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A Message from our Chapter President

Ciao All Passaic Valley Unico Members

I hope you all enjoyed the summer however you spent it.

The 98th Convention at the Sheraton in Parsippany was a great time. Lots of meetings, lots of information, meeting other chapter members and a great deal of money was donated to all of our UNICO National and UNICO Foundation charities.

The swearing in of our own Steve Pelonero as UNICO National President on July 28 was so exciting ending with the great Gala on Wednesday evening. I want to thank those members that were able to attend and give our support to Steve. We wish him and First Lady Pat much success in the coming year.

Now let us get on to business with all that we do for the communities and people we help. Planning our upcoming 50th Anniversary as a chapter will take a big priority.

Our next meeting is due on September 8th at Lorenzo's restaurant (formerly known as "Kitch") in Little Falls. We will be sending out a reminder and signup sheet. Hope you can all attend.

Reminder, if you have not sent in your dues for this year, please try to pay before November.

Con rispetto e a presto (Respectfully and see you soon)

Eileen Wood

President, Passaic Valley UNICO



August Belated Birthdays

9th Joe Agresti PNP
 9th Tony Orlando
 15th Peter Longo
 24th Carmen Allora
 25th Joe McGill

September Birthdays

17th Jim Minnella
 26th Roni Corrado
 28th Elizabeth Mezzina

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.

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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

September 7 ~ Tuesday evening ~ **A thank you BBQ** ~ An email with more information will be going out to chapter members ~ Contact Steve Pelonero when the invite goes out with a "MUST RESPOND"

September 8 ~ 2nd Wednesday ~ **Our 1st monthly meeting of the new UNICO year** ~ Lorenzo's in Little Falls, 101 Newark Pompton Turnpike

October 4 ~ Monday ~ **6:00 pm Italian Flag Raising** ~ Little Falls Town Hall ~ Bring your Italian Heritage ~ More information at the September 7th and 8th dates listed above ~ A flier is on page 5 of this newsletter ~ A flier is also on Page 5 of this newsletter

October 10 ~ Sunday ~ **Seaside NJ Columbus Day Parade**

October 11 ~ Monday ~ **NYC Columbus Day Parade**

October 13 ~ 2nd Wednesday ~ **Chapter Monthly Meeting** ~ More information to follow

October 16 ~ Saturday ~ **Chapter Pasta Dinner Fundraiser** ~ The flier is on page 6 of this newsletter

October 26 ~ Tuesday ~ **Meet the UNICO National President Dinner** ~ At the Venetian in Garfield ~ More information will follow

November 5 & 6 ~ Friday & Saturday ~ **The Eastern Region Meeting** ~ In Springfield Massachusetts ~ For East Coast Chapters and Districts ~ More information to follow

Also ~ You can always visit the UNICO National Website Calendar for even more dates of something that may be of interest to you ~ www.UNICO.org ~ When there just click on the "Calendar" tab all the way to the right

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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"**



**September in Italy**

The average temperatures in Italy in September look like this:

- Northern Italy: 55-75°F (13-24°C)
- Central Italy: 65-80°F (18-27°C)
- Southern Italy: 70-80°F (21-27°C)

**Holidays and Festivals in Italy in September**

- Venice Film Festival
- Prosciutto Festival in Parma
- Saracen Joust in Arezzo
- Paper Lantern Festival in Florence
- Living Chess Match in Marostica
- Juliet's Birthday in Verona
- Feast Day for Saint Gennaro

More information on Italy in September and every month can be found here:

<https://italyexplained.com/italy-holidays-festivals/>

**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  |
| <b>Secretary</b> .....        | <b>OPEN</b>    |
| 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 .....                   | John Barbieri                   |
| Newsletter .....                   | Steve Pelonero                  |
| Scholarship / Brian Piccolo .....  | Carmen Gaita, Charles Russo     |
| Study Abroad College Grants .....  | Joseph Agresti PNP              |
| Website .....                      | Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri |

## Committee & Comments

### *Italian Flag Raising*

*Steve Pelonero ~ Our chapter was asked to co-host an Italian Flag Raising in Little Falls on October 4th. The flier is on page 5 of this newsletter ~ Please plan on being at the Little Falls Town Hall at 6 pm 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 BBQ and meeting for the final update*

### *Food Pantry*

*Roni Corrado ~ I will contact all of the pantries prior to our first meeting to see how they are doing. The only call I got a few weeks ago was from the Military pantry. They are in need of 42 backpacks by August 21, and thus far they are falling short. Anyone wishing to donate can text Deby Flower at 201-370-2139. They also need school supplies as well*

### *Overseas Soldier Program*

*Roni Corrado ~ One of the two packages that we sent to Anthony in June was returned to me in late July mangled but with most of the food intact. I repackaged the foods and took them right over to the St. Agnes drop off. That was the easiest to do. Since we sent 2 packages should another one come back, I will also bring it to Holy Angels*

### *Chapter Dues*

*Our chapter secretary spot is still an open position on our executive board It is an important one, but an easy one with taking minutes at our meeting. You also just need to keeping track of who pays their dues only once a year*

*On that note:*

*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!*

*We have already paid to UNICO National our first half, now we hope that you have paid yours to us, as we do want you to stay as a member of our Italian-American organization*

*Let us close that gap and keep our chapter going strong with what we do!  
Preserve our heritage and help others!*



## FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

# ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

The Mayor, the Township Council and the Passaic Valley UNICO invite everyone to join us for the flag raising ceremony.

October, marks Italian-American Heritage Month by recognizing the contributions and achievements of Italian-Americans.

Over 26 million Americans of Italian descent currently reside in the U.S. — making up America’s seventh largest ethnic group.

The flag raising ceremony will take place at Township Hall on:



## Monday | October 4, 2021 | 6 PM

For more information, email Councilman Chris Vancheri at [cvancheri@lfnj.com](mailto:cvancheri@lfnj.com).



**The Township of Little Falls**  
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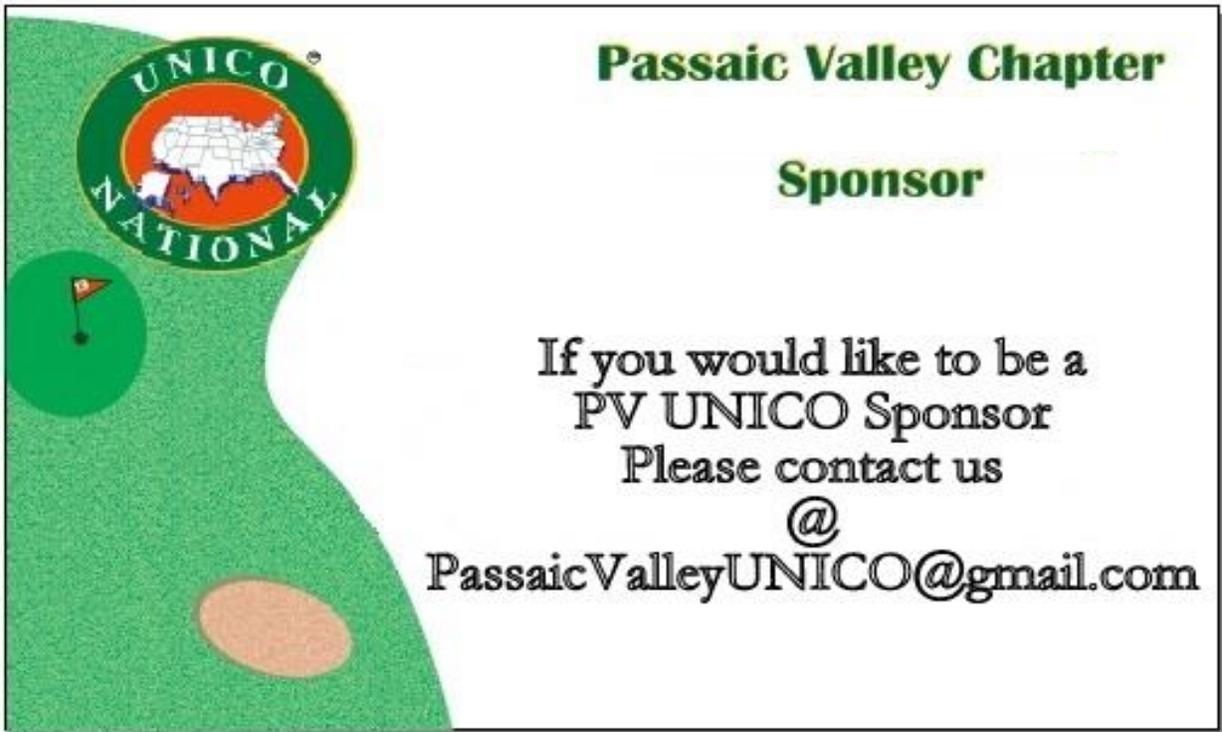
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All proceeds go to our local scholarship and charitable endeavors



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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 ~ Torraco 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.*

*2021-2022*

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

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