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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and was able to celebrate with their family and friends. I would like to thank John Morano for putting together our Christmas Party and for providing us with entertainment. I'd also like to thank all of our members for making the party a great success.

As we come to the end of another year, we look forward to the New Year with optimism and hope for the coming year. Our chapter has a lot on its schedule for 2018 – our Golf Outing, Community Service Day, Scholarship Dinner and hopefully more. If anyone has any ideas for a fundraiser or social event, please let me know. In addition, our National Convention will be in Delray Beach, Florida in July.

Our next meeting is on January 10th at The Kitch. Dinner will start at 7 PM and the meeting will begin at 8 PM. I hope everyone can make it.

In closing, I want to wish everyone and their families a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Bruce Ponchak



January Birthdays

01/19 Dr. George Molteni

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

January 1 ... Thursday ... **New Years Day**

January 10 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Our Monthly Meeting** 7:00 pm Dinner – 8:00 pm Meeting ... **At the Kitch in Little Falls**

February 14 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Save the Date – Monthly Meeting** ... Place to be announced

March 14 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Save the Date – Monthly Meeting** ... Place to be announced

March 23 & 24 ... Friday & Saturday ... **March Mid-Year Board Meeting in Myrtle Beach** ... Registration Forms to attend are available on the www.UNICO.org website

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

“Service Above Self”

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Did You Know ...

In Italy they also celebrate the end of the year and beginning of the New Year with fireworks

Some traditional dinners in Italy include Risotto in bianco (white risotto) and Lentils and Raisons (symbolizing wealth and good fortune)

On the night of January 5th (Epiphany Eve) Italian folklore has it that an old woman, "La Befana" delivers gifts to the children (similar to St. Nicholas or Santa Claus)

The "Christmas (Yule) Log" is also traditionally burnt the last day of the year as folklore has it that the evil spirits do not like fire. It is also a gesture to the Virgin Mary, who can then warm baby Jesus next to the warm flames

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 ?

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Our Chapter Members at our December 13th Chapter Christmas Dinner



A Happy
and
Healthy
New Year
To
Your
Families
And
Friends

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.

Committee Comments

Community Service Day ~ “Save the Date”

We have been approved by ShopRite Little Falls to once again conduct our annual Food Drive at the entrances of the store on SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018. As has been the case over the last few years, the success of this event depends on the continued unselfish support of the chapter members. Please mark this date on your calendar. Details will be discussed at the chapter meetings.

Thank you,
Chuck



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