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A Message from the editor

Members,

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy summer. I, for one, can't believe summer is over and fall will soon be here.

First, I would like to thank all my officers for staying on for another year. They all make being chapter president a lot easier.

The September meeting will be important to attend. The budget for 2019-2020 will be introduced. Also, the Executive Board will have an important recommendation to make regarding this budget.

September also starts the official time for us to help Steve with funding for his 2020 campaign. The first event will be in October and I hope we will all get behind it. The board has taken this into consideration and has come up with ideas to help each of us with expenses for the upcoming year.

Our club has two major ways that we support our community: by giving out Christmas cheer to needy families and scholarships to local high school and college students. To support these two important endeavors, we still will have to raise money for our club this year. The proposed budget considers what we hope to raise this year so that it is a balanced budget.

This is only the first reading of the budget and any member recommendations will be considered by the board.

Hoping to see you all at our September meeting at St. Agnes Church on September 11th at 7 PM.

Ciao,
Carmen

PS: On a note from our chapter secretary, our 1st half of dues were paid to UNICO National, 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. More information is on Page 6 (Committee Comments)



August Birthdays

08-09 Joe Agresti PNP
 08-09 Tony Orlando
 08-15 Pete Longo
 08-24 Carmen Allora
 08-25 Joe McGill
 08-31 Yelena Stuhreck

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.4mq.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 ... **Place to be announced****

**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 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



Note: all of the Convention 2019 Photos are on the National Website

www.UNICO.org

or

www.UNICOpictures.yolasite.com

“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 the recent 2019 Convention in Nashville was the 97th Annual

The 2020 Convention Annual will be held in Fort Myers FL at the Sanibel Harbor Beach Marriott when our own chapter member, Steven Pelonero, will be sworn in as the 2020 UNICO National President

Following that year is the 99th for Dr. peter pettinato from Carbondale PA. It will be held in New Orleans.

The 100th Annual Convention has no set agenda yet, but it will be celebration the 100th year and start of UNICO which was founded in Waterbury CT by Dr. Vastola

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 Study Abroad
 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 Chapterprez@optonline.net. Checks will be made out to "Passaic-Clifton UNICO". Also, cash and VENMO will be accepted.



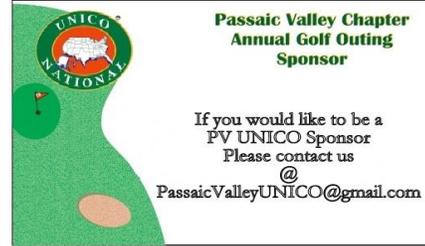
Committee Comments

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

Our chapter members At the 2019 Annual 97th Nashville Convention



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



Who remembers MaryAnne Giampapa

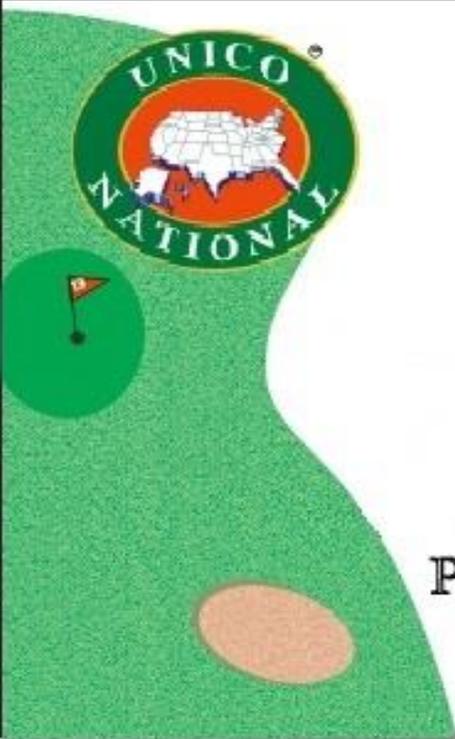


*Taken Gala Night, at the posed gallery room are Steven Pelonero, National Executive VP (left), Eileen Wood, Chapter 1st VP (center, and Joseph Agresti, PNP (right)
All the photos from the convention can be seen clicking here >>> [**National Photo Page**](#)*



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*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

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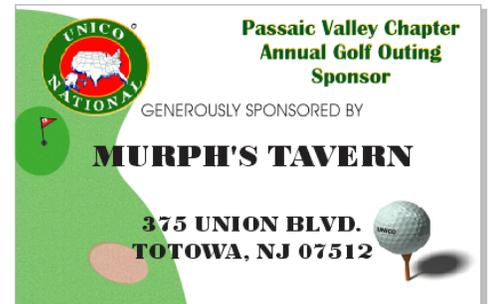
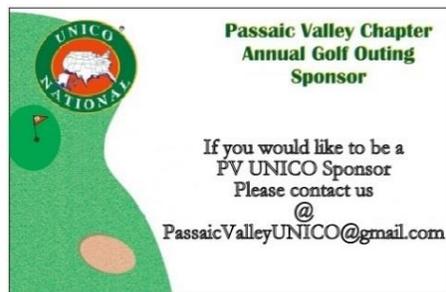


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