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# Passaic Valley UNICO

## Our April 2022 Monthly Newsletter



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## A Message from our Chapter President

*Ciao Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter Members, Friends and Families*

### **BUONA PASQUA TO YOU AND YOUR FAMIGLIA!**

I sincerely hope you will all be enjoying a Happy Easter with your Famiglia!

This month has many things in store for us.....

Our District is sponsoring the PASTA DINNER ON APRIL 22. Hope you all have tickets for this event which will benefit our Christmas Party for our Special friends!

Community Service at the Little Falls ShopRite will be next. Please try to give Pat Ligouri your support on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**APRIL 26 – OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AS A CHAPTER TO BE HELD AT NANNINA'S IN THE PARK, BELLEVILLE. TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE.**

Our Golf Outing on June 6<sup>TH</sup> at the Meadows in Lincoln Park is coming up. Let's all try to participate and get some sponsors.

Our next meeting, April 13, will again be held at the Church on Browertown Road in Woodland Park.

**Again Buona Pasqua**

*Regards,*

*Eileen Wood, Chapter President*  
*Passaic Valley UNICO*



## April Birthdays

04-03 Steve Pelonero  
16 Michael D'Antuono  
27 Bruce Ponchak

## Photo Albums

All our chapter event 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 do not forget about our UNICO Phil Arena and our many other Food Pantries ... Your non-perishable donation will help restock them.

Please contact our Food Pantry Chair, Roni Corrado, on how you can help.

## Upcoming Events – Local and National

April 13, 2022 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ~ Our chapter monthly meeting ~ Holy Cross Church, Browertown Road, Woodland Park

April 26, 2022 ~ Tuesday ~ Our 50<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary and Men of the Year Dinner ~ At Nanina's in the Park, 540 Mill Street, Belleville

May 11, 2022 ~ Wednesday ~ Our 50/50 raffle drawing ~ Did you buy a few tickets ?

June 6, 2022 ~ Monday ~ Our Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser ~ At the Meadows in Lincoln Park

July 27, 28, 29, 30 ~ Wednesday through Saturday ~ UNICO National 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention ~ In New Orleans ~ Pre-registration required

Also ~ You can always visit the UNICO National Website Calendar for even more dates of something that may be of interest to you ~ [www.UNICO.org](http://www.UNICO.org) ~ When there just click on the "Calendar" tab that is all the way to the right



## 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”**



## Easter Traditions In Italy

La Paquette, the Monday after Easter Sunday, is a public holiday throughout all of Italy

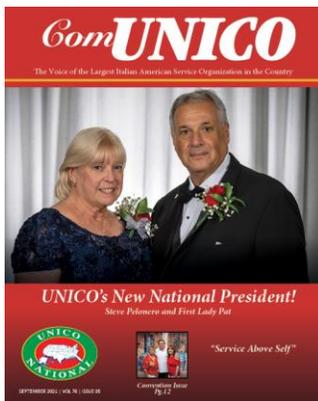
On Good Friday, the pope celebrates the Via Crucis, or Stations of the Cross, in Rome near the Colosseum

In Florence, Easter is celebrated with the Scoppio del Carro (Explosion of the Cart)

Since Easter is the end of the Lenten season—which requires sacrifice and reserve. Food plays a big part in the celebrations. Traditional holiday foods across Italy may include lamb or goat, arti-chokes, and special Easterbreads. Pannetone sweet bread and Colomba (dove-shaped) bread are often given as gifts, as are hollow chocolate eggs

## ComUNICO

You can now read the Com-UNICO magazine online, just click on the photo below



## Who's Who

### Our 2021-2022 Executive Board

President .....	Eileen Wood
1st Vice President .....	Pat Ligouri
2nd Vice President .....	Dominick Bucci
Treasurer .....	Bruce Ponchak
Secretary .....	Chuck Russo
Sgt. At-Arms .....	Jim Minnella
Corresponding Secretary .....	John Morano

### Our 2021-2022 Board of Directors

Carmen Gaita	Past Chapter President	2018 & 2019
Bruce Ponchak	Past Chapter President	2016 & 2017
John Barbieri	Past Chapter President	2014 & 2015
Robert Appaluccio	Past Chapter President	2012 & 2013
Steve Pelonero	Past Chapter President	2010 & 2011
Carmen Criscione	Past Chapter President	2008 & 2009

### Our 2021-2022 Chapter Delegates

President Eileen Wood ...	58 Members (President +3)
Delegate:	James Minnella
Delegate:	Dominick Bucci
Alternate Delegate:	Joyce O'Hara
Alternate Delegate:	
Delegates represent our chapter vote at regional and national meetings.	

### Fundraising Committee Heads

Christmas Family Gifts .....	Bob Appaluccio
Food Pantry .....	Roni Corrado
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages .....	Pasquale Corrado
Chapter Raffle .....	Carmen Gaita / Joe Benvenuti

### Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee .....	Cav. PNP Joe Agresti, Joe Benvenuti, Carmen Gaita, Chuck Russo, Angelo Verrone
Community Service Day (April) .....	Pat Ligouri
Good and Welfare .....	Sal Nocella
Italian Flag Raising .....	Steve Pelonero
Membership .....	John Barbieri
Newsletter .....	Steve Pelonero
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo .....	Carmen Gaita, Charles Russo
Study Abroad College Grants .....	Cav./ Joseph Agresti PNP
Website .....	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

## Committee & Comments

### ***50/50 Raffle***

*You can support our chapter in our efforts to help others  
Please purchase a ticket from our chair members, Carmen Gaita & Joe Benvenuti  
Tickets are available at our chapter meetings (places are announced on a monthly basis)  
“They will make excellent Christmas Stocking Stuffers & Birthday Presents for the Holidays”*

*PLEASE*

*Bring your money and stubs to the March Meeting  
With your help it can be a successful fundraiser*

### ***Golf Outing***

*Our Annual Golf Outing is booked  
Please see the flier on Page 6 of this newsletter*

### ***Our April 26<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary***

*Please call Cav. Joe Agresti PNP for your tickets and/or to get your ticket money in  
Let's make this a memorable and successful celebratory affair  
Our flier is on the next page of this newsletter*

### ***Scholarship Program***

*From the Scholarship Chair, Pat Ligouri: This year's Scholarship Dinner has been scheduled. It will be on  
Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Room of the Barnyard and Carriage House in Totowa. Price has yet to be  
determined. Please mark your calendars for that date. Details on the dinner along with information on “Memorial  
Scholarships”, eligibility of children/grandchildren of members and of students from our 3 towns who do not attend  
PVHS will be discussed at the March chapter meeting*

## SAVE THE DATE !

### The Passaic Valley Chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Celebration

#### **HONORING OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS;**

UNICO NATIONAL PRESIDENT STEVEN PELONERO and  
UNICO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SALVATORE BENVENUTI

**Tuesday, April 26. 2022**

**6:30 PM to 10:30 PM**

*Nanina's in the Park*

*540 Mill Street, Belleville, NJ*

THE EVENING FEATURES:

#### **Hospitality**

*White Gloved Homemade Passed Hors d'oeuvres*

*Full Premium Open Bar - All Night*

#### **Buffet Cocktail Hour & Cold Displays**

*Salumeria Station*

*Fresh Fruit Display – Italian Seafood Salad – Tuscan Salad*

#### **Stations and Enhancements**

*Homemade Mac & Cheese Bar – Carving Boards*

*Silver Chafing Stations – Seven Selections*

*Dessert – pastries & cake - Coffee Stations – coffee/tea/espresso/cappuccino*

**For Your Dancing & Entertainment Pleasure: Julian & Dominique**

**Donation: \$100.00 Per Person**

For more information contact: Cav. Joseph Agresti at 201-874-0546 or Agresti1@Aol.com



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# Passaic Valley Chapter 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

**Monday June 6, 2022**

## Meadows Golf Club

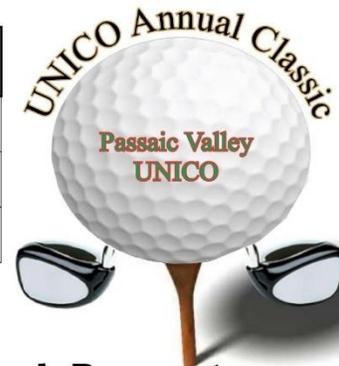
76 Twin Bridges Road, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035

Shotgun Start at 10:00am

- **Breakfast** at 9:00am
- **2 On-course beverages**
- **Full Beefsteak dinner at the Brownstone** at 4:00pm  
(includes beer, soda, coffee and tea)

### Contests, Prizes & Raffle's

<b>Surprise!!!</b>	<b>Closest to the Pin</b>
<b>Straightest Drive</b>	<b>Par 3 on the Green</b>
<b>Win a CAR "Hole in One"</b>	



### Online Registration

**\$175 per person** - Check or Cash Payment

\$75 per person Dinner Only

**\$178 per person** - Credit Card Payment

Pre-Registration is Requested

Go to: [www.unicomembers.com/golf](http://www.unicomembers.com/golf)

### Golf Hole Sponsorship - \$100

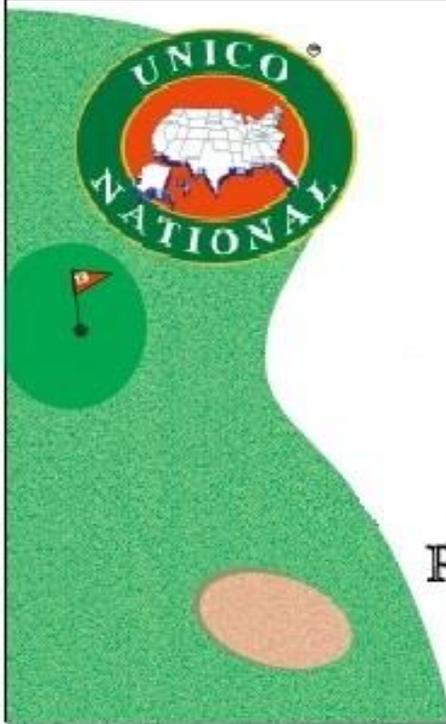
Ad displayed on the course, on our Website,  
and in our Monthly Newsletter for the Year!

**Contact: Joseph Barone**

[JCHRZBAR@gmail.com](mailto:JCHRZBAR@gmail.com) or 973-986-7042

All proceeds will go to our local scholarship and charitable endeavors





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### **Our UNICO Charities**

#### **UNICO National**

*Armed Services ~ Columbus Day ~ Heritage & Photo Calendar*

#### **UNICO Foundation**

*21<sup>st</sup> century ~ Anti-Bias ~ Cancer Research & Prevention  
Cooley's Anemia ~ Italian Studies ~ Mental Health  
Scholarships ~ Torraco Food Bank/Shelter*

**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 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.

*A Special thanks*

*To our Sponsors and Supporters*

*Please support them*

*You too can be added to this page for just \$100.*

*We sincerely appreciate your generosity & help.*

*For those that would like to help us in the years 2021/2022*

*Please reach out to us at*

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

*Or you can ask any chapter member for more information.*

*Just \$100 gets you in every issue of this newsletter and on our chapter website for our UNICO year of 2021-2022*

*You will also be shown at our annual golf outing.*

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