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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

It's hard to believe that another summer has come and gone. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves spending time with family and friends and getting away on vacation.

On behalf of the chapter, it is my privilege to congratulate Steve Pelonero on being elected 2nd Vice President of UNICO National. I know he will do a great job as he moves up the ladder to President.

Unfortunately some of our members had to say good bye to their loved ones. My sincere condolences to Steve Pelonero on the loss of his mother and to Chuck Russo on the loss of two siblings.

Our Board of Directors met over the summer and prepared our budget for the coming year. The budget will be presented to the membership at our September meeting. The Board took into account the fact that over the past two years our fund raisers have not brought in the amount of money that was anticipated. The Board believes that while this proposed budget is lean in comparison to previous years, it is realistic in regards to what funds we expect to raise in the current fiscal year.

Our September meeting is going to be at The Kitch on the 13th. Dinner will begin at 7 P.M. and our meeting will start at 8. Also, I am looking forward to hearing the reports from our convention delegates.

Hope to see everyone at the Kitch.

Bruce Ponchak



August Birthdays

Joseph Agresti - 8/9
 Anthony Orlando - 8/9
 Patricia Barone - 8/18
 Carmen Allora - 8/24
 Joseph McGill - 8/25

September Birthdays

Roni Corrado - 9/6

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.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

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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

September 13 ... Wednesday ... Passaic Valley Chapter Monthly Meeting ...
 The Kitch in Nwk/Pompton Tpk – Little Falls ... 7:00 pm

September ... Sunday ... Heritage Event ... Cancelled Until Further Notice

September 17 ... Sunday ... NJ XI Annual Bocce Tournament for Jimmy V Cander Research ... Played in Montville NJ

September 24 ... Sunday ... Basilone Parade ... Hosted by NJ District X in Plainfield

September 28 ... Thursday ... 1st of 4 NJ IV District Meetings ... Aldo's in Wayne on Hamburg Tpke ... Wayne is the host chapter ... 7:00 pm

October 24 ... Tuesday ... The Annual Meet the National President Dinner ... The Venetian in Garfield ... 6:30 pm

If you are "not" a member and would like to attend any of our meetings for the first time as our guest, please contact any of our Chapter Officers, or members, for more information ... Please visit our website (The Who's Who Section) to see who our Chapter President is and click on the name to start an email ... Or just send us an email us at PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

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

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

"Service Above Self"



Did You Know Convention Trivia

This years recent convention was just held the last week of July, in Scottsdale, AZ

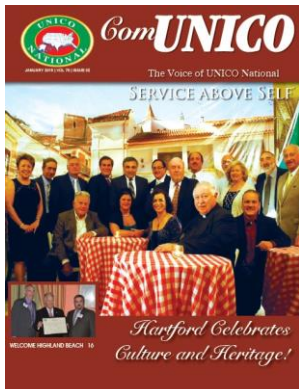
Next year's 2018, 96th Annual Convention will be held in Delray Beach, FL

Recently sworn in to represent UNICO were National President Tom Vaughan from the Wethersfield Chapter in CT, the Executive Vice President Lee Norelli from the Philadelphia Chapter in PA, the 1st Vice President Dr. Frank DeFrank from the Roseto Chapter in PA, and from our own chapter, as the UNICO National 2nd Vice President, Steve Pelonero

A thanks to all of them, and all of the National and Chapter committee chairs for your service to UNICO

ComUNICO

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



Who's Who

Our 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 Chapter Delegates

President Bruce Ponchak ...	47 Chapter Members
.... Delegate Dominick Bucci	
.... Delegate Eileen Wood	
..... Alternate Delegate John Barbieri	
..... Alternate Delegate Sal Benvenuti	
..... 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

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The Convention was "GREAT" We wish you were there to enjoy it with us

Here are just a few of the photos that were taken

All of them can be seen in the Photo Gallery section of www.UNICO.org

Pictured in the left photo are members of our chapter, our district and the national office staff that were at the Ice Breaker Dinner on Wednesday. From the left sitting are Mary Anne and Sal Ingalina (DG), Dominik and xxx. Standing from the left are Steve (2nd VP) and Pat Pelonero (National Office Manager), Joe Agresti PNP, Sal Benvenuti (National Executive Director), David D'Arco (Passaic-Clifton chapter president), Debbie Benvenuti, Jean and Walt Chomko, and Sue Anzelmo (National Office Assistant)

The right photo is of our 2017-2018 UNICO National Officers: Dr. Frank DeFrank (UNICO National 1st VP), National President Tom Vaughan, Lee Norelli (UNICO National Executive VP), and Steve Pelonero (UNICO National 2nd VP)



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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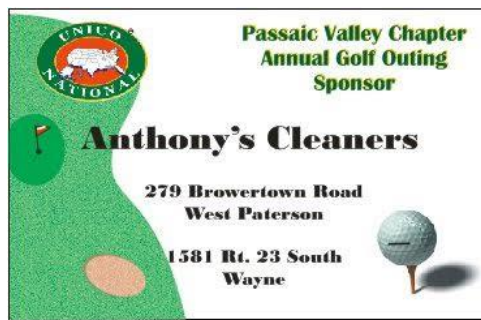
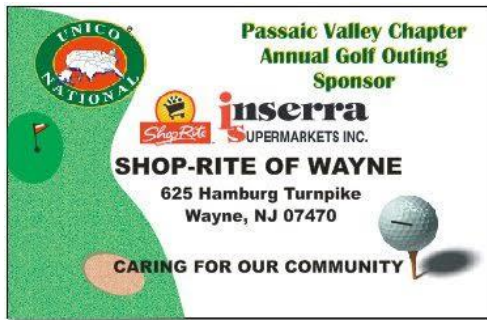
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Thank you again everyone ~ "Grazie"



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