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Our October 2018 Monthly Newsletter



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A Message from our Chapter President

Dear Members,

I would like to thank our members for the great turnout at our September meeting & also welcome our new member, Jim Minnella

We are now entering into the time of year when we start raising the money for our charities and making people aware of UNICO & it's causes

I would like to thank Steve & all the members that helped at the Fall Festival held in Little Falls. Hopefully we get a new member or two

Second, we have two events in October & November. October 22, 23, 24th & 25th, please dine at Thatcher McGhee's in Fairfield. All proceeds will go to our families in need at Christmas. On November 17th we have our pasta dinner at Holy Cross Church. Please bring in your money for the tickets at our October meeting, seating is limited

Our October meeting is on the 10th at Amore's restaurant. I hope to see everybody there

Ciao,

Carmen

There is a now a new monthly feature article

*Our Italian Heritage
By Angelo Verrone*

See Page 5 in this Newsletter



October Birthdays

10/01 Bob Appaluccio
 10/01 Frank Capalbo
 10/02 Christina Castillo
 10/09 Carmen Gaita Jr.
 10/18 Carmen Criscione
 10/20 Mark BiFalco

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

October 7 ... Sunday ... The Seaside Columbus Day Parade

October 8 ... Monday ... The N.Y.C. Columbus Day Parade

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

October 16 ... Tuesday ... Meet the National President ... Must RSVP and Prepay

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 9, 10 ... Friday, Saturday ... The Eastern Region National Meeting ... Philadelphia PA ... Must pre-register

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 28 ... Wednesday ... Convention 2019 Fundraiser ... The Brick House in Wyckoff ... The flier is on the National Website and in this newsletter

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

November 30 ... Friday ... UNICO National Office Christmas Holiday Open House ... Noon till 8:pm

“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

I – Integrity

C – Charity

O – Opportunity

“Service Above Self”



Did You Know ?

Italian Heritage Month, in October, was first celebrated in the United States in 1989. October was chosen to coincide with Columbus Day. Columbus Day is now always celebrated nationally on the 2nd Monday of October. Within the authority of the Executive Branch, the President of the United States had also issued a proclamation naming October as Italian Heritage month in 1989 and in 1990 by George H.W. Bush, in 1993 Bill Clinton, and in 2010 by Barack Obama.

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

- Dine with UNICO Joe Benvenuti, Jean Chomko, Mark BiFalco
- Dinner for a Year Raffle Carmen Criscione
- Golf Outing Joe Barone
- Holiday Donations Robert Appaluccio
- Modell's Roni Corrado
- Overseas Armed Service Care Packages Pat Corrado
- Pig Roast Joe Agresti PNP / James Minella
- Refrigerator of Wine 2020 Raffle Steve Pelonero

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

- Christmas Tree Lighting w/ Candy Cane Giveaway Joe Agresti PNP
- Community Service Day (April) Chuck Russo
- Easter Egg Hunt Joe Agresti PNP / Patrick Ligouri
- 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
- Wine Tasting and Chapter Christmas Dinner Joe Agresti PNP

September Photos

At the Little Falls Biz Association ~ Morris Canal Walk

*With the help of Steve, Bob and Carmen ... and Dominick, Joyce and Sal
Our UNICO chapter brought exposure to our town of what we do both locally and nationally
Handouts included the ComUNICO Magazine, the UNICO Heritage Calendar, and some of our chapter pens
Many other pamphlets, fliers, and posters were also there on display*



MY ITALIAN HERITAGE

By ANGELO VERRONE

MY CHILDHOOD BEGAN IN A PRIMARY ITALIAN NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE RIVERSIDE SECTION OF PATERSON IN THE SHADOW OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

FAMILY SUCH AS AUNTS AND UNCLES AND COUSINS WERE WITHIN SHORT WALKING DISTANCE. IN FACT, SOME OF US LIVED IN THE SAME 3 FAMILY HOUSE ON BUTLER STREET. MY MOM'S FATHER, GRANDPA LIVED WITH US AND HE WAS THE MASTER OF THE BACKYARD GARDEN.



I REMEMBER ON OR AROUND EASTER HE PLANTED THE PARSLEY SEEDS AND COVERED THE SPOT IN CASE THERE WAS A SPRING FROST. THE RACE WAS ON BETWEEN GRANDPA AND THE AMERICAN NEIGHBORS AS TO WHO WOULD HAVE THE FIRST GARDEN CROPS IN THE SUMMER, PARTICULARLY THE TOMATOS.

THE BACKYARD WAS NOT VERY BIG BUT TO US YOUNGSTERS IT WAS LIKE LIVING ON A FARM. WE HAD 3 FIG TREES, A PLUM TREE, A PEACH TREE AND EVERY INCH OF DIRT HAD SOMETHING EATABLE GROWING ON IT. WE NEVER HAD NEED OF A VEGETABLE STORE OR MARKET IN THE SUMMER MONTHS. THERE WERE A COUPLE VARIETIES OF STRING BEANS, PEPPERS, EGG PLANT, ZUCCHINI AND A NUMBER OF OTHER ITEMS. THE PRIZE WAS THE TOMATOS. GRANDPA WAS THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHAMP WITH THE 1ST RED ONES. OH, ALSO BROADCAST ALL OVER THE YARD WAS DRIED FROM THE YEAR BEFORE BASIL SEEDS. THE STUFF GREW ALL OVER THE PLACE.

WE ALSO HAD A WOODEN GRAPE ARBOR WHICH GRANDPA UTILIZED FOR AN AFTERNOON NAP AFTER A COUPLE GLASSES OF WINE WITH LUNCH AND THE 2 OR 3 OTHERS HE'S SNEAK IN THE CELLAR WHEN HE THOUGHT NO ONE WAS WATCHING. HOW HE SLEPT ON A 14 OR 15 INCH WIDE BENCH WITHOUT FALLING WE WILL NEVER KNOW AS THE MAN HAD A 5X5 BUILD.

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON WAS FAMILY DAY WITH EVERYONE COMING TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO GRANDPA. IF YOU COULD NOT BE THERE, YOU HAD TO HAVE A VERY GOOD EXCUSE WHY NOT.

SO, I WANTED TO SHARE THIS LITTLE SEGMENT OF MY ITALIAN HERITAGE WITH YOU AND AGAIN SHOW WHAT A FAMILY ORIENTED AND AGRICULTURAL PEOPLE WE ARE. SHARING HAPPY MEMORIES SUCH AS THIS WITH OUR GROWN CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN WILL KEEP OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE GOING.

What region is your Heritage from? Let us know at our October Meeting



Did you know that we are also on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter ?

www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO - www.Instagram.com/passaicValleyUNICO - www.Twitter.com/PassaicValleyUNICO

It's Never Too Late
We will advertise your name for an entire UNICO year
(See pages 8, 9 and 10)

The graphic features a green golf course background on the left with a UNICO National logo (a map of the US in a green circle) and a golf ball. On the right, the text reads: "Passaic Valley Chapter Sponsor. If you would like to be a PV UNICO Sponsor Please contact us @ PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com".

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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

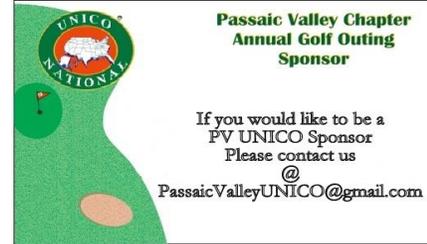
Would you like to be on a committee ?

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

Our Pasta Dinner ~ November 17 ~ Still looking for volunteers to make or bring Desserts, table covers, disposable dishes, dinner utensils

Call Dominick Bucci if you can help: 973-703-6473



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

Support and advertise our events
The fliers are in this newsletter and also on our website
www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org



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Menus

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YOU MUST PRESENT THIS FLYER FOR THIS DONATION TO COUNT!!!

Passaic Valley UNICO is a 503C non-profit organization whose motto is
"Service Above Self"



Pre-Holiday Event!
100% of the money raised will support our
Needy Family Christmas Fund

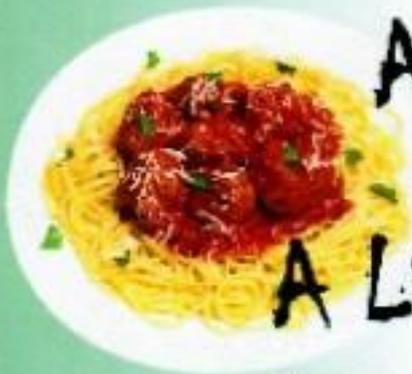
**By dining at Thatcher McGhee's of Fairfield on
Monday October 22nd through Thursday October 25th
Passaic Valley UNICO will receive
20% of the sales!**

Please give this flyer to friends, family, and neighbors! Help us raise as much money as we can!!



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All proceeds go to our local scholarship and charitable endeavors



2019 UNICO Convention Kickoff Fundraiser

“Come celebrate for Dr. Frank DeFrank”

Cigar Night

At The

Brickhouse, 179 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ

**Date—Wednesday November 28, 2018
6-9 PM.**

Buffet Dinner, Wine, Beer, Soda, Raffles

Ticket Price—\$85.00 per person.

**Come enjoy a night of camaraderie with friends & help raise funds to
make the 2019 UNICO CONVENTION a big success.**

**All checks to be payable to UNICO National Convention 2019
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