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## Our September 2020 Monthly Newsletter



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## A Message from our Chapter President

*Ciao Passaic Valley Chapter Members:*

*The summer is finally coming to a close. I hope all of you were able to enjoy the season considering the state of our everyday lives being affected by this awful pandemic.*

*Unfortunately, we were not able to have our yearly convention to see our own Steve Pelonero become our UNICO National President. We will have to wait until July 2021. This may give us some additional time to come up with new and additional fund raisers.*

*Put on your thinking hats and come up with some new fund raiser ideas for our chapter as well that will follow the pandemic guide lines.*

*We had a budget meeting with our board and will be addressing all of our input at our meeting on September 9, which will be at the old PJ Rufo's - now Mesa 46. Hope to see you all there. It is just \$30 per person*

*Reminder: If you have not done so already, please send in your yearly dues. See the note that our chapter secretary, Steve Pelonero, put on the next page of this newsletter.*

*Hope you are all Safe and Healthy and I look forward to my first meeting as your new President.*

*Ciao,  
Eileen Wood*



## September Birthdays

09-17 Jim Minnella  
09-26 Roni Corrado

## Photo Albums

All of our chapter events 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 other Food Pantries ... Your non-perishable donation will help restock it

You can bring it directly to the pantry in the basement of Holy Angels Church ... or to any chapter meeting

## Upcoming Events – Local and National

**September 1, 2020** ... Tuesday ... **NJ District IV Meeting** ... \$40.00 ... Visit the NJ IV District Website for more information ... [www.UNICONJIV.Yolasite.com](http://www.UNICONJIV.Yolasite.com)

**September 7, 2020** ... Monday ... **Labor Day** ... Stay Safe

**September 9, 2020** ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ... Our chapter monthly meeting ... Mesa Grille (formerly PJ Rufo's) ... 279 Browertown Rd, Woodland Park. \$30 ... [www.mesa46.com/](http://www.mesa46.com/)

**December 2020** ... The deadline for our chapter to get our chapter dues and updated member list in to UNICO National ... Please pay your dues as early as possible

**July 21-24, 2021** ... Wednesday through Saturday ... The 98<sup>th</sup> Annual UNICO Convention where our PV chapter member, Steve Pelonero, gets sworn in as our next UNICO National President ... "Save the Dates"



From your chapter secretary: Steve Pelonero

Dues notice reminders are sent out on a monthly basis. They are sent out to the members who we show have not paid yet paid them. If you get a letter in the mail, and you think that you have paid them, please contact us. We will check our records but we might ask for a copy of the cashed check. Thank you for understanding and your service to UNICO

FYI: All of our chapters member information: phone #'s, addresses, etc, can be found on our chapter website in the member section. A log with your own personal password is necessary ... [www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org/Member-Section.php](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org/Member-Section.php)

## 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”**



**Did You Know:**

The average temperature in Italy, in September, is at: 81° high: 59° low

Italy in September is significantly less crowded – and less hot!

To Italians, September is the month when holidays end and everything goes back to the usual routine after the sun and fun of the summer months

The Palio di San Rocco takes place at Figline Valdarno, in Tuscany, during the first week of September. The festival is said to be among one of the first ever races created in the region. The event includes five days of celebrations revolving around horse races, archery and jousting competitions.

**ComUNICO**

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



**Who's Who**

**Our 2020-2021 Executive Board**

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

**Our 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 Chapter Delegates**

President Eileen Wood ... 55 Members (President +3)  
 Delegates and alternates: To be voted on at a chapter meeting  
 Delegates represent our chapter vote at regional and national meetings

**Fundraising Committee Heads**

Food Pantry .....	Roni Corrado
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages .....	Pasquale Corrado

**Non-Fundraising Committee Heads**

Christmas Tree Lighting w/ Candy Cane Giveaway .....	Joe Agresti PNP
Community Service Day (April) .....	Chuck Russo
Easter Egg Hunt w/Breakfast .....	Joe Agresti PNP / Patrick Ligouri
Good and Welfare .....	Sal Nocella
Membership .....	John Barbieri
Newsletter .....	Steve Pelonero
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo .....	Chuck Russo
Study Abroad College Grants .....	Joseph Agresti PNP
Website .....	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

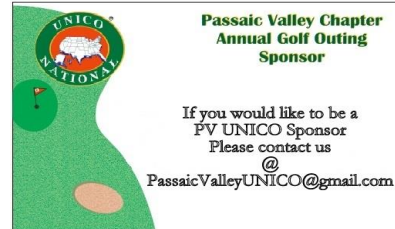
## Committee Comments

*Would you like to be on a committee?  
Would you like to be a chapter officer?  
Do you have a Fundraising idea?*

*Please step up and  
Serve our Chapter, our Community  
and UNICO National*

*Keep us strong*

*Let more people know what we do*



*Do you know of some who would like to sponsor our  
UNICO Chapter?*

*For just \$100.00 for the year,  
it gets them in this newsletter and  
on our chapter website  
for our entire UNICO year.*

*Please contact us via our chapter email:  
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Or use our website to fill out the online form  
[www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)*

### **Dear Friends and Chapter Members: A Thank you from St. Agnes Church, Little Falls**

*Bob, from the St. Agnes Food Pantry in Little Falls, stated that from March 18 thru July 4, the pantry had distributed 6300 bags of food to 1942 families. Each family was given 3 bags of food which included dairy, produce, meats, staples, and cleaning products. In that time period, the pantry was open every Saturday morning. As of July 11, they were planning to return to the pantry on a twice monthly basis.*

*Bob from St. Agnes thanked us again for our generous donation and had used it to purchase gallons of milk for many weeks. In his words: "Passaic Valley UNICO is always there to help"*

*Yours in UNICO*

*Roni Corrado, Chapter Food pantry Chair*

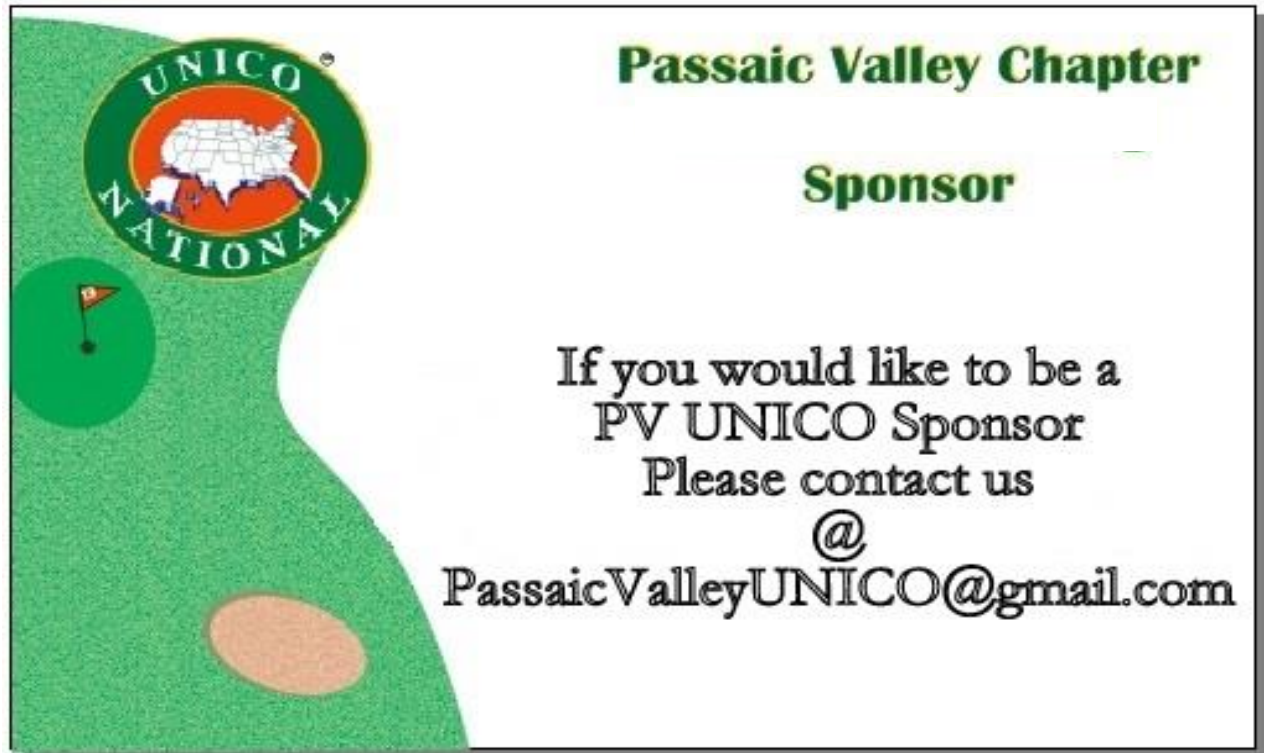




## *It is "Never Too Late"*

*We will advertise your business, or your personal ad, for an entire UNICO year*

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**Passaic Valley Chapter**

**Sponsor**

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### **Our UNICO Charities**

#### **National National**

*Armed Services ~ Calendar ~ Columbus Day*

#### **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 2019-2020 Sponsors and Supporters*

*We sincerely appreciated your generosity*

*For those that would like to help us in 2020-2021*

*You can reach 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 for our UNICO year  
2020-2021*

