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A Message from our Chapter President

Members,

I hope everyone has had a healthy and happy start to the new year and we have all gotten back to the swing of things. By the time we have our meeting on February 12th at Francesco's Restaurant, our beefsteak will have already taken place. Hopefully you receive this newsletter before February 8th because there is still time to purchase tickets to make the beefsteak a big success. Please call either me (973) 256-2224 or Joe Benvenuti (973) 610-9365 if you want to come to the Russian Hall on February 8th. Ticket prices are \$55. We would like to see all our members there.

The convention is fast approaching in July. Please don't wait until the last minute to make your hotel reservations. We should work to make this successful because of all that Steve has done for our chapter. We will also be discussing the amount that we want to spend on a page for the journal at the convention. Remember that anything over \$200 needs to be brought up in two different meetings.

On January 31st the district held its Pasta Night to benefit the Christmas party for disabled children. Hopefully this was a success and raised money for next year's party.

Again, I hope that everything has gone well for you and your families and hope to see you at Francesco's Restaurant on February 12th.

*Ciao,
Carmen*



February Birthdays

02-02 Chuck Russo
 02-02 Jay Sisti
 02-08 Eileen Wood
 02-12 Joyce O'Hara
 02-15 Jim Cestone
 02-22 John Morano

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

February 8 ... Saturday ... Annual Beefsteak Fundraiser ... The flier is on page 6 of this newsletter

February 11 ... Tuesday ... UNICO National Hockey Night ... Order your UNICO tickets online ... Call the National Office for more information

February 12 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly chapter meeting ... Francesco's in Woodland park ... 7:00 pm dinner – 8:00 pm meeting

February 18 ... Tuesday ... Chapter night for our newest UNICO chapter, Basking Ridge UNICO ... Call UNICO National if you would like to go to meet and welcome them into our UNICO family

February 28 ... Friday ... Passaic-Clifton Chapter – NJ District IV ... It is their 70th Chapter Anniversary of serving UNICO and their communities

March 19, 20, 21 ... Thursday, Friday, Saturday ... UNICO National Midyear Board Meeting ... St. Petersburg FL ... Delegates and representation from our chapter is urged

July 22, 23, 24, 25 ... Wednesday through Saturday ... The 98th Annual UNICO National Convention ... Fort Myers, Sanibel Harbour Beach Marriott ... The Convention Flier is on page 8 of this newsletter

February 2nd ~ Ground Hog Day
February 12th ~ Abraham Lincoln Birthday
February 14th ~ Valentine's Day
February 17th ~ Presidents Day
February 26th ~ Ash Wednesday

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”



Leap Year Trivia:

This February 2020 is a leap year month. We now have 366 days this year

The ancient Egyptians were the first to start using leap year

If you are born on February 29, you are known as a leaping

Dina Shore was born on February 29, 1916

Some customs have it that on February 29th, a woman is allowed to ask a man for "his" hand in marriage

ComUNICO

You can now read the Com-UNICO magazine online, just by clicking on the cover page 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

Fancy Meeting You Here

What are the chances that you run into another chapter member while vacationing in Aruba. Steve Pelonero with Angelo and Carol Verrone at the Aruba Hilton



NJ District IV Pasta Dinner

Here are some photos of A joint chapter fundraiser that raised money for our upcoming December Christmas Dinner for our Special Need Friends. This pasta night was held at the Wayne PAL building



Above is our UNICO District Banner Proudly Displayed

Below left are Joe Agresti PNP, with UNICO National President Dr. Frank DeFrank, Passaic Clifton Chapter President Dave D'Arco, and our NJ District IV Governor Srteve Calantone Bottom right photo are our volunteers who served our guests





THE PASSAIC VALLEY UNICO BEEFSTEAK DINNER



Beer, Wine & Soda

FEBRUARY 8th, 2020



7 PM to 11 PM

Music By

The American Expression

Location will be

First Russian Hall Home

4- 6 Woodhull Avenue

Little Falls, NJ

\$55.00 per person



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

JOE BENVENUTI

973-610-9365 CELL ~ 973-785-0513 HOME

All Proceeds to Benefit Local Charities

UNICO National's 98th National Convention



Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa

July 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 2020 ~ \$169.00 per night

17260 Harbour Pointe Drive ~ Fort Myers, FL 33908



- Thirty Five Minutes from Fort Myers Airport (RSW)

- Six Onsite Dining Choices

Tarpon House ~ Casual American Dining

Courtside Steakhouse ~ Fine Dining

Sanibel Harbour Princess Yacht ~ Views of Sanibel and Fort Myers while you relax and eat

Charley's Cabana Bar ~ Appetizers and Cocktails

Palm Court Bakery ~ Starbucks Coffee and Pastries

The Cove ~ Poolside Restaurant

- On premise: Spa ~ Fitness Center ~ Three Pools

Famiglia ~ La nostra famiglia UNICO lavoriamo insieme

Family ~ Our UNICO family working together

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



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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:
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 Or use our website to fill out the online form
www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

Please support our sponsors

See pages 10,11,12,13 in this newsletter

Please also support our UNICO Charities

National

Armed Services ~ Calendar ~ Columbus Day

Foundation

21st century ~ Anti-Bias ~ Cancer Research & Prevention

Cooley's Anemia ~ Italian Studies ~ Mental Health

Scholarships ~ Torraco Food Bank/Shelter



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 written in a bold, green, sans-serif 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. The entire graphic is enclosed in a thin black border.

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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.

February ~ febbraio

It's a new UNICO Year For Us

A thanks to our 2019-2020 Sponsors and Supporters

It's Never Too Late to Help

< Just ask any chapter member for more information on how you can also help >



Our 2019-2020 Gold Sponsor Senator Kristen M. Corrado

Our 2019-2020 Silver Sponsor Murph's Tavern

UNICO NATIONAL logo in the top left corner. Text: **Passaic Valley Chapter Annual Golf Outing Sponsor**. Below that, **SENATOR** and **Kristin M. Corrado**. A golf ball is in the bottom right corner.

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To our Passaic Valley Towns



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