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## Our July 2019 Monthly Newsletter



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## ***A Message from the editor***

*Ciao members, family and friends,*

*Did you know that this edition of our chapter newsletter starts the 17<sup>th</sup> year that it has been in existence? We hope that you enjoy it and share it with your friends and family.*

*It's customary to give your chapter president at least one month off during the summer break of UNICO. But for me, as your newsletter editor, I wanted to tell a little about myself. First, I want to thank everyone in our chapter for the support you have given me over the years while serving you as it's secretary when I first joined the chapter. I also started our chapter website 15 years ago in 2004.*

*Then I moved up the chairs in our chapter as its 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> VP, and also Chapter President. I then moved on to be your NJ IV DG for 2 years, and while continuing to receive support I then went on to serve UNICO National as its Eastern Region DG, then as its National 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and now your 1<sup>st</sup> VP.*

*When we come back from the National Convention in Nashville, TN, I will be your UNICO National Executive VP and getting ready to learn and prepare even more so that I am more than ready to be National President in 2020 and sworn in as such at the Sanibel Harbor Beach Marriott in Fort Myers, FL.*

*While doing all of this I am still dedicated to our chapter and will do my best to live up to the motto and core values of UNICO: Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, Opportunity and "Service Above Self".*

*Ciao for now and have a great summer*

*Steve Pelonero*  
*Chapter Member and UNICO National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*



## July Birthdays

07-20 Evelyn Tosi  
 07-27 Pat Corrado  
 07-31 Joe Benvenuti

## 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](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)

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## Food Pantry

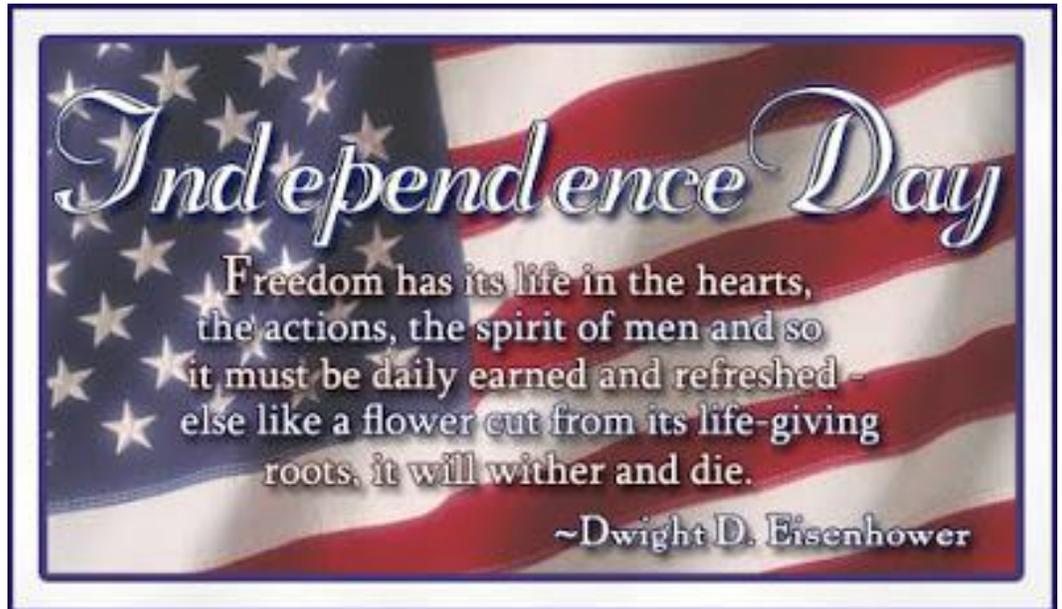
Please don't forget about our UNICO Phil Arena Food Pantry ... Your non-perishable donation will help restock it

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

**July 11 ... Thursday ... Drawing date for our Dinner for a Year Raffle and also for our 2020 Vision Raffle ... 6:00 pm at PJ Rufo's in Woodland Park**

**July 24 25 26 27 ... Wednesday thru Saturday ... The 97<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention ... At the Gaylord in Nashville TN ... Must register to attend ... Call the National Office for information**



## “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”**



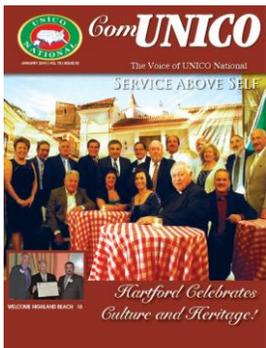
**Did You Know:**

That dues are now due in the month of July to UNICO National. Your annual dues take care of the expenses of the National Office. The office maintains all the records of UNICO across the entire country: both National and for the Foundation.

Even though only the chapter delegates get a vote at all National meetings, every member of UNICO gets a say when a vote is needed for the Foundation. Your participation at National meetings is always welcome and urged. Your attendance at these meetings will give you a better understanding of what UNICO does for you.

**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  
 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

**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  
 Study Abroad  
 College Grants ..... Joseph Agresti PNP  
 Website ..... Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri  
 Wine Tasting and Chapter Christmas Dinner ..... Joe Agresti PNP

*Photos from our 2019 June 10<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing  
And also  
From our Scholarship, Brian Piccolo and Installation Dinner*

*They are all on our chapter website  
With so many photos taken  
Please visit our "Photo Gallery" to see all of them  
[www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)*

*Here are the direct links to:  
[Scholarship, Brian Piccolo, and Officer Installation Dinner](#)  
[Our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing](#)*

## Congratulations To our 2019 High School Scholarship And Brian Piccolo Students

To be Presented at our June 12<sup>th</sup> Scholarship and Brian Piccolo and Installation of Officers Dinner

### Scholarship Awardees

Jessica Gaita - Totowa - P.V.H.S.  
Gioia Gaita - Totowa - P.V.H.S.  
Lauren Lalama – Woodland Park - P.V.H.S.  
Alyssa Minnella - Little Falls - P.V.H.S.  
Grace Rose - Totowa - P.V.H.S.

### Brian Piccolo Awardees

Daniell Gaita - Totowa - P.V.H.S. – Softball (Coach Kathy Hill)  
Steven Nitch - Little Falls - P.V.H.S. – Baseball (Coach John Mazzo)



## Committee Comments

***There still is time to support our two Raffles  
“Dinner for Year” & “40 Bottle of Wine with Refrigerator”***

***Both to be pulled on July 11, 2019***

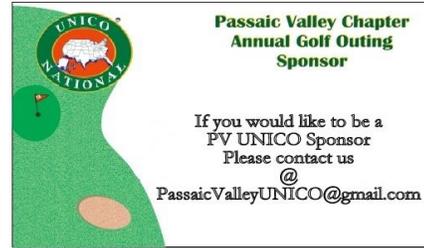
Would you like to be on a committee ?

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,  
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on our chapter website  
for our entire UNICO year.

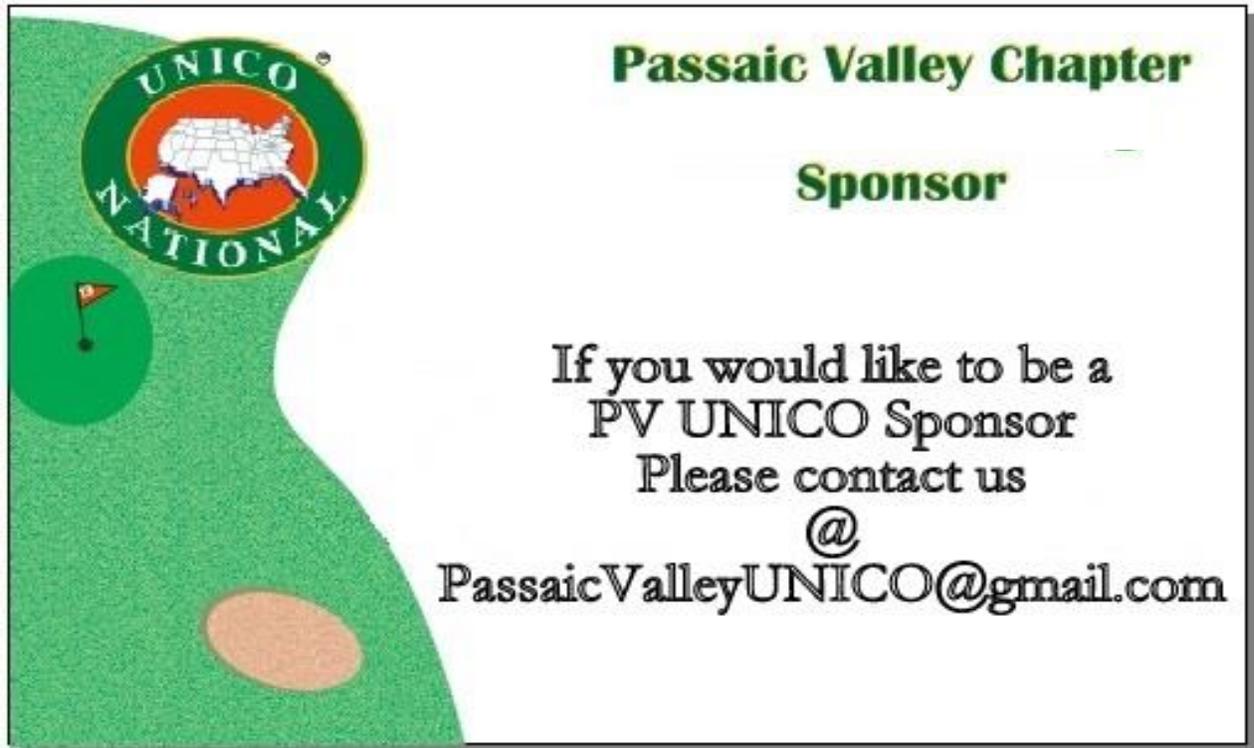
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Please support our sponsors  
See pages 8,9, 10 and 11 in this newsletter



## *It's Never Too Late*

*We will advertise your name for an entire UNICO year  
(See pages 9, 10 and 11)*

The graphic features a green background with a circular UNICO National logo on the left, a golf ball, and a hole. The text on the right 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.

**July ~ luglio**

**It's a new UNICO Year For Us**

**A thanks to our 2019-2020 Sponsors and Supporters**

**It's Never Too Late to Help**

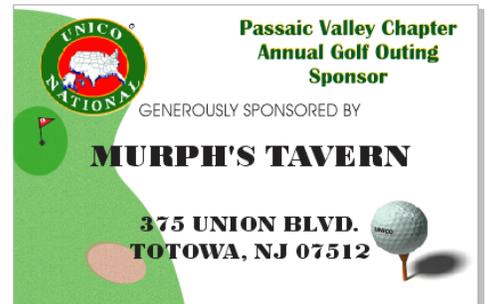
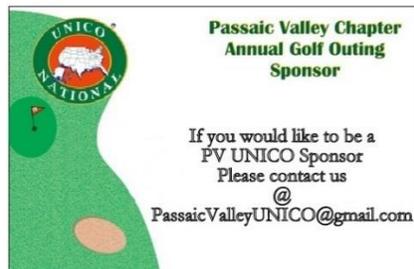


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