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Our May 2017 Monthly Newsletter



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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter. April was a busy month for our chapter. We had another very successful Community Service Day collecting food at Shop Rite for local food pantries. Thank you to Chuck Russo, his committee and all of our members who volunteered their time. Also thank you to Joe Agresti and his committee for running our Karaoke night. And last but not least, thank you Dominick Bucci, his committee and our members who served the food at our Pancake Breakfast at Applebees.

Moving on to May, we have our Comedy night on the 20th at the Russian Hall. In addition, the Cedar Grove chapter is having a Cigar Night on May 12th with the net proceeds being donated to the Wounded Warrior Project. Then it's on to June for our Wine & Dine raffle, Golf outing and the main event, the Scholarship Dinner.

The May and June meetings will be held at Holy Cross Church. The June meeting will be our pizza meeting and the winner of the Wine & Dine raffle will be drawn. I'm keeping the cost down for those two meetings so that more people will be able to attend our Scholarship Dinner. We do a lot of community service throughout the year but honoring and enabling young adults to further their education is one of the most important.

Bruce Ponchak



May Birthdays

Dominick Bucci - 5/4
 Philip Polizzotto - 5/13
 Salvatore Nocella - 5/31

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
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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

May 12 ... Friday ... Co-Sponsored Cigar Night Fundraiser ... Cedar Grove / Bloomfield / Passaic Valley / Pequannock ... Flier is also on our website @ www.PVUNICO.com ... Also see page 5 of this newsletter

May 20, 2017 ... Saturday ... Chapter Comedy Night at the Russian Hall ... Flier is on our website @ www.PVUNICO.com ... Also see page 6 of this newsletter

June 12, 2017 ... Monday ... Our 33rd Annual Golf Outing ... Flier is on our website @ www.PVUNICO.com ... Also see page 7 of this newsletter

June 14, 2017 ... Wednesday ... Drawing Date for our Wine & Dine Raffle ... Did you get your tickets yet?

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

Please note that our website name has changed
 We are now
www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

Now Available to Purchase ~ Our Wine & Dine Raffle See any member for a ticket (or two or more)

Passaic Valley Chapter, UNICO National
- WINE & DINE -
25 Plus Bottles & 5 Dinners for 2
 Prize retail value: \$500.00
 Donation \$5.00

Proceeds of this fund raiser will benefit local charities and scholarships
 Drawing Date: June 14, 2017, 9:00pm
 Winner need not be present and must be at least 21 years of age
 Winner must pickup raffle prize

Holy Cross Church, 220 Browertown Rd., Woodland Park, NJ 07424
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

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

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Everyday Words to say in Italian

- Good morning
... Buongiorno
- Good afternoon
... Buon pomeriggio
- Good evening
... Buonasera
- Lunch time
... Ora di pranzo
- How are you
... Come stai
- Good
... Bene
- Very Good
... Molto Bene
- Please
... Per favore
- Thank you
... Grazie
- You're welcome
... Prego

[Translate your word from English to any language 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
- 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

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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
- .. Delegate Sal Benvenuti
- .. 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
- Heritage Day Event Steve Pelonero
- 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

Some Karaoke Night Photos

Fundraising for Research, for the Jimmy V Foundation and for St. Jude Children's Hospital



Left Photo: John Barbieri led the singing with quite a few songs



Right Photo: Frank Tidona PNP and Joan Tidona UNICO National Scholarship Chair, both from the Rutherford Chapter supported our karaoke along with Arlene and Joe Agresti PNP (also our Chapter Karaoke Chair) . Both couples also made quite a few appearances

All of our chapter photos, from many of our events can always be seen by visiting our Chapter Website at www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

Did you know that we are also on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter ?

www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO - www.Instagram.com/passaicValleyUNICO - www.Twitter.com/PassaicValleyUNICO

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.



CEDAR GROVE CHAPTER

5TH ANNUAL CIGAR NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR THE WWP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BLOOMFIELD,
PASSAIC VALLEY AND PEQUANOCK CHAPTERS



**WOUNDED WARRIOR
PROJECT**



Friday, May 12, 2017 - 7:00pm

Tickets: \$50.00 - Includes food & a chance to win a great prize.

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Advance Purchase ONLY

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50/50 - Raffle Prizes - Prize Baskets **Cash Bar**
Tickets include: hot buffet, coffee, tea, dessert, and the show.

All proceeds will go to Local & National charitable endeavors



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Passaic Valley Chapter 33rd Annual Golf Outing

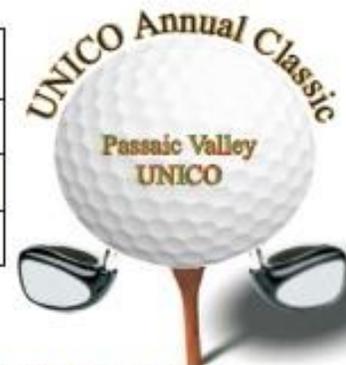
Monday June 12, 2017

Preakness Valley Golf Course

209 Totowa Road, Wayne, New Jersey
Shotgun Start at 10:00am

- **Breakfast** at 8:00am
- **2 On-course beverages**
- **Full Beefsteak dinner at the Brownstone** at 4:00pm
(includes beer, soda, coffee and tea)

Contests, Prizes & Raffle's	
Surprise!!!	Closest to the Pin
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Online Registration

\$150 per person - Check or Cash Payment
\$50 per person Dinner Only

\$153 per person - Credit Card Payment
Pre-Registration is Requested

Go to: www.unicomembers.com/golf

Golf Hole Sponsorship - \$100

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and in our Monthly Newsletter for the Year!

Contact: Joseph Barone

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