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A Message from our Chapter President

Ciao PASSAIC VALLEY UNICO CHAPTER MEMBERS

Happy Spring Everyone! We are going into spring with a new outlook toward the future of our chapter.

By this time, hopefully most of us have gotten the opportunity to receive the Covid 19 vaccine and are feeling well and optimistic.

We are starting to see some light at the end of the tunnel and we look forward to our upcoming events.

Community Service at the Little Falls Shoprite will hopefully be, as usual, a success under Pat Liquori's leadership. The food banks depend on us to help them fill their shelves.

Our Golf Outing in June should also be a success with Joe Barone at the helm.

Please try to participate and support these two events for our chapter.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting scheduled to be held on March 10 at the church in Woodland Park. We will also try to have a zoom available for those that have chosen not to attend.

Spring Forward and stay Healthy.

Eileen Wood, Chapter President



March Birthdays

- 7th Joe Barone
- 15th Angela Jones
- 27th William Ermolowich
- 30th Anthony Ribauda
- 31st Dr. Kyle Eoepch

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

www.UNICO.org

www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com

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

March 10 ... 2nd Wednesday ... In person & Zoom Chapter Meeting ... Holy Cross Church Woodland park ... More information to follow on the zoom

March 10 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Our NJ District IV Zoom Meeting

March 13 ... Saturday ... UNICO National Foundtion Zoom Meeting

March 20 ... Saturday ... UNICO National Mid-Year Board Zoom Meeting

June 14 ... Monday ... Our Annual Chapter Golf Outing ... More information will follow

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**More days to know about in March:**

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Festa della donna  | International Women’s Day                              |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings  | Clocks forward                                         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Ide’s of March    | Assassination of Julius Caesar                         |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> St. Patrick’s Day | Not widely celebrated in Italy but still acknowledged  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> St. Joseph’s Day  | In Italy, this is traditionally a meatless fasting day |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Spring begins     | This day daylight increases until autumn starts        |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Duomo in Florence | It was consecrated this day in 1436                    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday       | Commemorates the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem     |

**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 Inventors**

1280 Eyeglasses  
Salvino Armati

16<sup>th</sup> Century Ball Bearings  
Leonardo da Vinci

1806 Carbon Paper  
Pellegrino Turri

1896 Ice Cream Cone  
Italo Marcioni

1924 Caesar Salad  
Caesar Cardini

1946 Espresso Machine  
Acholle Gaggia

1967 The Big Mac  
Jim Delligatti

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**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**

|                                            |                  |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Christmas Family Gifts .....               | Bob Appaluccio   |
| 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).....                   | Pat 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 |

## *Our Italian Heritage ~ Italian Inventors*

*1952 Modern Baseball Pitching Machine, Lorenzo Ponza*  
*1968 Jacuzzi, Jacuzzi Brothers*  
*1709 Cologne, Johann Maria Farina*  
*1964 Buffalo Chicken Wings, Teresa Bellissimo*  
*1974 Liposuction, Giorgio Fischer*  
*1480 Parachute, Leonardo da Vinci*  
*610 AD Pretzels, Italian Monks*  
*1871 Telephone, Antonio Meucci*  
*1593 Thermometer, Galileo Galilei*  
*20<sup>th</sup> Century Three-way Light Bulb, Alessandro Dandini*  
*1786 Vermouth, Antonio Benedetto Carpano*  
*1949 Zamboni, Frank J. Zamboni*

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Hello March ~ Ciao marzo
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## Committee & Comments

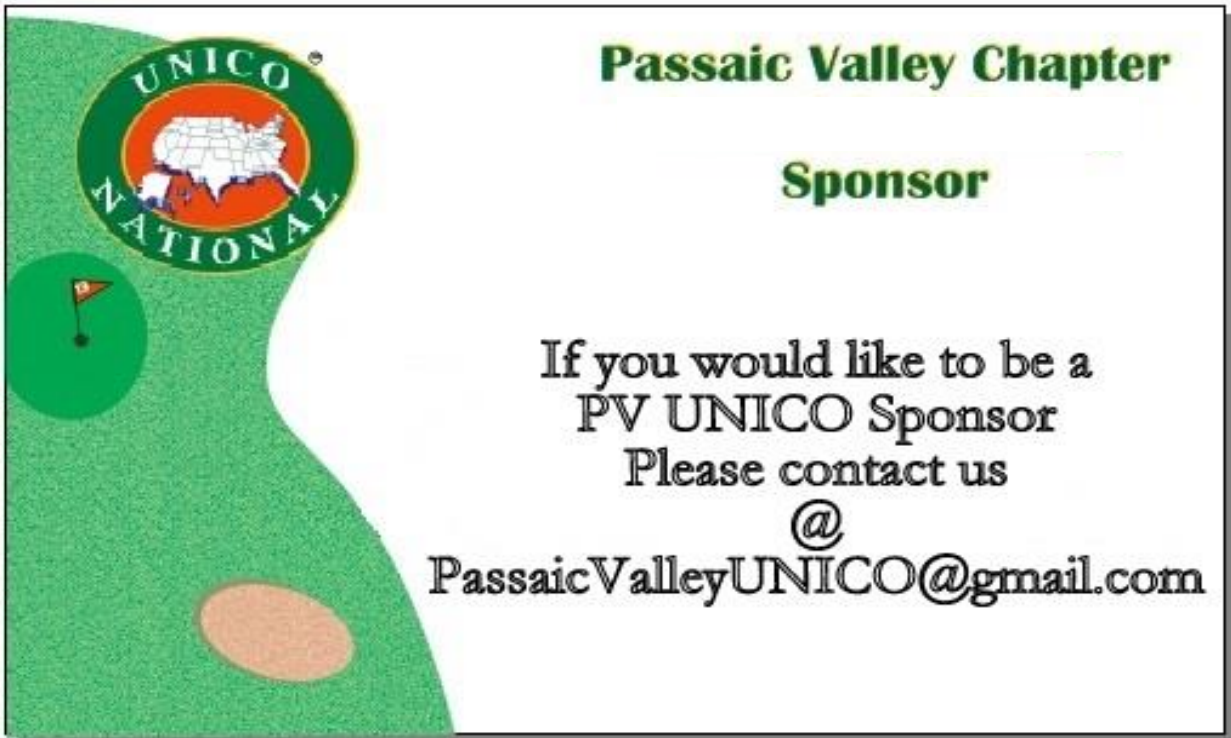
### *Chapter Scholarship*

*If any member has a family member that is graduating high school, please contact our chapter scholarship chair, Carmen Gaita @ 973-256-2224. He will see if they are eligible for one of our chapter awards*



## *It's "Never Too Late"*

*We will advertise your business, or your personal ad ~ Only \$100.00 See page 7*



### **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 past 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 and on our chapter  
website for our UNICO year  
2020-2021*

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