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A Message from our Chapter President

Members,

With this being my last Presidential message to our club, I would first like to thank the club for allowing me to be your president the past two years. I was fortunate to have a great group of officers and board members to work with. I would like to thank them for all the help and advice they have given me as president.

I would also like to give a shout out to all our committee chairman that ran different events these past two years. Once again, THANK YOU!

To Eileen, I wish her good luck and will help her in any way she needs as president.

My one regret is that financially we are not as well off as when I became president due to the pandemic we have been facing. In the coming months we need to come up with creative ideas on how to keep our club funded in this kind of environment.

We cut two scholarships this year because of our finances. The help we were able to give to St. Agnes Food Pantry was because of the generosity of our members. Please remember that we are still collecting money to support St. Agnes. On another note, we have as of May 20th collected \$500 for our TV raffle. You can still buy a raffle ticket. Each ticket is \$20, and you can buy more than one. We need to raise money in addition to asking our members to always donate.

I am sorry to hear that Steve will not be National President this year but will take over in 2021. National's loss is our gain. Steve has agreed to be our secretary for another year. I know this will help the incoming president greatly as it did myself. I thank Steve for doing this for another year.

Once again, I thank you for the honor of being your president and hope that all our members stay safe and healthy.

Ciao,
Carmen



June Birthdays

- 06-01 Danielle Gaita
- 06-06 Rick Lijoi
- 06-09 Angelo Verrone
- 06-10 Michael DeMusso
- 06-28 Patrick Liguori
- 06-30 Elaine Barone
- 06-30 Henry Youngster

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.4mg.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

June 10 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Zoom Chapter Meeting ... 7 pm ... Log in and password will be sent to all members

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

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### Message from our Chapter Secretary

As another year ends this last day of June, this is a reminder that our annual chapter/national dues can now be paid. We ask all members to please stay on board and help us in our never ending chapters efforts to help others in our community and also nationally. And let us not forget that you will again be able to say that you are a member of the largest Italian American Service Organization in the USA. Your dues checks can be made out to Passaic Valley UNICO. A regular member is \$80.00. A youth member (25 years of age and under) is \$15.00. A life exempt member (of which we do have a few) is at \$15.00. Life exempt status is 30 consecutive years of UNICO service and over 75 years of age. God Bless all of us for our Service Above Self.

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Father's Day June 21st



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:

UNICO National has a UNICO Foundation. There are a lot of items that most are not aware of. If you click on the link at the end of this sentence it tells all that you might want or need to know >>>

<https://www.unico.org/foundation-1>

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

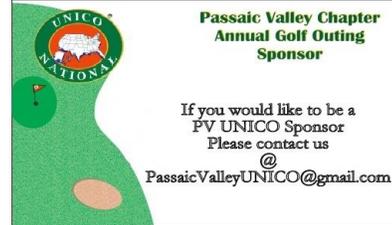
Committee Comments

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
 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.

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

Dear Chapter Members:

The Covid Emergency Response Committee (CERC) is transitioning into a new mission

We had very recently donated approximately \$1500 to the St Agnes Food Pantry (from Chapter "Emergency Funds", member donations, and donations from friends and relatives of our membership). A great team effort...thanks to everyone. The true essence of Service Above Self.

We have now received a request from the Little Sisters of the Poor (St Joseph's Home for the (impoverished) Elderly in Totowa). They are in Desperate Need (the words of Sister Lorraine) for paper plates and plastic utensils etc for their "COVID Unit"...all those supplies are disposed of after one use. On that note, we have just donated to them, the last week of May, \$300 of the above said needs.

From the chapter "Emergency Fund", and, thus far, a couple of personal donations, we already have over \$350. Members of the committee will be making a trip to Costco and/or BJ's to purchase as much of the aforementioned supplies as possible to be delivered to the Sisters.

Because of the generous member donations to St Agnes FP, this is a notice to advise what CERC is now involve d with and is not necessarily a plea for member donations/financial help (although it is more than welcomed).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or to join CERC.

Thank you and stay safe.

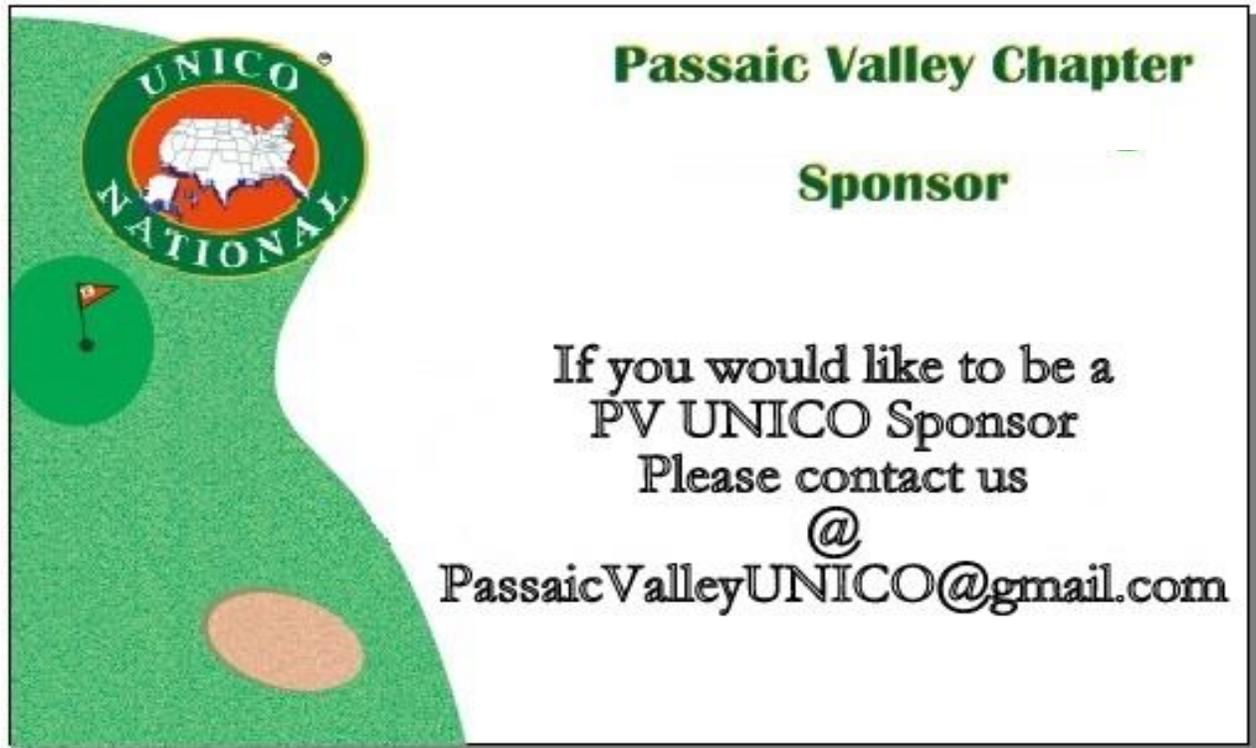
Yours in UNICO

Chuck



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*We will advertise your company for an entire UNICO year
(See pages 7, 8, 9, 10)*



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Our UNICO National Charities

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Armed Services ~ Calendar ~ Columbus Day

Foundation

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

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.

June ~ giugno

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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