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A Message from our Chapter President

Ciao Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter Members

Fall is finally here. I hope you are all enjoying all the beautiful foliage.

Our Flag raising in Little Falls was a great event for Italian Heritage Month.

Our Pasta Night on Oct 16 was a great success with everyone on the committee's help.

We ended the month on October 26 with "Meet the President" at the Venetian in Garfield. If you were not able to attend, it was a great night even if the rain kept some chapters from attending.

Our next meeting, Nov 10, will be held at Holy Cross church. Please try to attend as this is the last chance to pay your annual dues ~~ all have paid except for one member ~ Grazie

Eileen Wood, Chapter President

Passaic Valley UNICO



November Birthdays

11-01 Gerry Gaeta
 11-15 John Barbieri
 11-15 Alexander Martin
 11-22 Sal 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.

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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

November 5 & 6 ~ Friday & Saturday ~ **The Eastern Region Meeting** ~ In Springfield Massachusetts ~ For East Coast Chapters and Districts ~ You must be registered to attend ~ Sheraton Hotel ~ in the area is a casino and a basketball hall of fame

November 11 ~ Thursday ~ **Brickhouse Cigar Night Fundraiser** ~ For our next UNICO National President: Executive VP Dr. Peter Pettinato ~ Even if you do not smoke the cigars there is food & drink for everyone ~ Contact the National office for more information @ 973-808-0035

December 7 ~ Tuesday ~ **Our NJ District IV Dinner for our Special Need Friends** ~ More information will be available at our November meeting

December 11 ~ Saturday ~ **Our NJ District Christmas Bus Ride to Little Italy and Bryant Park** ~ \$105.00 includes the bus ride, a dinner, a side trip to Bryant Park after dinner, and the bus ride back to NJ ~ SOLD OUT

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 that is 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"**



**Italian Language**

- Pizza = Pizza
- Year = Anno
- Yes = Si
- No = No
- Excuse me = Mi scusi
- Please = Per favore
- Thank you = Grazie
- You're welcome = Prego
  
- How are you ? = Come sta ?
- I'm fine = Sto bene
- My name is = Mi chiamo
  
- What is or name ? =  
Come si chiama ?
- Do you speak English ? =  
Parla inglese ?
  
- Good morning = Buongiorno
- Good evening = Buona sera
- Good night = Buona notte
  
- Have a great day =  
Buona giornata

**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 ..... Chuck Russo
- 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
- Chapter Raffle ..... Carmen Gaita / Joe Benvenuti

**Non-Fundraising Committee Heads**

- Community Service Day (April)..... Pat Ligouri
- Good and Welfare ..... Sal Nocella
- Italian Flag Raising ..... Steve Pelonero
- 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

### *Chapter Dues*

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

*At this newsletter release we only have 1 member, of our 60 total, who still has not yet paid. Let's keep our chapter strong with our UNICO family ... lets be proud of what our chapter does Preserving and celebrating our heritage and helping others!*

### *Food Pantry*

*Roni Corrado ~ Just wanted to report that earlier this month I delivered many bags of food plus \$175 in Shop Rite Gift Cards to the Holy Angels Pantry. Mike, the pantry manager, was most appreciative and said the money would be used to fill in with items the pantry needs. {Their pantry is open an hour a day for clients in need.} Mike did say that while they can't provide a turkey to every family for Thanksgiving, the pantry will gladly accept frozen turkeys and distribute as long as the supplies last. Anyone wishing to donate a frozen turkey can call me at 201-572-9088 or email me at [ronicorrado@yahoo.com](mailto:ronicorrado@yahoo.com) and I will make sure you can drop off between 10-11 any week day.*

*At the November meeting I will be collecting for St. Agnes Pantry. They are serving about 175-200 families a month. They are in need of any type of non-perishable food and also the Shop Rite Gift cards. They will not be able to furnish each family with a turkey because of their large number of clients and the cost of turkeys. However Bob, the pantry manager, did tell me that they would like to give each family a half gallon of milk and a dozen eggs at their November 20th pantry. To help them meet their goal, I will gratefully accept your cash donations at the November meeting. And there is a large Tupperware container on the church portico where turkeys can be left. You can call/text me when you drop off the turkey and I will make sure Bob gets it into the freezer.*

*As always many thanks for your contributions each month.*

*Best,  
Roni Corrado*

### *Pasta Dinner Update*

*Dominick Bucci ~ Thank you to the committee and all of the sponsored donations as well as the Holy Cross Kitchen Staff in preparing the food. Everyone had a great time, Al Russo entertained us for over 3 hours. The final net total income after all expenses totaled \$2,750 which we split with Holy Cross (\$1,375 to our UNICO chapter. All is certified with Bruce*

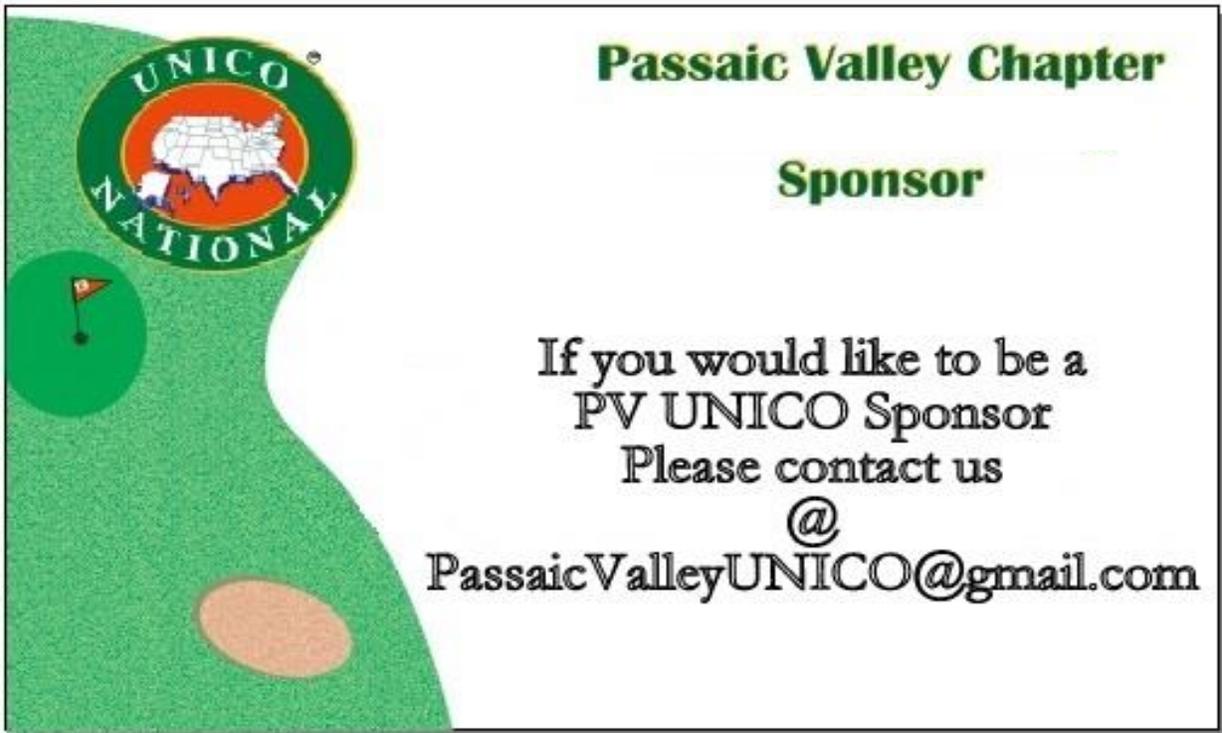
### *50/50 Raffle*

*You can support our chapter in our efforts to help others  
Please purchase a ticket from our chair members, Carmen Gaita & Joe Benvenuti  
Tickets are available at our chapter meetings (places are announced on a monthly basis)  
"They will make excellent Christmas Stocking Stuffers & Birthday Presents for the Holidays"*



## *It is “Never Too Late”*

*We will advertise your business, or your personal ad ~ Only \$100.00 See page 9.*



### **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 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*

*Please support them*

*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](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 of 2021-2022*

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

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



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