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## Our April 2017 Monthly Newsletter



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

*Hello UNICAN's,*

*Looking at the calendar for this month we have a lot of events coming up. On April 21<sup>st</sup> we have our annual Karaoke night fund raiser for the Jimmy V foundation and St. Jude Children's Hospital. The next day we have our Community Service Day at the Little Falls Shop Rite. And then on the 29<sup>th</sup> we have our Pancake Breakfast at Applebees.*

*In the following months we have our Comedy Night, Scholarship Dinner and Golf Outing. I would like to thank all for the committee chairs and their members for volunteering to make all of these events a success.*

*I would like to wish everyone and their families a very Happy Easter.*

*Bruce Ponchak*



## April Birthdays

Derek LoRe - 4/1  
 Steven Pelonero - 4/3  
 Michael D'Antuono - 4/16  
 Bruce Ponchak - 4/27

## 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)
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## 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

**April 12, 2017** ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** ... More Information is on our website @ [www.PVUNICO.com](http://www.PVUNICO.com)

**April 21, 2017** ... Friday ... **Karaoke for Jimmy V and St. Jude Children's Hospital** ... More information is on our website @ [www.PVUNICO.com](http://www.PVUNICO.com)

**April 22, 2017** ... Saturday ... **UNICO National Community Service Day** ... Look for us at ShopRite in Little Falls

**April 29, 2017** ... Saturday ... **Applebee's pancake Breakfast** ... A flier is on our website @ [www.PVUNICO.com](http://www.PVUNICO.com)

**May 20, 2017** ... Saturday ... **Chapter Comedy Night at the Russian Hall**

**More:** June Golf Outing, June Wine & Dine Raffle – Please check our website for more updates @ [www.PVUNICO.com](http://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](mailto:PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com)

## Now Available to Purchase ~ Our Wine & Dine Raffle

<p>Passaic Valley Chapter, UNICO National  <b>- WINE &amp; DINE -</b>  <b>25 Plus Bottles &amp; 5 Dinners for 2</b>          Prize retail value: \$500.00          Donation \$5.00</p>		<p>N<sup>o</sup> XXXX</p>
<p>Proceeds of this fund raiser will benefit local charities and scholarships</p>		
<p>Drawing Date: June 14, 2017, 9:00pm</p>		
<p>Winner need not be present and must be at least 21 years of age</p>		
<p>Winner must pickup raffle prize</p>		
<p>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></p>		

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

**“Service Above Self”**



**Easter in Italy**

*Pasque in Italia*

April 16th

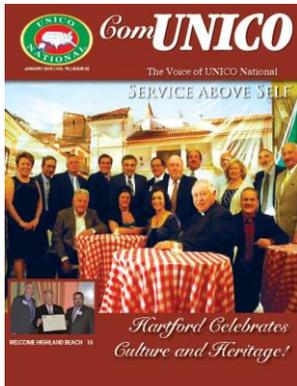
The Monday following Easter in Italy, la Pasquetta, is a public holiday throughout Italy

On Good Friday in Italy, the Pope celebrates “Via Crucis” or Stations of the Cross in Rome near the Colosseum

Since Easter is the end of the Lent season, traditional Easter foods in many places include lamb or goat, artichokes, and special Easter breads that vary from region to region. Pannetone and Colomba (dove shaped) breads are often given as gifts as also are hollow chocolate eggs that usually come with a surprise inside

**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
Website .....	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

## An Orlando, FL. March Mid-Year Gala Evening Photo



Members of our Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter attending the Gala Marconi Awards Dinner with Verona UNICO members and National Office Staff. Sitting from the left: Sal Benvenuti, Joe Agresti PNP, Jophn Alati PNP, Linda-Gail Alati. Standing from the left: Steve Pelonero ERDG, Debbie Benvenuti, Pat Pelonero ComUNICO Editor / National Office Manager, Alina and Dominick Nicasto UNICO National President, and Sue Anzelmo National Office Administrative Assistant. All of UNICO photos can always be seen on the National website [www.UNICO.org](http://www.UNICO.org) in the Photo Gallery Section

**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.

# April ~ Aprile

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