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# Passaic Valley UNICO

## Our May 2018 Monthly Newsletter



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PO Box 341  
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Serving  
Little Falls  
Totowa  
Woodland Park

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## President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

*I hope everyone had a Happy Easter. 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. We were able to donate food to Holy Angels, St. Agnes, St. James, Little Falls Methodist and a veteran's food bank in Paterson.*

*We also had a fund raiser at Maggie's Towne Tavern. This month there will be a similar fund raiser at Thatcher McGhee's in Fairfield over a four day period.*

*By now everyone should have received an email from the Nominating Committee with the slate for officers for the 2018-2019 year. We will have the election at our May meeting. At that time, any nominations from the floor will be entertained.*

*And finally we're getting close to our annual golf outing which is being held at the Preakness Valley Golf Course on June 11 followed by a beefsteak dinner at the Brownstone. Thank you to Joe Barone and his committee for putting this event together.*

*Hope to see everyone at Amore on May 9<sup>th</sup>.*

*Bruce Ponchak*

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*We are now accepting sponsors for our 2018-2019 year. For just \$100.00 you will be in this newsletter and on our website from July 2018 through June 2019. For more information send us an email and a member will call you. A thank you to all of our 2017-2018 sponsors who are still shown in this newsletter on pages 9, 10 and 11 ... Our website now shows those sponsors who have already come on board to help support our causes for our 2018-2019 UNICO year ... "Mille Grazie"*



## May Birthdays

05/04 Dominick Bucci  
05/13 Philip Polizzoto  
05/31 Salvatore Nocella

## 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](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)

[www.UNICO.org](http://www.UNICO.org)

[www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com](http://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

**May 9** ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** ... Amore Ristorante, 140 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park

**May 26** ... Saturday ... **PV UNICO in the Little Falls Memorial Day Parade**

**May 28, 29, 30, 31** ... Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ... **Dine to Donate at Thatchers in Fairfield** ... The "must bring" flier can be printed from our website or from this newsletter ... It can be seen on page 6 of this newsletter

**June 1** ... Friday ... **Cigar Night for Wounded Warriors** ... Sponsored and chaired by the Cedar Grove Chapter

**June 11** ... Monday ... **Our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual PV UNICO Golf Outing** ... Preakness Valley Golf Course in Wayne ... The flier is on our website in the "Flier Section"

**June 18** ... Monday ... **The Pulling of the Winning Wine Raffle Ticket** ... 6:00 pm at PJ Rufo's in Woodland Park ... See page 6 of this Newsletter

**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** ... 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](http://www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com) and also the UNICO National website at [www.UNICO.org](http://www.UNICO.org)

## "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**      **"Service Above Self"**

**I – Integrity**

**C – Charity**

**O – Opportunity**

[www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)



**Did you know:  
The Objectives of  
UNICO National**

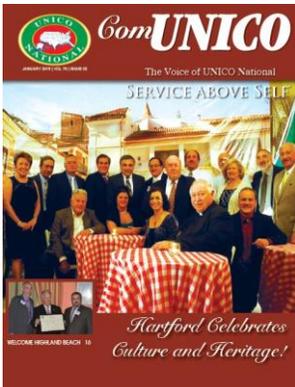
To promote and enhance the Image of Italian Americans; for members to be of service to the community; to promote Italian heritage and culture; to promote, support and assist charitable, scientific, cultural, educational, and literary projects; to promote members' interest in public welfare; and, to cooperate with others in civic, social and cultural development

**Deadline**

If you know of an organization in need of a grant: May 29 is the deadline for Grant Submissions to be received by the UNICO National Office

**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**

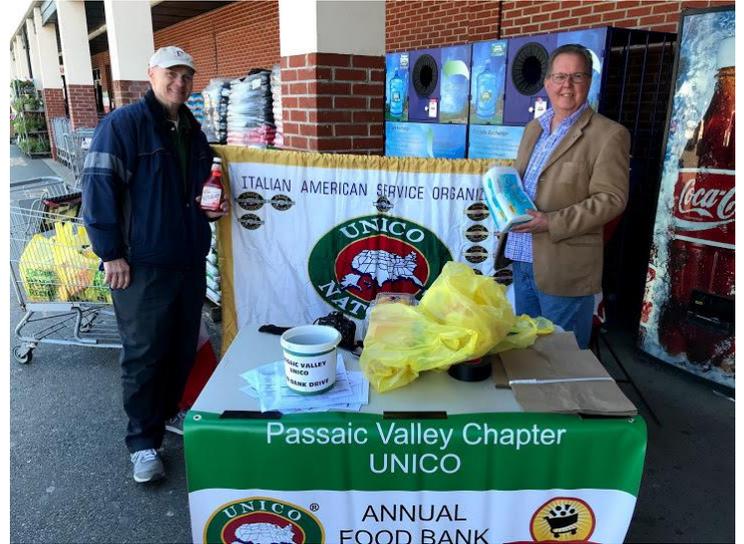
Bus Rides ..... Elaine Barone, Mary Benvenuti, Joyce O'Hara  
 Golf Outing ..... Joe Barone  
 Holiday Donations ..... Robert Appaluccio  
 Modell's ..... Roni Corrado  
 Overseas Armed Service Care Packages ..... Pat Corrado  
 Refrigerator with Wine Raffle - A 2020 Vision for UNICO ..... Steve Pelonero

**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

# Community Service Day

*A thanks to Chuck Russo, chairman of the Community Service Day Food Pantry Drive, and also to the members who help in our efforts to keep the local food pantries full*



*Above left photo is our UNICO Food Pantry Booth. Right photo is with Churck Russo (left) and Chapter President Bruce Ponchak. All of our Community Service Day photos can be seen on our website in the "Photo Gallery Section" [www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)*

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

*[www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO](http://www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO) - [www.Instagram.com/passaicValleyUNICO](http://www.Instagram.com/passaicValleyUNICO) - [www.Twitter.com/PassaicValleyUNICO](http://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.

# Committee Comments

## June 18<sup>th</sup> Wine and Refrigerator Raffle ~~~ Tickets are still available

To help raise some money for our chapter and also for UNICO National, our chapter is now chairing a wine raffle fundraiser to be pulled on June 18<sup>th</sup> at PJ Rufo's in Woodland Park. Tickets are available through every chapter member ~ Just \$5.00 can get you chance to win some wine with a refrigerator. The flier is on our website, and also on page 6 of this newsletter

## June 11<sup>th</sup> Golf Registration form

Our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing to support our Scholarship Program  
 A full page printable Registration Form can be had by going to our "Flier Section" of our website  
[www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)

### The Day's Itinerary

#### Breakness Valley Golf Course

Monday, June 11, 2018

#### Check In

8:30 am – 9:30 am  
 Breakfast Buffet

#### Golf

10:00 am Shotgun  
 2 on course beverages

#### Dinner at The Brownstone

4:00 pm Beefsteak  
 Prizes and Awards



The Passaic Valley Chapter of UNICO National has served the communities of Little Falls, Totowa, and Woodland Park since the Chapter was chartered in April of 1972.

UNICO National was founded in 1922 in Waterbury, CT and now has over 125 Chapters across the USA.

[www.UNICOMEMBERS.com/JOIN](http://www.UNICOMEMBERS.com/JOIN)

### Prices

**Full Day Golf Package** \$150.00  
**Dinner Only** \$ 50.00  
**Online Credit Card Payment** \$153.00

< First come first serve >

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION

[www.UNICOMEMBERS.com/GOLF](http://www.UNICOMEMBERS.com/GOLF)



Checks Payable To:  
 Passaic Valley UNICO  
 P.O. Box 341  
 Little Falls, NJ 07424

#### Golf Rates Include:

Gift bag for each golfer, Green Fee & Cart  
 Breakfast and Dinner ~ Awards and prizes

#### HOLE SPONSOR \$100.00

Your name ... or your company name will be printed and displayed on a tee box on one of the 18 holes, and will also be on our website and in our monthly newsletter for one year



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[www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO](http://www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO)

### Golf Package Registration Form

< Please check all that apply >

EVENT	Price	Qty	TOTAL
Golf-Breakfast-Dinner	\$150.		
Dinner Only	\$ 50.		
Hole Sponsorship	\$100.		

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### REGISTER ONLINE

[www.UNICOMEMBERS.com/GOLF](http://www.UNICOMEMBERS.com/GOLF)

#### PLEASE PROVIDE

#### FULL NAME, EMAIL, & CELL NUMBERS

< Please Print Clearly >

1	Name _____ Email _____ Cell Phone _____
2	Name _____ Email _____ Cell Phone _____
3	Name _____ Email _____ Cell Phone _____
4	Name _____ Email _____ Cell Phone _____

#### Please make Checks Payable to

Passaic Valley UNICO  
 P.O. Box 341, Little Falls, NJ 07424

# Dine and Donate for (Passaic Valley UNICO)

31 Passaic Avenue  
Fairfield, NJ 07004

Party Rates Available with  
Dinner Menus & Buffet  
Menus

Check our website for  
weekly specials:



Open Mon thru Sun  
11 AM to 2 AM

CHECK OUT OUR OTHER  
LOCATIONS:

6 Wanaque Ave  
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07004

53 Broadway  
Denville, NJ 07834

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[www.UNICO.org](http://www.UNICO.org)

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By dining at Thatcher McGhee's of Fairfield on  
(May 28, 29, 30 and 31)  
(Monday through Thursday)

Passaic Valley UNICO will receive  
**20% of the sales!**

Please give this flyer to friends, family, and neighbors! Help us raise as much money as we can!!



The photos shown are not the actual prizes to be awarded



# **JUNE 18, 2018**

# **WINE AND**

# **REFRIGERATOR**

# **RAFFLE**

**Just \$5.00 a ticket**



The proceeds will benefit our 2020 Vision Fund and other UNICO emergency causes

**Passaic Valley  
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**Serving  
Little Falls,  
Totowa,  
Woodland Park**

**A**

**2020 Vision Raffle**

**40 Bottles of Wine  
with Refrigerator**

**Just \$5.00**

**Thank you for  
supporting UNICO**

**Just \$5.00**

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**June 18, 2018**



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# Passaic Valley Chapter 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

Monday June 11, 2018

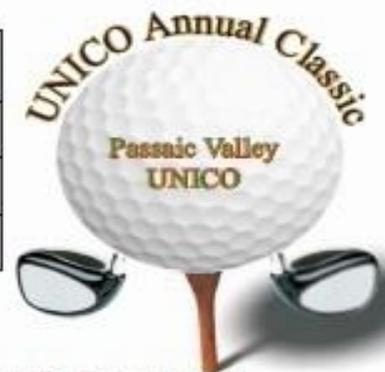
## Preakness Valley Golf Course

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
Straightest Drive	Par 3 on the Green
Win a CAR "Hole in One!"	



### 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](http://www.unicomembers.com/golf)

### Golf Hole Sponsorship - \$100

Ad displayed on the course, on our Website,  
and in our Monthly Newsletter for the Year!

**Contact: Joseph Barone**

**JCHRZBAR@gmail.com or 973-986-7042**

All proceeds will go to our local scholarship and charitable endeavors

# May ~ maggio

## Thank You to our 2017-2018 Sponsors and Supporters



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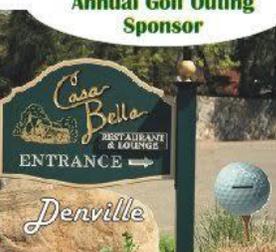
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**Just contact us for more information ~ It's never too late**



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## Thank you again everyone ~ "Grazie"



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[PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com](mailto:PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com)



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Please inquire about being a sponsor for our chapter  
It's never too late*

*For just \$100.00 you can be seen in this newsletter  
And also in every newsletter from July 2017 through June of 2018  
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