate 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 Roni Corrado
 Good and Welfare Sal Nocella
 Italian Heritage with Our Youth at P.V.H.S. Angelo Verrone
 Membership John Barbieri
 Newsletter Steve Pelonero
 Scholarship / Brian Piccolo Joe Agresti PNP/ Chuck Russo
 Study Abroad Collegiate Scholarship Joseph Agresti PNP
 Website Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

Photos taken in September



Top left: At the September Chapter meeting, Bruce Ponchak chapter president, recognizes John Barbieri for his service as over the past 2 years as the Immediate Past Chapter President

Top right: Joe Agresti PNP and chapter Study Abroad Scholarship Director of our PV UNICO Chapter, with Mary Ann Re from the Coccia Institute at MSU, and also with Bruce Ponchak Chapter President of PV UNICO. Mary Ann Re acknowledged our grant recipient in his absence due to his Italian studies

Right: Roni Corrado Food Chair Director of our PV UNICO Chapter, presenting a National Foundation Torracco Food Grant to St. James of the Marches Church



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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