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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving. Now we go into "the most wonderful time of the year". The Christmas season is a great time to get together with family and friends to celebrate whether it's over dinner or just a few drinks.

This year our Christmas Party is being held at The Falls on December 13th from 7 PM to 10 PM. We will be having a buffet style dinner with various appetizers. There will be a cash bar for those of you that who wish to partake along with music and dancing. I think we have about 40 people signed up to attend but there's still time to let us know if you'd like to attend. Also, please remember that the District IV Christmas Party is on Sunday, December 3rd at the Chandelier in Belleville.

I would like to thank Bob Appaluccio, Roni Corrado and their Christmas Cheer committee for coordinating this annual project. I would also like to thank all of our generous members who contributed to this program. This program is one of the most satisfying things we do for our communities. We sometimes take for granted all that we have and don't realize that others are not so fortunate.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

Bruce Ponchak



December Birthdays

Jean Chomko 12/5

Christopher Watkins 12/17

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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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

December 1 ... Friday ... **UNICO National Office Open House** ... RSVP suggest

December 3 ... Sunday ... **The Annual Christmas Dinner** ... See the flier is in this Newsletter

December 13 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Our Chapter Christmas Party** ... at The Falls (formerly Victor's) at 7 PM.

December 25 ... Christmas ... **Monday**

You can also see more events and dates from our NJ District IV Chapters by visiting the District website @ www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com



"UNICO"

Below are our CORE VALUES

**If you know of someone who has them,
Please invite them to a meeting and possibly
have them join our chapter as a new member**

U – Unity

N – Neighborliness

I – Integrity

C – Charity

O – Opportunity

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Did You Know ...

All Saints Day is also celebrated in Italy – Nov. 1st

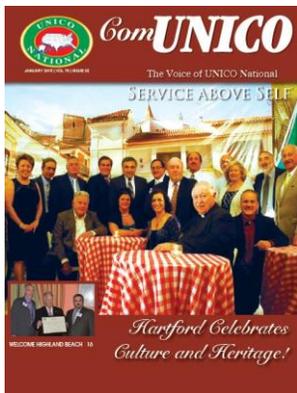
Halloween is just starting to catch on as a tradition in Italy

Italy has many Chestnut Festivals in November during its harvest season

Flights to Italy are usually less expensive in November due to the colder weather

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

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
Refrigerator with Wine Raffle - A 2020 Vision for UNICO	Steve Pelonero

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April).....	Chuck Russo
Food Pantry	Roni Corrado
Good and Welfare	Sal Nocella
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

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

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

Our District IV Members At the Eastern Region Meeting in Providence RI



Our NJ IV Members: From the left: Paul Alongi and Betty Ann (Bloomfield), Sal and Maryann Ingalina (Cedar Grove), Doreen (Bloomfield), and Sal Benvenuti, Steve Pelonero and Joe Agresti (all from Passaic Valley)

With close to 100 people in attendance it was not only a great meeting, but also a time to renew and make new friendships with members from across the East Coast and yes, even some of our Mid-West members were there

Next up is the Mid-Year Board meeting (March of 2018), in Myrtle Beach, SC. As always, all members are invited and urged to attend

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.



UNICO ~ NJ District IV

Cordially Invites You to Our

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Special Party for Special People

December 3, 2017 ~ 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

The Chandelier
340 Franklin Avenue
Belleville, NJ 07109

\$40.00

Please - You must R.S.V.P by
November 23rd to:

NJ IV District Governor Sal Ingalina - (973-768-2625)
Joe Agresti PNP - (201-874-0546)
Paul Alongi PNP - (973-714-8253)
Steve Pelonero 2nd VP - (973-271-9314)

This year's invited guests are:

The Circle of Friends
Clifton Special Young Adults
Out n Back from the Epilepsy Foundation
Horizon from Bloomfield and Others

Menu

Escarole Soup - Salad - Pasta Vodka
London Broil - Roasted Chicken - Egg-plant Rollatini—String Beans
Ice Cream - Coffee - Tea - Beer - Wine - Soda
Live Music

And of course "SANTA"



Our Members at the 42nd Annual District Christmas Dinner



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