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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

We have a number of events coming up and I hope everyone can take part and enjoy them. The first event is our Community Service Day which is scheduled for Saturday April 21st. Our Golf Committee is putting their event together for another great outing.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 14th which is Valentine's Day but more importantly Ash Wednesday. Since there are abstentions of certain foods on that day, I will try to re-schedule our meeting for Tuesday February 13th. That day being "Fat Tuesday", everyone can enjoy whatever they like before giving up any food or drink for Lent. I will let everyone know once I finalize that date.

With the beginning of Lent, it's a good time to reflect on how fortunate we are and how we can share our blessings with those who are not as fortunate. That being said, the food pantries we support really need our help. Please consider bringing some non-perishable items with you to this coming meeting.

Bruce Ponchak



February Birthdays

02/02 Chuck Russo
 02/02 Gisella Sisti
 02/08 Eileen Wood
 02/12 Joyce O'Hara
 02/15 James Cestone
 02/22 John Morano

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

www.UNICO.org

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

February ... Our monthly meeting ... **No Date has been set yet** ... Day, place, and time will 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

March 27 ... Tuesday ... **The 3rd NJ District IV Meeting** ... More information to follow ... Delegates should attend ... All members are always welcome to attend

April 21 ... Saturday ... **UNICO National and our Chapter's Community Service Day** See page 5 of this flier ... **"Our Service Above Self"**

July 25,26,27,28 ... Wednesday Ice Breaker, Thursday, Friday, Saturday meetings and workshops, Saturday Evening Gala ... **The UNICO National Convention in Delray Beach, FL** ... Delegates must register ... All are welcome and urged to attend ... Come on down and meet and hear more from your UNICO family

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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Some points of Interest to see in Rome, Italy:
You can also click on each one of them to get more information

Colosseum – An iconic ancient Roman gladiatorial arena

Roman Forum – Excavated heart of the Roman Empire

Trevi Fountain – Iconic 18th century sculpted fountain

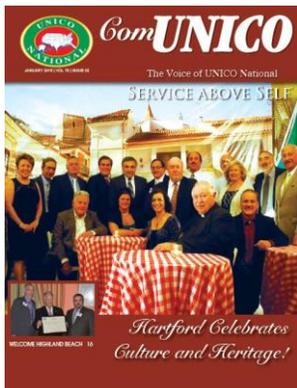
Pantheon – Lanmark Roman Church & historic tombs

Spanish Steps – Iconic baroque stairway & meeting place

Vatican Museums – Papal palace of ancient treasures

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

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|---|---|
| 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

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 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

**UNICO National
March Mid-Year
Board of Directors
Meeting**

**Friday and Saturday
March 23 and 24**

**All members
are welcome
and always urged
to attend**



UNICO NATIONAL

2018 MID-YEAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friday, March 23th thru Sunday, March 25th, 2018



Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort & Spa at Grande Dunes
8400 Costa Verde Drive
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572

UNICO GROUP ROOM RATE
\$149/per night
Start date: March 21, 2018 to March 26, 2018

Reservations can be made three ways

1. Call **1-800-228-9290**
 - Identify Yourself as Being Part of the UNICO Group
 - Give the Agent your Arrival & Departure Dates
2. Online by using this link (Hold ctrl key and click on links below):
[Book your group rate for UNICO National Board of Directors Meeting](#)
3. Use the MyrtleBeachMarriott.com website using the code UNIUNIA

RESERVATION CUTOFF DATE: March 4, 2018

**The \$25.00 Resort fee will be waived for all guests attending the Event.
Reservations need to be cancelled 3 days prior to arrival to avoid being charged
1 night room and tax.**

DON'T FORGET! - FILL OUT YOUR MID-YEAR MEETING REGISTRATION FORM BY MARCH 9TH AND SEND IT WITH PAYMENT TO:

UNICO NATIONAL
271 US HIGHWAY 46 WEST, SUITE F-103 FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004-2458
Phone: 973-808-0035 Fax: 973-808-0043 e-mail: uniconational@unico.org

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



February ~ febbraio

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