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Our September 2018 Monthly Newsletter



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A Message from our Chapter President

Dear Members,

I hope each and everyone of you had a relaxing and healthy summer. I am looking forward to seeing everybody at our September 12th meeting at Amore Restaurant. (Please let John Barbieri know if you are attending.)

Just a few items...

- We have already committed to two affairs. One is a project to help raise money for the families in need we help at Christmas time. We will be having a promotion at Thatcher McGees where 20% of your check will go to our club. This will be held for four nights: October 22, 23, 24, and 25th. The second is Pasta Night on November 17th at Dominic's church. This will be \$17 a person.*
- Each newsletter and meeting will highlight some interesting facts or stories about our Italian heritage. This new project will be headed up by Angelo Verrone*
- Our budget for the year September 2018 to July 2019 will be introduced at the September meeting*
- On a sad note we lost one of our founders of the chapter when it was called "Little Falls UNICO", Anthony Nappi. He served two times as our president for a total of 5 years. He was always so upbeat and will be missed.*
- On a more positive note, our very own Steve Pelonero is now 1st Vice President of UNICO National!*

Once again, I am looking forward to seeing you in September and serving you as President this year.

Ciao,

Carmen



September Birthdays

Just one:
09/26 Roni Corrado

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 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** ... Amore Ristorante ... 7:00 pm Dinner – 8:00 pm Meeting ... RSVP

September 16 ... Sunday ... **NJ District XI Bocce Tournament** ... A time to raise funds for Cancer Research for the Jimmy V Foundation

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 which is only held in America so that this Italian-American War Hero can be remembered ... See Steve Pelonero for more information

October 10 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Our monthly chapter meeting** ... Amore Ristorante ... 7:00 pm Dinner – 8:00 pm Meeting ... RSVP

October 22, 23, 24, 25 ... Monday thru Thursday ... **Dine w/UNICO @ Thatcher McGee's** ... The Flier is in this newsletter and on our website

November 14 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Our monthly chapter meeting** ... Amore Ristorante ... 7:00 pm Dinner – 8:00 pm Meeting

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

November 30 ... Friday ... **The day our final chapter dues check is due to UNICO National** ... Please get yours in to our chapter well before that

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 UNICO's CORE VALUES

If you know of someone who has them or
If you know of someone who would like to help us make a difference
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

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Did You Know ?

Sgt. John Basilone is an Italian-American War Hero. UNICO's NJ District X honors him in the only parade in America. UNICO members are welcome to be a part of it and chapters are more than welcome to contact NJ District X if they have members that would like to march in it, or see Steve Pelonero (PV UNICO chapter member)

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
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- Corresponding Secretary John Morano

Our 2018-2019 Board of Directors

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

- 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

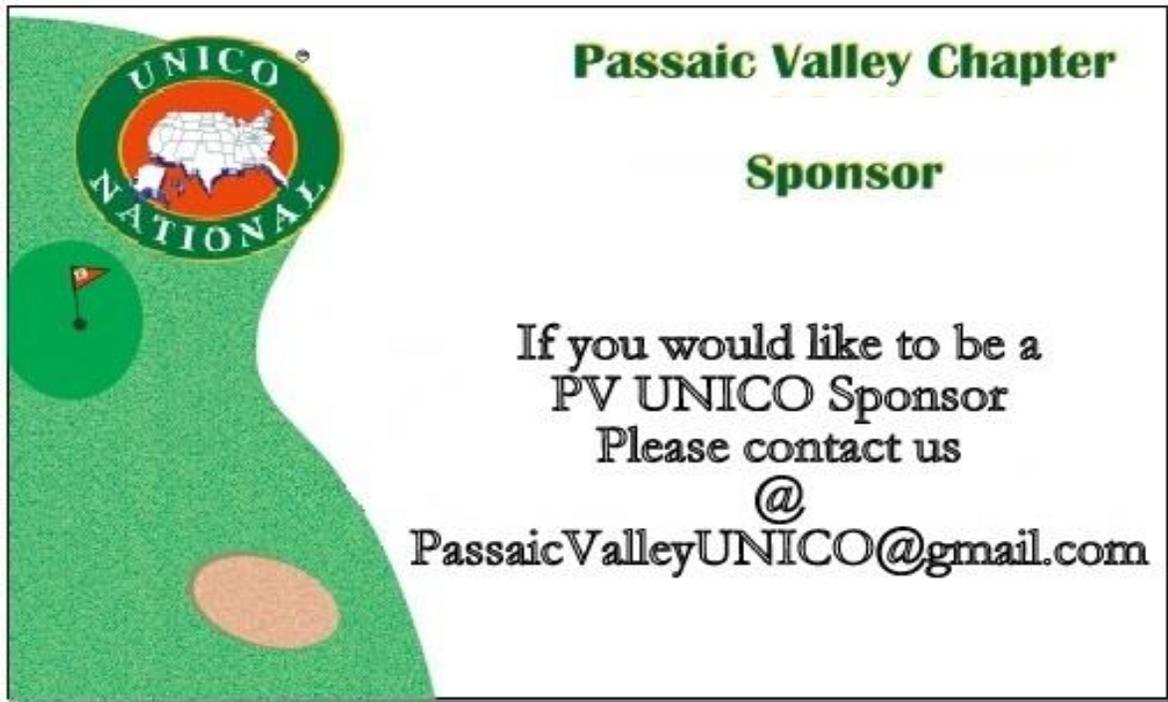
Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

- 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 8, 9 and 10)



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

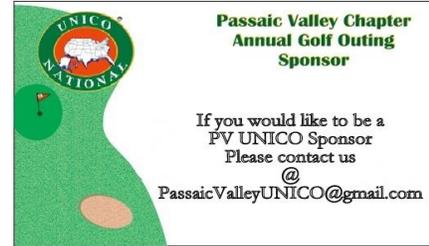
Would you like to be on a committee ?

Do you have a Fundraising idea ?

Please step up and
Serve our Chapter, our Community
and UNICO National

Keep us strong

Let more people know what we do



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

For just \$100.00 for the year, it gets them in this newsletter and on our chapter website for our entire UNICO year.

Please contact us via our chapter email: PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com
Or use our website to fill out the online form www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

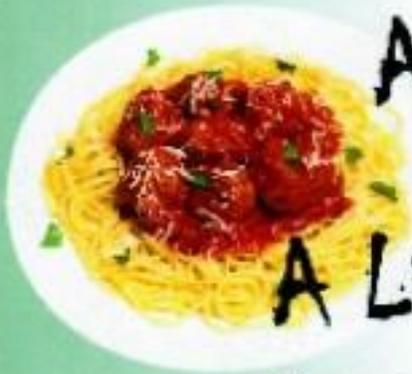
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