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## Our July 2021 Monthly Newsletter



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## No report from our Chapter President

Even our Chapter Officers  
get a month off for the summer!

But please do not forget ...  
Our yearly chapter dues are now due.

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Have a safe and fun July!





**July Birthdays**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Emelia Klosek
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jessica Gaita
- 20<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Tosi
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Michaela Ragusso
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pasquale Corrado
- 31<sup>st</sup> Joe Benvenuti

**Photo Albums**

All our chapter event 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.4mg.com](http://www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com)

**Food Pantry**

Please do not forget about our UNICO Phil Arena and our many other Food Pantries ... Your non-perishable donation will help restock them.

Please contact our Food Pantry Chair, Roni Corrado, on how you can help.

**Upcoming Events – Local and National**

July 26, 27, 28 ~ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ~ UNICO National's 98 Annual Convention ~ In Parsippany at the Sheraton (formally known as the Tara) ~ The flier and the Registration Form are in this newsletter.

September ~ Our 1<sup>st</sup> monthly meeting of the new UNICO year ~ More information will follow.

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**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”**





**Facts of Italy**

Leonardo da Vinci was a scientist and artist who was the first to prove the world is round and not flat.

Brown bears are a protected species in Italy, as there are only a few bears left in the wild now.

The Po is Italy's longest river.

The highest mountain of Italy can be found in the Alps. It is the Monte Bianco, better known as Mont Blanc, which is 4,807m.

Italy was unified as a nation by Garibaldi in 1861 and since then includes the islands of Sicily and Sardinia.

**ComUNICO**

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



**Who's Who**

**Our 2021-2022 Executive Board**

President ..... Eileen Wood  
 1st Vice President ..... Pat Ligouri  
 2nd Vice President ..... Dominick Bucci  
 Treasurer ..... Bruce Ponchak  
**Secretary** ..... **OPEN**  
 Sgt. At-Arms ..... Jim Minnella  
 Corresponding Secretary ..... John Morano

**Our 2021-2022 Board of Directors**

Carmen Gaita	Past Chapter President	2018 & 2019
Bruce Ponchak	Past Chapter President	2016 & 2017
John Barbieri	Past Chapter President	2014 & 2015
Robert Appaluccio	Past Chapter President	2012 & 2013
Steve Pelonero	Past Chapter President	2010 & 2011
Carmen Criscione	Past Chapter President	2008 & 2009

**Our 2021-2022 Chapter Delegates**

President Eileen Wood ... 58 Members (President +3)  
 Delegate: James Minnella  
 Delegate: Dominick Bucci  
 Alternate Delegate: Joyce O'Hara  
 Alternate Delegate:  
 Delegates represent our chapter vote at regional and national meetings.

**Fundraising Committee Heads**

Christmas Family Gifts ..... Bob Appaluccio  
 Food Pantry ..... Roni Corrado  
 Overseas Armed Service Care Packages ..... Pasquale Corrado

**Non-Fundraising Committee Heads**

Community Service Day (April)..... Pat Ligouri  
 Good and Welfare ..... Sal Nocella  
 Membership / Retention..... John Barbieri  
 Newsletter ..... Steve Pelonero  
 Scholarship / Brian Piccolo ..... Carmen Gaita  
 Study Abroad College Grants ..... Joseph Agresti PNP  
 Website ..... Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

## Committee & Comments

### ***UNICO National 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention***

*July 26, 27, 28 ~ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.*

*Hoping to see you there!*

### ***Italian Flag Raising***

*Steve Pelonero ~ We will have a possible Italian Flag Raising in Little Falls in October.*

*The town is still in the process of coming up with the agenda.*

*We would need a lot of our members to be present at this event to show that we are proud of our Heritage.*

*Please come to our September meeting for the final update*

### ***Food Pantry***

*Roni Corrado ~ No report at this time.*

*But the pantries know that if they have a problem that they can let us know and we will see how we can help.*

### ***Overseas Soldier Program***

*Roni Corrado ~ With the members food donations plus \$ 170 collected at the June meeting.*

*We were able to send Anthony Penque 42 pounds of every conceivable cookie, nut, granola, breakfast bars (and more) under the sun !!*

*It is hard to believe that our Chapter Overseas Soldier Program is 15 years functioning!!*

### ***Chapter Dues***

*From your chapter secretary (still an open office)*

*Do not forget that our chapter dues are due.*

*At this newsletter release we have 32 of our 58 members paid and up to date.*

*That is more than 50% ~ Which is good!*

*Let us close that gap and keep our chapter strong with what we do!*

*Preserve our heritage and help others!*

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## UNICO NATIONAL 98TH ANNUAL CONVENTION 2021

Monday, JULY 26<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, JULY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**Sheraton Parsippany Hotel**  
199 Smith Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054

### TO MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION

- YOU CAN CONTACT THE HOTEL **DIRECTLY** BY CALLING  
**1-888-627-8148**
- 1. IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS BEING PART OF THE UNICO GROUP
- 2. GIVE THE AGENT YOUR ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE DATES
- **ONLINE** at [Book your group rate for UNICO](#)

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, JULY 9.**

### UNICO GROUP ROOM RATE

**\$149 + tax**

Group rate available 3 days pre and post, based on availability.

**Parking: FREE**

Reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. A deposit for one (1) night will be charged.  
Cancellations can be made up to 72 hours prior to arrival at no charge.

**NEXT - FILL OUT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM BY JULY 9, 2021  
AND SEND IT WITH PAYMENT TO:**

### UNICO NATIONAL

271 US HIGHWAY 46 WEST, SUITE F-103 FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004-2458  
Phone: 973-808-0035 Fax: 973-808-0043 e-mail: [uniconational@unico.org](mailto:uniconational@unico.org)



**UNICO NATIONAL 2021**  
**98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**  
 Sheraton Parsippany Hotel  
 Parsippany, NJ  
**JULY 26 to JULY 28, 2021**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's name, if attending \_\_\_\_\_ (if spouse is a member, please complete a separate form)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children Attending – name(s) and age(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Office held \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i.e., National Officer, District Governor, Chapter President, Delegate, Trustee)

**FEES AND CHARGES**

	<u>PER PERSON</u>	<u>CHILDREN (12 &amp; under)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Convention Package Includes:</b></li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Registration</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Monday Night Icebreaker</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Wednesday Inaugural Gala</li> </ul>	<b>\$350.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Registration Only</b> (For Members not taking the Convention Package)</li> </ul>	<b>\$100.00</b>	

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$350 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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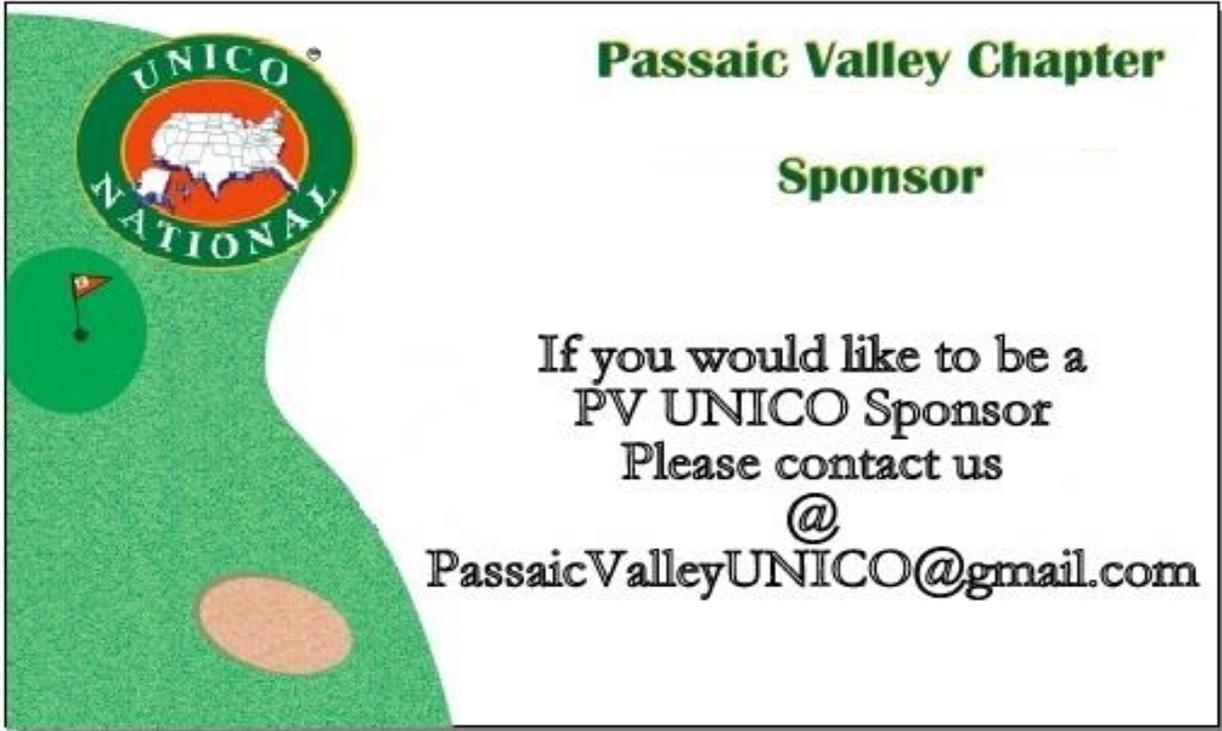
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### *Our UNICO Charities*

#### *UNICO National*

*Armed Services ~ Columbus Day ~ Heritage & Photo Calendar*

#### *UNICO Foundation*

*21<sup>st</sup> 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.

*A Special thanks*

*To our Sponsors and Supporters*

*You too can be added to this page for just \$100.*

*We sincerely appreciate your generosity & help.*

*For those that would like to help us in 2021/2022*

*Please reach out to us at*

*[PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com](mailto:PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com)*

*Or you can ask any chapter member for more information.*

*Just \$100 gets you in every issue of this newsletter and on our chapter website for our UNICO year.*

*2020-2021*

*You will also be shown at our Annual 2022 golf outing.*

*[www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)*



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