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Our November 2019 Monthly Newsletter



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A Message from our Chapter President

Members,

As we enter the month of November, all of us will be looking towards celebrating Thanksgiving- a day to be with family and friends and a day of giving thanks to God for how fortunate we are.

With the spirit of giving in mind, I would like to report that the officers and board voted on and would like to recommend to our members that we donate \$500 to the district Christmas party which is for children in need. This was originally budgeted for \$200 so this would be an increase of \$300. We realize that in the first three months we are \$1,000 over what was budgeted for the year. We all know the argument of how much money we have in the treasury. So, it is with this understanding that we still recommend the increase. Please realize that this will be discussed and voted on at the November meeting at Francesco's restaurant.

On that note, I would like to thank our dinner committee for securing Francesco's for our November meeting. You will have a choice of three entrees, and you are welcome to bring your own wine. The cost is \$30. The dinner committee is recommending a pizza meeting at the church to keep the cost down for the month of December.

We will also be swearing in our three new members, so please try to come and welcome them into our UNICO family.

Hope to see you all at our November meeting and if you can't make it, I would like to wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving.

*Ciao,
Carmen*

PS: From our chapter secretary: This is the last month that you can pay your dues and we really do not want to see you dropped from ours and the UNICO National record books. Please stay a member of UNICO: the largest Italian-American non-profit service organization in the United States. Please send in your one time a year dues payment to our PO Box before our meeting on November 13th, or better yet stop in at the meeting and say hello to everyone. Help us in our efforts to help others. "Service Above Self"



November Birthdays

11-01 Gerry Gaeta
 11-02 Justin Martin
 11-15 John Barbieri
 11-21 Gianna Barone
 11-22 Sal 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

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

November 8 & 9 ... Friday & Saturday ... ERDG Meeting in Hershey PA

November 12 ... Tuesday ... UNICO National Convention Cigar Night Fundraiser at the Brickhouse in Wyckoff ... Flier is on our website and in this newsletter

November 13 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Our monthly chapter meeting ... Francesco's in Woodland Park ... 7:00 pm dinner ... 8:00 pm meeting

*** **Your dues are due**

November 28 ... 4th Thursday of November ... Time to give Thanks with a Thanksgiving Dinner

December 1 ... Sunday ... Our NJ District IV Christmas Dinner for our Special Need Friends ... Save the Date ... More Information will follow

December 7 ... Saturday ... Bus ride Convention Fundraiser for the 2020 Convention ... Sponsored by Passaic-Clifton UNICO and our NJ District IV ... The flier is in this newsletter



*Happy Thanksgiving!
 To You And Your Family*

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:

- 1 - What year was the first Thanksgiving celebrated
 - 2 – How long did the first Thanksgiving celebration last
 - 3 – Under which US President did Thanksgiving become an annual holiday
 - 4 – What year was the first Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade
 - 5 – Who is on the last float in the Macy’s Day Parade
 - 6 – Which US President was the first to give a Presidential Pardon to the Turkey
 - 7 – Which US state raises the most turkeys
 - 8 – How fast can a scared wild turkey run
- Answers are on Page 6

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

Beefsteak	Joe Benvenuti
Convention 2020 Fundraising	John Morano
Dine with UNICO	Joe Benvenuti, Mark BiFalco, Jean Chomko
Golf Outing	Joe Barone
Holiday Donations	Robert Appaluccio
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



2020 UNICO CONVENTION KICKOFF FUNDRAISER

“Come celebrate for Executive Vice President Steve Pelonero“

CIGAR NIGHT

At The

BRICK HOUSE, 179 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ

Date – Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Time – 6-9 PM



**BUFFET DINNER
WINE, BEER, SODA, RAFFLES
TICKET PRICE - \$85.00 PER**



**Come join us and enjoy a night
of camaraderie with friends
and to help raise funds to make the
2020 UNICO CONVENTION a great success**

Make all checks payable to UNICO CONVENTION 2020

**Mail checks to: UNICO National, 271 Highway 46 west, suite F-103
Fairfield, New Jersey 07004**



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.



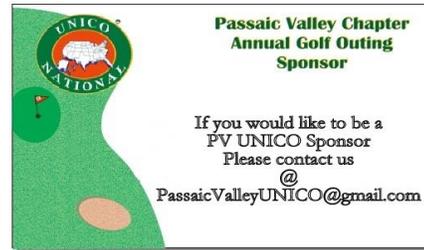
Committee Comments

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 ~ This is the last month to pay them

\$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

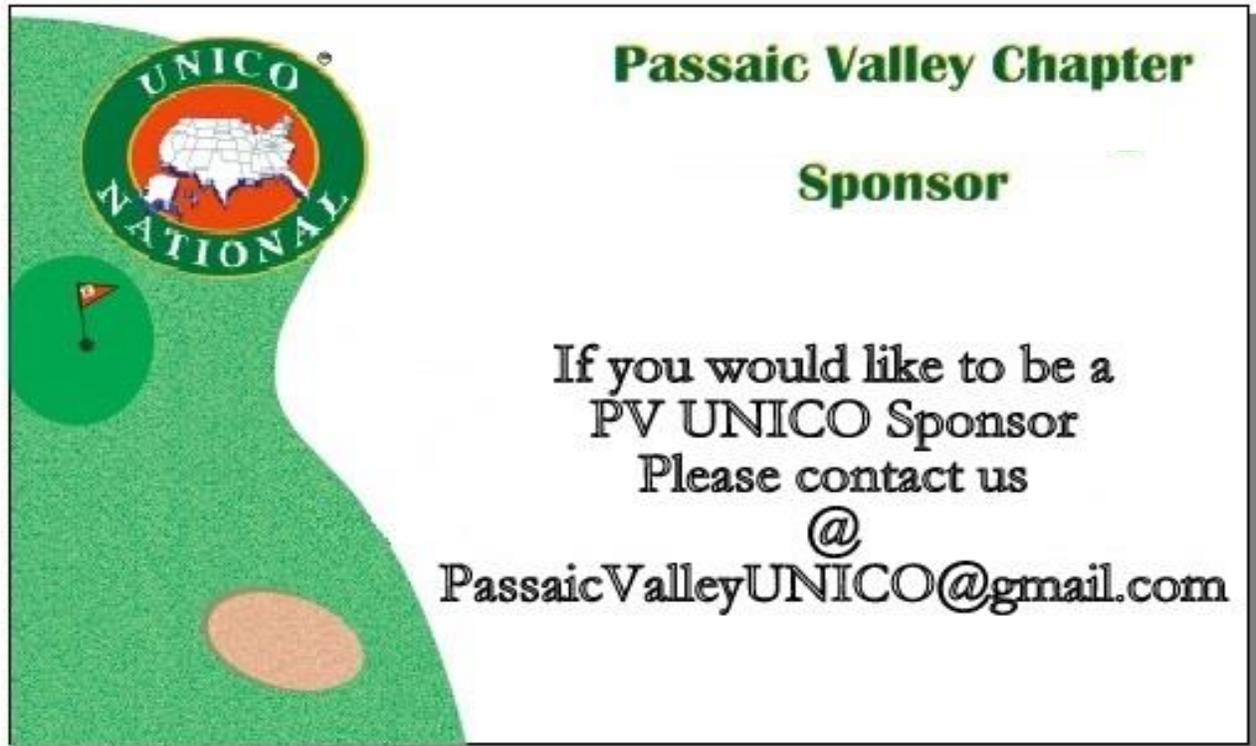
Trivia Answers from Page 3

1 – 1621 ... 2 – Three days ... 3 – Abraham Lincoln ... 4 – 1924 ... 5 – Santa Claus
 6 – Ronald Reagan ... 7 – Minnesota ... 8 – 20 MPH



It's Never Too Late

*We will advertise your name for an entire UNICO year
(See pages 10,11,12,13)*

The graphic features a green background with a circular UNICO National logo on the left. The logo contains a map of the United States and the text 'UNICO NATIONAL'. To the right of the logo, the text 'Passaic Valley Chapter' and 'Sponsor' is displayed in a bold, green font. Below this, the text 'If you would like to be a PV UNICO Sponsor Please contact us @ PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com' is written in a black, serif font.

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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.

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It's a new UNICO Year For Us

A thanks to our 2019-2020 Sponsors and Supporters

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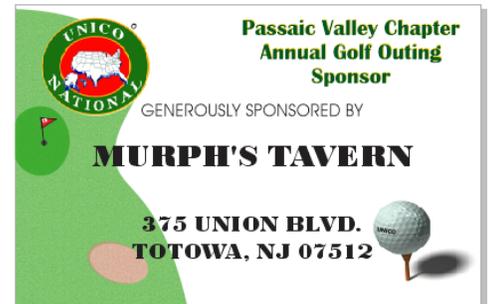
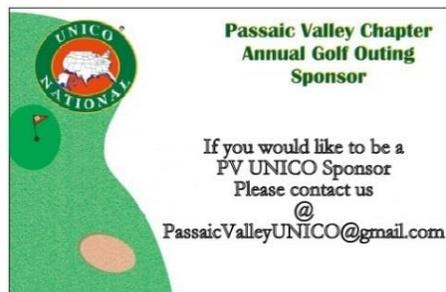


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