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A Message from our Chapter President

Members,

Once again, I hope each of you had a great summer. I can't believe it's September already and the start of our UNICO year.

This year is the year that Passaic Valley UNICO will have its 2nd National President. In July of 2020 our own Steve Pelonero becomes president which for a club of our size is a great honor. With this, our club will have to try and raise funds for Steve and all our charities and scholarships.

Your officers and board members have been working to try and find ways for each member to save money during this year. This will be explained at the September meeting along with this year's budget.

One way we are trying to help our members with expenses is by having our meetings at the church. By having it catered each of us will save between 30-40 % of the cost of having meetings at a restaurant.

I hope to see each of you at our meeting, September 11th at St. Agnes Episcopal Church on Union Ave. in Little Falls at 7 pm.

Ciao,
Carmen

PS: On a note from our chapter secretary, our 1st half of dues were paid to UNICO National, but your dues to our chapter is just as important. Please try to bring your dues check to the September meeting or just mail them to our PO Box 341 in Little Falls. A separate USPS mailing will be going out to those who we show still have not paid. Thank you for your cooperation and getting them paid in a timely manner. More information is on Page 6 (Committee Comments).



August Birthdays

09-17 James Minnella
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 help 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 2 ... Monday ... Labor Day

September 11 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Chapter Meeting ... 7:00 pm Dinner – 8:00 pm Meeting ... St. Agnes Church in Little Falls

September 22 ... Sunday ... The Raritan NJ Sgt. Basilone Parade

October 4 ... Friday ... Convention 2020 Fundraiser ... \$40.00 ... Russian Hall Appetizers and Hors d'oeuvre's ... The flier is in this newsletter

October 9 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Chapter Meeting ... 7:00 pm Dinner – 8:00 pm Meeting ... Place to be announced

October 14 ... Monday ... NYC Columbus Day Parade ... More info to follow

December 1 ... Sunday ... Our NJ District IV Christmas Dinner for our Special Need Friends ... Save the Date ... More Information will follow

December 7 ... Saturday ... Bus ride fundraiser for the 2020 Convention ... Sponsored by Passaic-Clifton UNICO and our NJ District IV ... the flier is in this newsletter



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

I – Integrity

C – Charity

O – Opportunity

“Service Above Self”



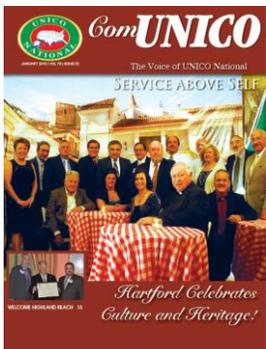
Did You Know:

The national Convention is a great time to actually see the chapters step up and support UNICO National and its Foundations. Here is the listing of the donations received in Nashville TN

Anti-Bias	\$3725
Armed Services	\$4925
Calendar	\$5800
Cancer Research & Prevention	\$15000
Columbus Day	\$3175
Cooley's Anemia	\$10700
Italian Studies	\$6150
Mental Health	\$15750
Scholarships	\$10700
St. Jude	\$4700
Torraco Food Bank	\$1975

ComUNICO

You can now read the Com-UNICO magazine online, just by clicking on the cover below



Who's Who

Our 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 Chapter Delegates

President Carmen Gaita Jr ...	52 Members (President +3)
..... Delegate Dominick Bucci	
..... Delegate Jean Chomko	
..... Delegate Eileen Wood	

Fundraising Committee Heads

Convention 2020 Fundraising	John Morano
Dine with UNICO	Joe Benvenuti, Mark BiFalco, Jean Chomko
Golf Outing	Joe Barone
Holiday Donations	Robert Appaluccio
Modell's	Roni Corrado
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages	Pat Corrado

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Christmas Tree Lighting w/ Candy Cane Giveaway	Joe Agresti PNP
Community Service Day (April)	Chuck Russo
Easter Egg Hunt w/Breakfast	Joe Agresti PNP / Patrick Ligouri
Food Pantry	Roni Corrado
Good and Welfare	Sal Nocella
Membership	John Barbieri
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo	Chuck Russo
College Grants	Joseph Agresti PNP
Website	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri



A Passaic Valley UNICO

2020 Convention Fundraiser

Friday ~ October 4th ~ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Music & Dance all Night

With two live bands

Food: Antipasto platters & Hors d'oeuvre's ~ Dessert

Beverages: Wine and Beer on the table ~ & Coffee



\$40.00



Funds will support the

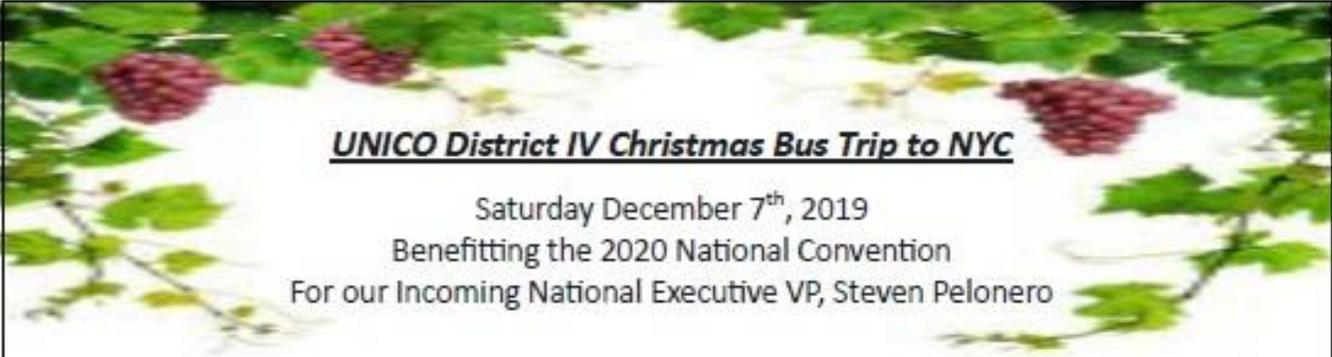
2020 UNICO National Convention

At the Russian Hall in Little Falls

4 Woodhull Avenue, Little Falls, NJ 07424

Checks made payable to Passaic Valley UNICO

Contact: John Morano Cell 973-432-5087



UNICO District IV Christmas Bus Trip to NYC

Saturday December 7th, 2019
Benefitting the 2020 National Convention
For our Incoming National Executive VP, Steven Pelonero

Hop on board a charter bus and head to NYC with NJ District IV, Executive V.P. Steven Pelonero, and good friends, for our 1st Annual District Christmas Bus Ride. We will depart from The United Methodist Church, 139 Main Street, Little Falls (pull all the way into the back of the parking lot, behind the church) at 12pm on Saturday, December 7th. First Stop will be Puglia's in NYC's Little Italy. There you will enjoy a 4-course meal with 3 hours of unlimited house wines and beers along with live entertainment. Then, we will re-board the bus and head to Rockefeller Center to see the world's most famous Christmas Tree. At 7:15pm, we will once again re-board the bus for the trek home.

Price is \$100 per person ... and includes the bus, dinner and gratuity. Adults Only.

Seats will be saved only with payment. For tickets, call or text David D'Arco @ (973) 417-0731
Or email Dave at Chapterpresz@optonline.net. Checks will be made out to
"Passaic-Clifton UNICO". Also, cash and VENMO will be accepted.



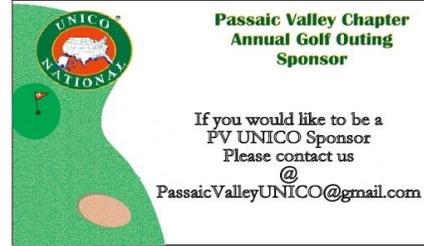
Committee Comments

Would you like to be on a committee ?
 Would you like to be a chapter officer ?
 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

Our chapter dues are now due

\$80.00 a year for a regular member

\$15.00 a year for a lifetime exempt member

\$12.00 a year for a youth member (25 or under)

(Please stay a member of the largest Italian-American Service Organization in the USA)



Please support our sponsors
 See pages 10,11,12,13 in this newsletter

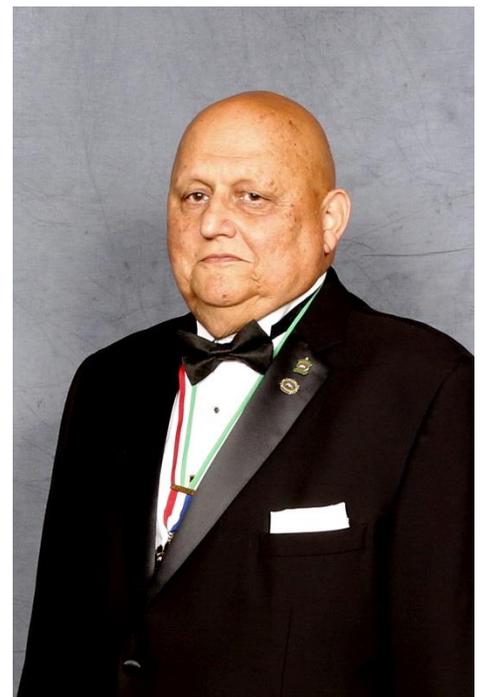
With no photos to show for August, here are once again
**Our chapter members that were at
The 2019 Annual 97th Nashville Convention**



Our Delegates taking notes that will be reported at our September Meeting



Who remembers MaryAnne Giampapa

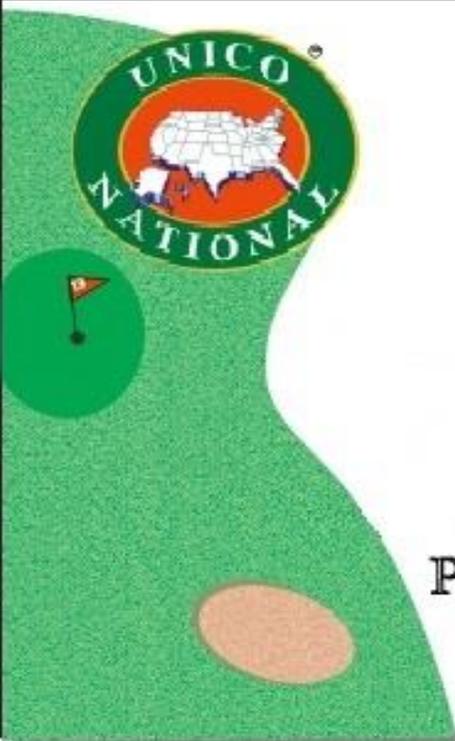


*Taken Gala Night, at the posed gallery room are Steven Pelonero, National Executive VP (left),
Eileen Wood, Chapter 1st VP (center, and Joseph Agresti, PNP (right)
All the photos from the convention can be seen clicking here >>> [**National Photo Page**](#)*



It's Never Too Late

*We will advertise your name for an entire UNICO year
(See pages 10,11,12,13)*



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About UNICO ~ UNICO is the largest Italian American Service Organization in the United States
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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.

August ~ agosto

It's a new UNICO Year For Us

A thanks to our 2019-2020 Sponsors and Supporters

It's Never Too Late to Help

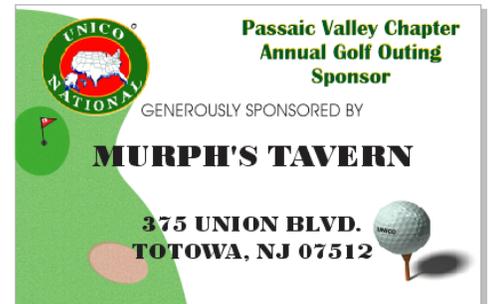
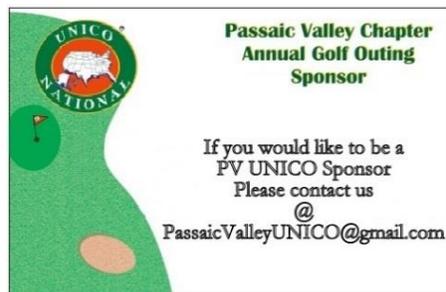


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