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## Our May 2020 Monthly Newsletter



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## ***A Message from our Chapter President***

*Members,*

*Most importantly, I hope all is well and you and your families are in good health. We have already had some of our members lose family members and close friends to this virus. Please stay home and stay safe.*

*With that said, as of now, our May meeting is cancelled as well as our golf outing and scholarship dinner. We will still be giving out scholarships with the money raised from last year's golf outing; however, it will be less than the usual amount realizing we may not have an outing until next year.*

*Our chapter will be donating funds to St. Agnes' Food Pantry to help during this crisis. We investigated different avenues to help others and have determined that the best way is to donate to St. Agnes directly. If anyone wants to donate money please make checks payable to St. Agnes and you can mail them to me at: 154 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Little Falls, NJ 07424.*

*Last month the slate of new officers was sent out. Since no one has submitted their names to run against the slate of officers sent out, I am asking Steve as our secretary to cast one vote for our newly elected officers ..... See page 2 of this newsletter where he casts his vote*

*It will be awhile before we get back to some sense of normalcy. Please stay strong and safe.*

*Let myself or an officer know if you or any other member needs anything. We are all in this together.*

*Ciao,  
Carmen*



### May Birthdays

- 05-04 Dominick Bucci
- 05-13 Phil Polizzotto
- 05-31 Maria Swain
- 05-31 Sal Nocella

### 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)

[www.UNICO.org](http://www.UNICO.org)

[www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mq.com](http://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

May – All events are cancelled - ☹️

June 15 ... Monday ... Regretfully our Annual Chapter Golf Outing has been Cancelled

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### A message from our chapter Secretary ~ Steve Pelonero

Seeing as how our May meeting has been cancelled, I hereby am using this May 2020 Newsletter as a recorded cast of vote for our 2020-2021 Chapter Slate of Officers. "I cast one vote for: President Eileen Wood; 1<sup>st</sup> VP Pat Ligouri; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Dominick Bucci; Treasurer Bruce Ponchak; Recording Secretary Chuck Russo; Sgt.At-Arms James Minnella. Note: Corresponding Secretary is appointed

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Sunday ~ May 10<sup>th</sup>

*Mother's Day*

Monday ~ May 25<sup>th</sup>



### 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:**

Four Fifths of Italy is made up of mountains and/or hills

There were protests in Rome, in 1986, when the first McDonalds opened.

To remind residents of their Italian roots during the McDonalds opening, many restaurants gave out free pasta to remind Italians of their heritage

Before dinner in Italy many residents engage in the activity of la passeggiate. This is essentially an evening stroll, just to wander the streets, to see and to be seen by others before settling down to the evening meal. It also works up your appetite.

**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

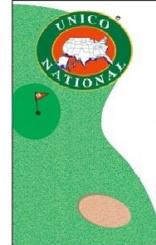
## Committee Comments

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  
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 and UNICO National

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Let more people know what we do



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Or use our website to fill out the online form

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### **A Beefsteak from Your Chapter Secretary**

See your PV Chapter Secretary Message on Page 2 of this Newsletter

### **Please support our UNICO Charities**

#### **National**

Armed Services ~ Calendar ~ Columbus Day

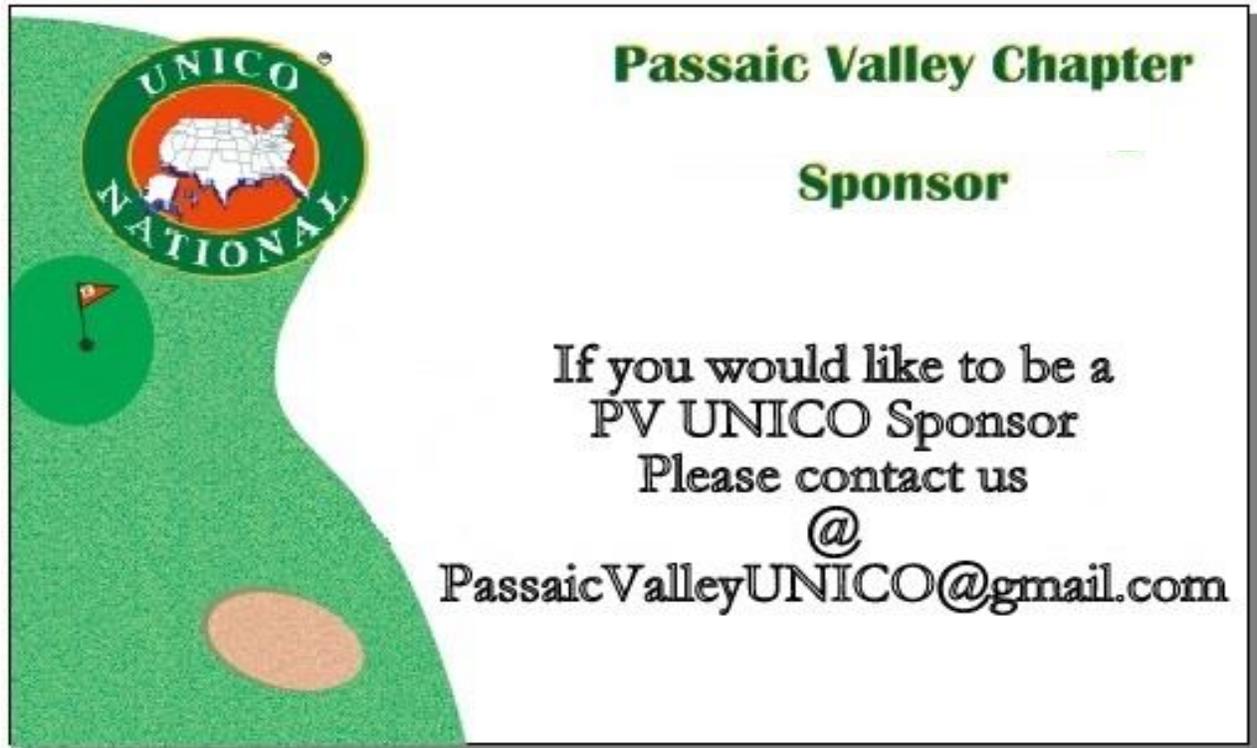
#### **Foundation**

21<sup>st</sup> century ~ Anti-Bias ~ Cancer Research & Prevention  
 Cooley's Anemia ~ Italian Studies ~ Mental Health  
 Scholarships ~ Torracco Food Bank/Shelter



## *It's Never Too Late*

*We will advertise your name for an entire UNICO year  
(See pages 9, 10, 11, 12)*

The advertisement features a green background with a golf course theme. On the left, there is a circular logo for UNICO NATIONAL with a map of the United States in the center. Below the logo is a green circle containing a golf flag on a green. The text on the right is in a serif font, reading: "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.

**May ~ maggio**

**A Special thanks**

**To our 2019-2020 Sponsors and Supporters**

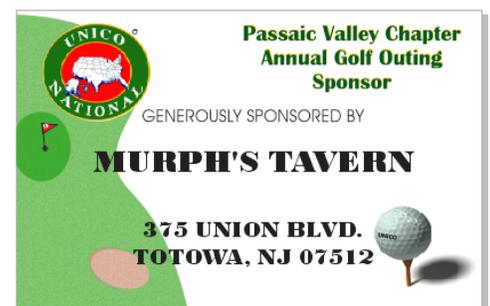
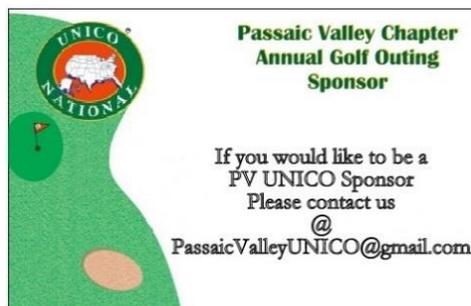
**It's Never Too Late to Help**

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



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