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Monthly Minutes June 10, 2020 ~ 2nd Wednesday

Date June 10, 2020
Place Zoom Virtual Meeting
Prayer Steve Pelonero, Executive VP / Chapter Secretary
Flag Salute Steve Pelonero, Executive VP / Chapter Secretary
Dinner x
Meeting 7:00 pm

Members & Guests in Attendance

Members for dinner	n/a	
Members just meeting	20	
Guests	2	Dr. Frank DeFrank, UNICO National President Steve Calantone, NJ District IV DG
Total	22	
Percentage (of 55 members)	36%	

Executive Board

Attendance at meetings	9/19	10/19	11/19	12/19	1/20	2/20	3/20	4/20	5/20	6/20
President: Carmen Gaita	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊
1 st VP: Eileen Wood	😊	😊	😊	😊	x	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊
2 nd VP: Pat Ligouri	😊	😊	😊	x	😊	x	😊	n/a	x	x
Secretary: Steve Pelonero	😊	😊	x	😊	x	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊
Treasurer: Bruce Ponchak	😊	😊	x	😊	😊	😊	x	n/a	😊	😊
SgtAtArms: Dominick Bucci	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊

Delegates at meetings

Jean Chomko	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	x	n/a	x	x
Joyce O'Hara	😊	😊	😊	x	😊	x	😊	n/a	x	x
Eileen Wood	😊	😊	😊	😊	x	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊

Board of Directors at meetings (6 past Chapter Presidents)

Bruce Ponchak	😊	😊	x	😊	😊	😊	x	n/a	😊	😊
John Barbieri	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	n/a	x	😊
Bob Appaluccio	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊
Steve Pelonero	😊	😊	x	😊	x	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊
Carmen Criscione	x	😊	😊	x	😊	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊
Sal Benvenuti	😊	x	x	😊	😊	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊



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Past Chapter Presidents in attendance at meetings

	9/11	10/9	11/13	12/11	1/8	2/12	3/11	4/15	5/13	6/10
Joe Agresti PNP	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	n/a	x	x
Bob Appaluccio	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊
John Barbieri	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	n/a	x	😊
Sal Benvenuti	😊	x	x	😊	😊	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊
Carmen Criscione	x	😊	😊	x	😊	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊
John Morano	😊	😊	😊	x	😊	😊	😊	n/a	x	😊
Steve Pelonero	😊	😊	x	😊	x	😊	😊	n/a	😊	😊
Bruce Ponchak	😊	😊	x	😊	😊	😊	x	n/a	😊	😊
Chuck Russo	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	n/a	😊	x
Angelo Verrone	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	x	n/a	😊	x

Opening Remarks

- **President Carmen Gaita:**
 - Carmen welcomed and thanked everyone for attending
 - Carmen thanked everyone for their service to UNICO during his tenure as he noted that this was his last meeting to run as chapter president. He noted that his two-year maximum term was up
 - Chapter President Carmen welcomed our UNICO National President, Dr. Frank DeFrank, from the Roseto PA Chapter, to our Zoom Meeting ... as well as our UNICO National NJ IV District Governor Steve Calantone from the Wayne NJ Chapter
- **1st VP Eileen Wood:**
 - Eileen welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that she wanted to go forward with her term as chapter president
- **2nd VP Patrick Ligouri:**
 - Not at meeting



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Secretary Minutes

Secretary: Steve Pelonero

- Steve reported that the minutes were emailed to all chapter members as well as the National Office for their records
- Steve noted that dues notices will start to go out via USPS, to all of our chapter members, with the hopes of course that all of our current members stay on board to continue doing the great work that we do both locally and nationally
- Motion to accept
 - 1st Eileen Wood
 - 2nd Jim MinnellaAll were in favor

Treasurer Report

Treasurer: Bruce Ponchak

Bruce reported that the minutes were emailed to all chapter members

Sal Benvenuto questioned the % fee that we were being charged by our bank. Sal said that he and Bruce would look into getting that waived or go to another bank

- Motion to accept
 - 1st Bob Appaluccio
 - 2nd Sal BenvenutiAll were in favor

Bills and Communications

- A bill was received of \$49.00, and submitted for payment, to Corrados Food Basket, for Eileen Wood
- A thank you was received from St. Agnes Church for the \$1,500 grant that was awarded to them, though us, from the UNICO National Foundation Food Pantry Program
- A thank you was also received from the Little Falls First Reformed Church for our donation to them



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Fundraising Committees

- **Beefsteak Dinner: Joe Benvenuti**
 - No report
- **Holiday Cheer: Bob Appaluccio**
 - No report
- **Food Pantry: Roni Corrado**
 - Roni Corrado noted that St, Agnes could use milk for all of the people that they feed on a daily basis
- **Overseas and Food Pantry: Roni Corrado**
 - It was report by Roni Corrado that Evelyn Tosi;s grandson received our care package in Kuitait
 - It was made a motion by Bruce Ponchak and 2ndd by Carmen Gaita, that Roni be reimbursed for the money she spent to get the package to him. \$59.00. All were in favor
 - A Food pantry grant was submitted to the UNICO National Foundation Food Pantry Program on behalf of the First Reformed Church in Little Falls. They were awarded \$1,500
 - Also submitted to the UNICO Foundation Food Pantry were grants to Holy Angels in Little Falls, St. James Totowa, Little Falls United Methodist, First Reformed of Little Falls, and St. Agnes of Little Falls
 - Roni noted that the Foundation distribution of monies is based on the number of clients they serve
- **Golf Outing: Joe Barone**
 - It was noted that in lieu of our Annual Golf Outing, which was cancelled due to Covid 19, that the TV prize would be raffled off toe members only. Tickets need to be submitted to Chapter President Carmen Gaita before the drawing day (the same as the outing) of June 15, by 7:00 pm
- **Community Service Day: Chuck Russo**
 - In Chuck Russo's absence, Chapter President Carmen Gaita reported that we made donations of \$1,540.00 to St, Agnes Church. Also a \$500.00 donation was made to the Little Sister of the Poor



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Non-Fundraising Committees

- **Scholarship Dinner: Joe Agresti and Chuck Russo**
 - In both Joe's and Chuck's absence, it was asked by Sal Benvenuti if we gave the \$1,000 grant to our study abroad student. It was remarked by Carmen that we did give one to a MSU Student from Cedar Grove
 - It was also asked to whom our chapter high school scholarship grants were awarded to. With no one responding, Steven Pelonero did note that all of the recipients are always listed on our chapter website in the "Scholarship Recipient Section"
- **Good and Welfare: Sal Nocella**
 - Pat Liguori could not be at this meeting as his wife was having minor surgery this day
- **Membership: John Barbieri**
 - John's reported that we are at 55 members ... with a lot of birthdays in June
- **Newsletter & Website: Steve Pelonero**
 - Newsletter: All newsletters are on our chapter website
 - Website ... From May 13th meeting day to June 10th (this meeting), we have had 61 visits to our website for a total of 85,710 hits

District and National Events

- **District News**
 - Steve Calantone, our NJ District IV Governor, noted that dues can be sent to the National office. The original due date of July 15th still holds, but the deadline has been postponed until December
 - The UNICO year always officially starts July 1st and goes through June the following year
- **National News**
 - UNICO National President, Dr. Frank DeFrank, talked about our Italian Heritage and the issues going on with the revolts toward Christopher Columbus



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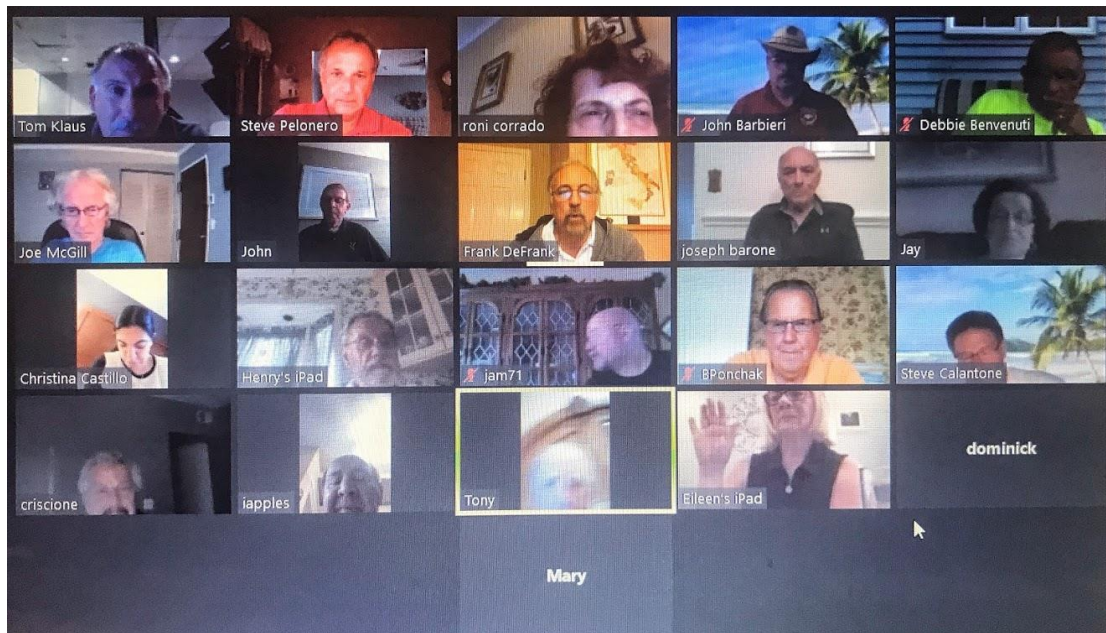
Old Business

- No old business was brought up

New Business

- Steve Calantone, NJ District IV Governor, swore in our 2020-2021 Officers: Chapter 1st VP Pat Liguori was absent. Present to be sworn in were: Dominick Bucci as 2nd VP, Bruce Ponchak as Treasurer, Steve Pelonero (UNICO National Executive VP) as Secretary, Jim Minnella as Sgt. At-Arms.
- UNICO National President Dr. Frank DeFrank, swore in Eileen Wood as our next chapter president (the first woman to be our chapter president)
- With the swearing in of our 2020-2021 officers our new chapter Board of Directors (our 6 past chapter presidents) will be: Carmen Criscione, Steve Pelonero, Bob Appaluccio, John Barbieri, Bruce Ponchak, Carmen Gaita. Sal Benvenuti drops off

Photo from this Zoom Meeting





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Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn @ 7:57 pm

1st Carmen Criscione

2nd Roni Corrado

All were in favor

Respectfully Taken by

Steve Pelonero, Chapter Secretary