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A Message from our Editor

Hello fellow Unican's, and friends

We are back from the convention and this is the last chapter message that I will be doing. The rest will be written by our chapter President Carmen Gaita.

But speaking of conventions, it was another great meeting with family and friends and a time to see and hear from members from across the country and to especially to hear of all the good that UNICO does.

Representing our chapter were Joe Agresti (PNP), Sal Benvenuti (Executive Director), Jean Chomko (chapter delegate), Joyce o'Hara (chapter delegate), Steve Pelonero (elected at the convention as our UNICO National 1st VP), and Eileen Wood (chapter delegate)

Photos of all of us are on another page in this newsletter as well as on our chapter website.

On a final note, please don't forget to pay your dues (early if possible) ... and check out "Upcoming Events" (on page 2) to see where we can help and get together again ... And please support our sponsors !

See you in September

Please Don't Forget



Send yours to our PO Box 341 in Little Falls, 07424



August Birthdays

Joseph Agresti – 8/9
 Anthony Orlando – 8/9
 Carmen Allora – 8/24
 Joseph McGill – 8/25
 Yelena Stucherck – 8/31

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 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 12 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Our monthly chapter meeting ... Location will follow ... Save the Date

September 23 ... Sunday ... The 37th Annual NJ District X - Sgt. John Basilone Parade ... All chapters and districts are invited to be a part of this parade, only held in America, so that this Italian-American War Hero can be remembered

October 10 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Our monthly chapter meeting ... Location will follow ... Save the Date

October 22, 23, 24, and 25 ... Monday through Thursday ... Dine with UNICO at Thatcher McGhee's in Fairfield ... Fundraising for our chapter ... The flier is on page 7 of this newsletter

November 14 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Our monthly chapter meeting ... Location will follow ... Save the Date

November 17 ... Saturday ... \$17.00 Pasta Dinner ... The flier is on page 8 of this newsletter and also on our website ... RSVP

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

***Our Chapter Dues are 1/2 paid to UNICO National
 Did you pay yours yet to our chapter ?***

“UNICO”

Below are UNICO's 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 ?

Our chapter member Steve Pelonero was sworn in at the 2018 convention as our National 1st VP. His convention will be in 2020

In 2022 UNICO National will be 100 years old with the Waterbury CT chapter the founding chapter

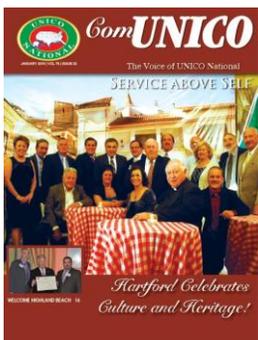
In Italian, UNICO means Unique

Scholarships are the primary focus with UNICO in giving out many grants

Donated at the 2018 Delray Beach Convention, from chapters and districts across the country, came to approximately \$xxx,xxx

ComUNICO

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



Who's Who

Our 2018-2019 Executive Board

President Carmen Gaita Jr.
 1st Vice President Eileen Wood
 2nd Vice President Pat Ligouri
 Treasurer Bruce Ponchak
 Recording Secretary Steve Pelonero
 Sgt. At-Arms Dominick Bucci

 Corresponding Secretary John Morano

Our 2018-2019 Board of Directors

Bruce Ponchak	Chapter President	2016 & 2017
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

Our 2018-2019 Chapter Delegates

President Carmen Gaita Jr ... 50 Members (President +2)
 Delegate Eileen Wood
 Delegate Joyce O'Hara
 Alternate Delegate Jean Chomko

Fundraising Committee Heads

Bus Rides Elaine Barone, Mary Benvenuti, Joyce O'Hara
 Dine with UNICO Joe Benvenuti, Jean Chomko, Mark BiFalco
 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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It's Never Too Late
We will advertise your name for an entire UNICO year
(See pages 7, 8 and 9)



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

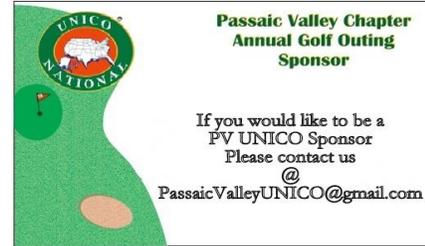
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Do you have a Fundraising idea

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and UNICO National

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Do you know of some who would like to sponsor our UNICO Chapter ?

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Or use our website to fill out the online form www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

Pasta Dinner
Just \$17.00
The flier is in this newsletter
And on our website



Dine with UNICO
At Thatcher McGhee's
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July Photos

The 96th Annual UNICO National Convention



Top Photo:

The convention always starts with the Ice Breaker. This years' theme was the 50's Sock Hop. Pictured are our Passaic Valley UNICO chapter members

From the left are:

Steve Pelonero (UNICO's 1st National VP), Jean Chomko, Yoyce O'Hara, Sal Benvenuti (National Executive Director), and Joe Agresti PNP



Bottom Photo:

Saturday night is the UNICO Gala where we truly welcome our newly installed National President. Pictured here is our NJ District IV members.

Seated from the left: Maryann Ingallina (Cedar Grove), Joyce O'Hara, National President and 1st Lady Lee and Debbie Norelli (Greater Philadelphia), Pat Pelonero, Arlene Agresti. Standing from the left: Joe Agresti PNP, Sal Ingallina (Cedar Grove), Sal and Debbie Benvenuti, Jean Chomko, Steve Pelonero, Eileen Wood, Betty Ann, and Paul Alongi (Bloomfield)

August ~ agosto

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