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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

It's hard to believe that we're getting ready for Thanksgiving already. I would like to thank Chuck Russo for arranging the wonderful presentation we had at our October meeting. Professor Rees and Sinead MacLeod from William Paterson University gave a great presentation on the sculpture program at the Carrara Marble Mines in Italy.

Our next meeting is on November 9th at Holy Cross Church. As was noted in Roni Corrado's email, the food pantry at Holy Angels is in dire need of food items. So, as we all get ready to celebrate our Thanksgiving dinner with our families, please remember those that are less fortunate.

And on a similar note, our Christmas Cheer program is one of the most satisfying events we do for our community. While our chapter sponsors this program, the Christmas Cheer committee is always appreciative of our members' personal contributions to this worthy endeavor. Please be as generous as you can so we can help make someone's Christmas special.

Hope to see everyone at our meeting.

Bruce Ponchak



November Birthdays

11/01 Gerry Gaeta
 11/11 Tony Nappi
 11/15 John Barbieri
 11/21 Gianna Barone
 11/22 Sal Benvenuti

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

November 9 ... Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** ... Holy Cross Church ... **7:00 pm Dinner . 8:00 pm Meeting**

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

November 17 ... Thursday ... **Convention 2017 Cigar Night Fundraiser** ... Brick House, Wyckoff ... Contact the 2017 Convention Chairman, Joe Agresti PNP, for more information

November 24 ... Thursday ... **"Have a Happy Thanksgiving"**

December 4 ... Sunday ... **NJ District IV Christmas Dinner for Special Needs** ... More information to follow but **"Save the Date"**

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



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

"Service Above Self"



Did you know?

Italy has won the Soccer World Cup 4 times

Italy has hosted the Olympic Games 3 times

Italy's national flower is the Lily

Italy's national bird is the Bluebird

Everyday approximately 3,000€ (\$3,318) gets tossed into the Trevi Fountain

The patron saint of Italy is St. Francis of Assisi

All of the above (plus more) can be seen by clicking here <<<

ComUNICO

You can now read the ComUNICO magazine online, just by clicking on the cover below



Who's Who

Our 2016-2017 Executive Board

President	Bruce Ponchak
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Our 2016-2017 Chapter Delegates

President Bruce Ponchak	Alternate Delegate John Barbieri
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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
Overseas 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 @ Meet the President



Top left: Our UNICO National President Dominick Nicastro and First Lady Alina Nicastro

Top right: Bruce Ponchak, PV Chapter President, is shown making a donation to our UNICO National President Dominick, in the name of St. Jude Hospital, Memphis, TN

Right: Our PV Chapter members in attendance at the October 23rd Meet the National President Dinner at the Venetian in Garfield NJ



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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