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A Message from our Chapter President

Ciao Everyone

As your new incoming Chapter President, I would like to express my sincere thanks and congratulations to our chapter for our 50th years of service and also to UNICO National for their 100th Anniversary as it was started on October 10th, 1922. More of that will be brought up at the 99th Annual Convention in New Orleans.

A little about myself:

Back in the early 80's I was one of the top five chapter presidents of the Passaic Valley Jaycees and later became a JCI Senator. As they say history repeats itself.

Let's continue our chapters community service and expand into new ventures this upcoming and future years. I look forward to serving our chapter and its dedicated members

Finally let's not forget that our chapter dues are now due as we need to make our first payment to UNICO very soon. Dues notices will be sent out by July 1st in the USPS mail to those who have not yet paid them. Thank you for being a member of our chapter

Respectfully

*Dominick Bucci
Passaic Valley Chapter President*



July Birthdays

- 07-09 Jessica Gaita
- 07-20 Evelyn Tosi
- 07-23 Michaela Ragusso
- 07-27 Pasquale Corrado
- 07-31 Joe Benvenuti

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

www.UNICO.org

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

July ~ No chapter meeting this month ~ Even we get the summer off

July 11 ~ Monday ~ Amore in Woodland Park ~ 140 Rifle Camp Rd ~ 7 pm ~ RSVP is required

July 22 ~ Friday ~ UNICO Baseball & Heritage Night ~ Skyland Stadium

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

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Our annual chapter dues notices will be going out in July. As always, your membership keeps you involved with your service and your Italian Heritage. Please stay as a member and send in your due's payment as soon as possible. Grazie



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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 ~ When there just click on the "Calendar" tab that is all the way to the right

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**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"**





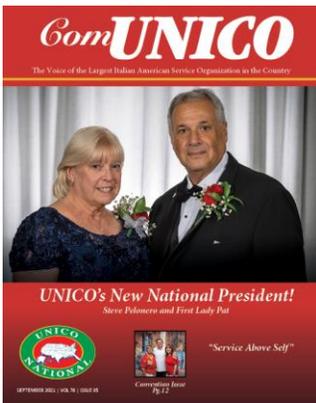
## The History of July 4<sup>th</sup>

There is so much to write about July 4<sup>th</sup> and it would be so much easier if you can click on this website to read all about what, when, why and where it all started  
[< Click Here >](#)

Have a safe July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and also a safe UNICO summer off ... See you in September

## ComUNICO

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



## Who's Who

### Our 2022-2023 Executive Board

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| President .....               | Dominick Bucci   |
| 1st Vice President .....      | Carmen Criscione |
| 2nd Vice President .....      | Joe Benvenuti    |
| Treasurer .....               | Bruce Ponchak    |
| Secretary .....               | Steve Pelonero   |
| Sgt. At-Arms .....            | John Morano      |
| Corresponding Secretary ..... | John Morano      |

### Our 2022-2023 Board of Directors

|                   |                        |             |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Eileen Wood       | Past Chapter President | 2020 & 2021 |
| 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 |

### Our 2022-2023 Chapter Delegates

President Dominick Bucci ... 58 Members (President +3)  
 Delegate: Jean Chomko  
 Delegate:  
 Delegate:

(Delegates represent our chapter votes and are urged to attend our regional and national meetings)

### Fundraising Committee Heads

|                                            |                |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Christmas Family Gifts .....               | Bob Appaluccio |
| Food Pantry .....                          | Roni Corrado   |
| Overseas Armed Service Care Packages ..... | Pat Corrado    |

### Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

|                                     |                             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Community Service Day (April) ..... | Chuck Russo                 |
| Good and Welfare .....              | Sal Nocella                 |
| Newsletter .....                    | Steve Pelonero              |
| Publicity .....                     | Vacant                      |
| Scholarship / Brian Piccolo .....   | Carmen Gaita, Charles Russo |
| Study Abroad College Grants .....   | Cav./ Joseph Agresti PNP    |
| Website .....                       | Steven Pelonero             |
| Website Member Section .....        | John Barbieri               |

***Congratulations to our 2022 Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Award Recipients***



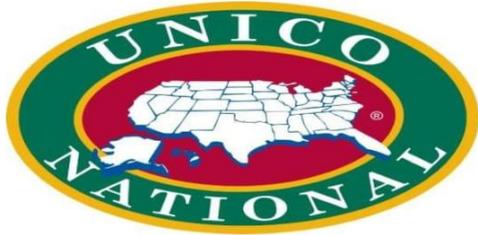
*From the left: Lindsey Mezzina, Thomas Gaita, Bianca Copello, Brianna LaRosa, Dominic Meola Chater Scholarship / Brian Piccolo Chair Charles Russo*

***Cngratulations to our 2022-2023 Chapter Executive Board***



*From the left presiding over the swerign in: Cav. Joseph Agresti PNP Steve Pelonero (soon to be a PNP), Joe Benvenuti, Bruce Ponchak, Carmen Criscione, John Morano*





**ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT  
WITH THE SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS  
AT SKYLANDS STADIUM**

**JULY 22, 2022 — 7:05pm Game/Gates open 6:00pm**

**UNICO BASEBALL PICNIC UNDER PAVILION INCLUDES:**

Grilled Chicken  
Hot Dogs  
Hamburgers  
Cheeseburgers  
Two Cold Salads  
Fixin's  
Assorted Cookies  
Water, soda, beer and wine

90 minutes unlimited food and beverage-starts 6:30pm

\$39.00 per adult – \$35.00 per kid  
Children under 3 ft (counter height) – Free

SAUSAGE & PEPPERS & ZEPPOLE FOOD TRUCK TOO  
FOR EXTRA TREATS! (Not included in picnic, in another location)

PRICE INCLUDES: PICNIC, GAME DAY TICKET, PAVILION AREA AND SEAT IN STADIUM

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Please MAIL checks to: Italian Heritage Night c/o Sparta UNICO, PO Box 328, Sparta, NJ 07871

## Committee & Comments



### ***Chapter Dues***

*Please do not forget about paying your one time a year chapter dues*

*Notices will be going out via the USPS*

*Checks need to be made out to*

*Passaic Valley UNICO*

*PO # 341*

*Little Falls, NJ 07424*

*Exempt Life Member \$15.00*

*Youth Member (25 years of age and under) \$12.00*

*Regular Member \$80.00*

### ***Food Pantry***

*Please do not forget about the Food Pantry*

*Please bring your donations directly to the Pantries*

*\$225 in ShopRite gift cards were recently delivered to the St. James Church pantry managers.*

*They were extremely grateful and will use the cards to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and dairy products for their pantry clients. A most sincere thanks to the membership for their donations throughout the year.*

*~~ Roni Corrado ~~*

### ***Member Comments***

*It has been an honor to serve UNICO as it's National President and as a member of Passaic Valley UNICO.*

*It was an excellent night at our Awards Dinner, which is the end of our UNICO year*

*Fun and Service Above Self*

*To me that is what the "U" in is: UNICO ~ Unity*

*~~ Steve Pelonero ~~*

## *Our Italian Heritage for July*



*This photo appears in the 2022 UNICO National Heritage & Photo Calendar in the month of July*

*It was taken in Morano Calabro in Cosenza, Italy by one of our chapter members  
~~~ Cav. Joseph Agresti PNP ~~~*

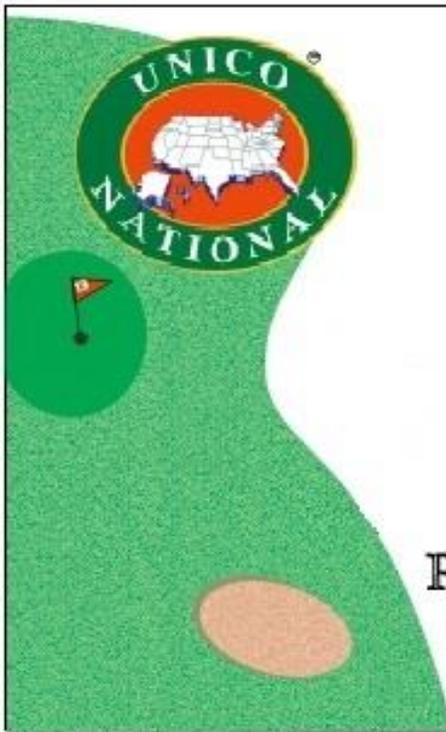
*Morano Calabro is a town and comune in the province of Cosenza in the Calabria region of southern Italy.
It was the birthplace of mathematician Gaetano Scorza.*

Of Roman origin, the village of Morano Calabro is located within the Pollino National Park.

*The inhabited area develops on a conical hill
At the top of the hill are the ruins of an ancient Norman-Swabian manor house.*







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21st 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.

Our campaign for our 2022-2023 year never ends

Please ask any chapter member for more information.

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