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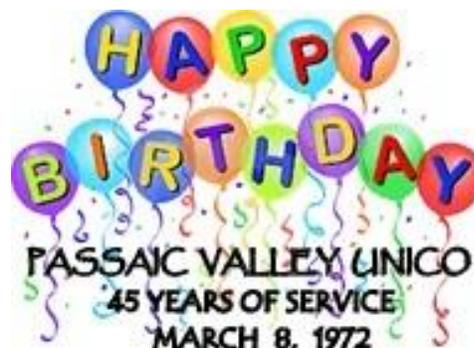
Hello UNICAN's,

Well it looks like we're in the home stretch of winter. Only a few more days and spring is here. And that begins our string of events. The month of April has a number of functions starting with Karaoke Night on April 21st, Community Service Day on the 22nd and the Flapjack Breakfast on the 29th. I hope everyone can attend one or more of these events.

I'm writing this message on Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent which is a time of reflection. It's a good time to reflect on how fortunate we are and how we can share our blessings with those who are not as fortunate. UNICO's creed of "Service Above Self" exemplifies that belief. Whether we make a monetary donation or volunteer our services, I hope everyone will do something out of the ordinary this Lenten Season.

Our meeting is being held at Holy Cross Church on March 8th at 7 P.M. We will be having Coffee and Cake/Donuts. Please feel free to bring baked goods to the meeting. I hope to see everyone there.

Bruce Ponchak





March Birthdays

03-03 Philip Barone
 03-07 Joseph Barone
 03-07 Nicolette Barbieri
 03-22 Joseph Scarpa
 03-31 Kyle R. Eoepchino

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

March 1 ... Wednesday ... **Ash Wednesday**

March 8, 2017 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Chapter Meeting** ... Holy Cross Church ... 7:00 pm

March 12 ... Sunday ... **Daylight Savings Time** ... Clocks Ahead

March 17 ... Friday ... **St. Patrick's Day**

March 17 & 18, 2017 ... Friday & Saturday ... **March Mid-Year Board Meeting** ... At the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, FL

March 19 ... Sunday ... **St. Joseph's Day**

March 20 ... Monday ... **1st Day of Spring**

April 21, 2017 ... Friday ... **Karaoke Night Fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Hospital and the Jimmy V Foundation**

April 22, 2017 ... Saturday ... **UNICO National Community Service Day** ... More information to follow

April 29, 2017 ... Saturday ... **Applebee's pancake Breakfast** ... More information to follow

More: June Golf Outing, June Wine & Dine Raffle – Please check our website for more updates @ www.PVUNICO.com

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

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Holy Cross Church, 220 Browertown Rd., Woodland Park, NJ 07424 <small>No substitution of the offered prize may be made and no cash will be given in lieu of Prize. ID# 259-4-29540 RL# 2418</small>	

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

“Service Above Self”



St. Joseph's Day

March 19th

St. Joseph is the patron saint of Sicily

Many Italians celebrate this day with St. Joseph Tables, decorated with many different foods

The fava bean is considered very lucky because it survived the drought in Sicily

Breadcrumbs are incorporated into many dishes as it represents sawdust (St. Joseph was a carpenter)

Tradition is to wear red on this day (March 19), as opposed to wearing the color green on St Patrick's Day (March 17)

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
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	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
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.. Delegate	Dominick Bucci
.. Delegate	Eileen Wood
.... Alternate Delegate	John Barbieri
.... Alternate Delegate	Jean Chomko
.... Alternate Delegate	Joe McGill
... 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
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Some February Photos

Left Photo: At our February 8th, 2017 meeting at Holy Cross Church in Woodland park NJ. Guest speakers Celina Poggiogalle, George Clark, and Mary Ann Re (center three). On the left is Passaic Valley Chapter President Bruce Ponchak. Pictured to the right is Joe Agresti, PNP and chapter Study Abroad Scholarship Chairman. Celina and George are both past recipients and graduates of Montclair State University. Mary Ann Re is the Director of the Joseph & Elda Coccia Institute for the Italian American Experience in America

Right Photo: Also at our February 8th, 2017 meeting and getting ready for business of the evening to start, are from the left: Secretary Pat Ligouri, President Bruce Ponchak, and Treasurer Joe McGill. Photo bombing in the back right of the picture is our Sgt. At Arms Dominick Bucci helping prepare for our traditional 7:00 pm dinner and 8:00 meeting



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.

March ~ Marzo

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