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A Message from our Chapter President

Ciao Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter Members

Happy Fall to all our members and family! What a great time to enjoy all the fall colors and great weather!

October is Italian Heritage Month and we will be celebrating it with a Flag Raising in Little Falls on Tuesday, October 5 (it was originally scheduled for Monday the 4th but due to the weather it was chosen to be cancelled). But on the 5th, in addition to the flag raising we will be noted with a proclamation that October is Italian Heritage Month in Little Falls. I sincerely hope we will have a great attendance.

This is a busy month for Passaic Valley UNICO. We have our first fund raiser on Oct 16 with a Pasta Night. It looks like we will have a big turnout! Hope you all have your tickets

On October 26 we will be attending "Meet the President" for our own chapter member Steve Pelonero, at the Venetian in Garfield. I hope this is an event you can all attend.

Our next meeting, October 13, will be held at the Holy Cross Church on Browertown Road in Woodland Park. Please try to attend. Food will be supplied.

Regards,

*Eileen Wood, Chapter President
Passaic Valley UNICO*



October Birthdays

01-01 Bob Appaluccio
 01-01 Frank Capalbo
 01-02 Christina Castillo
 01-09 Carmen Gaita
 01-18 Carmen Criscione
 01-20 Mark BiFalco

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

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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

October 5 ~ Tuesday ~ 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 ... Please note that the original date was to be the 4th but due to weather it was change to the 5th on Tuesday. Same place, same time.

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 ~ \$55.00 per person ~ No tickets are sold at the door ~ See our chapter President for your ticket purchase of \$55.00

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

November 11 ~ Thursday ~ Brickhouse Cigar Night Fundraiser ~ For our next UNICO National President: Executive VP Dr. Peter Pettinato ~ Just food & drink are available for those that no not partake of the Cigars

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

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”



Italian Trivia

Without cheating, the answers are on Page 4 (the next page)

What part of Italy did pesto originate in ?

Genoa, Rome, or Milan

What is the meaning of tiramisu ?

Take me out, Turn it up, or Pick me up

Where in Italy is the oldest university located ?

Bologna, Pisa, or Sienna

Which is an Italian invention

Stethoscope, MP3, or Typewriter

Which are the three active volcanoes in Italy ?

Etna, Ischia, Pantelleria
Etna, Stromboli, Vesuvius
Or
Etna, Pantelleria, Stromboli

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 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.

Food Pantry

Roni Corrado ~ We will begin our monthly collections for the food pantries we support at our October meeting. The first pantry to benefit will be Holy Angels. Members may donate cash or non-perishable foods which you can bring to the meeting. If bringing foods, any of the staples will be appreciated. Monies collected will be turned into ShopRite gift cards so the pantry can fill in with the items they need.

Overseas Soldier Program

*Roni Corrado ~ Gratefully, and to our knowledge, we have no soldiers overseas!
Let's hope it stays that way.*

Secretary

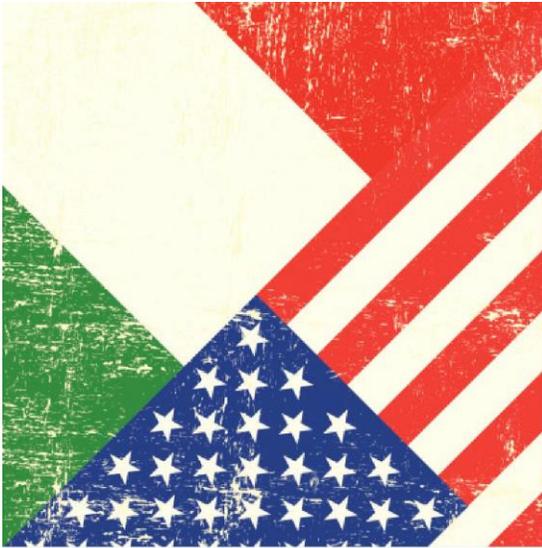
Our chapter secretary spot is still an open position on our executive board ~ It is an important one, and an easy one with taking minutes at our meeting. See Steve Pelonero for more information but all of the information is in the Chapter President manual

Chapter Dues

*Do not forget that our chapter dues are due.
At this newsletter release we only have 11 members, of our 57 total, who still have not yet paid.
Let's keep our chapter strong with our UNICO family ... lets be proud of what our chapter does
Preserving our heritage and helping others!*

Answers to Trivia

Genoa ~ Pick me up ~ Bologna ~ Typewriter (in 1575 by Francesco Rampazetto) ~ Etna, Stromboli, Vesuvius



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.



The Township of Little Falls
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6:00 pm - 10:00 pm*

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Tickets and information contact:

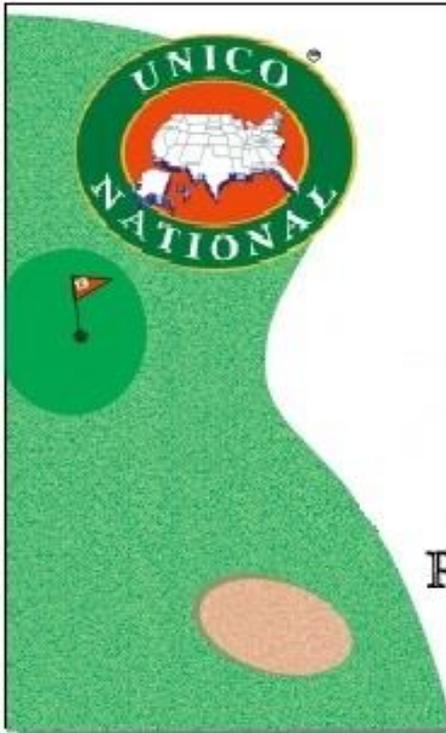
Dominick Bucci 973-703-6473 / dbucci3@optimum.net
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All proceeds go to our local scholarship and charitable endeavors



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21st 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 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

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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 the years 2021/2022

Please reach out to us at

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 of 2021-2022

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