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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

February is here and the weather is holding out here in the Northeast. So far we had one snow storm but if you remember, last year, it snowed just about every Monday. So with that, we are doing pretty well.

Hopefully this newsletter finds everyone in good health. As you are aware, we have the Wine Tasting event this coming Saturday the 6th. If you haven't already informed Joe Benvenuti about the number of attendees you have, please contact him as soon as possible. As this is a fundraiser, I am hoping that each of you join us along with your friends and family. After all, this is the reason why we are all members of this really great chapter.

Following the Wine Tasting, we have; "The Big Chill" wine raffle. Everyone should have received the Raffle booklets from Carmen Criscione. It is very important we sell the tickets and make this fundraiser a success. The past two raffles' we brought in an average \$3000.00 and we are hoping to meet or exceed this number and we can only do that by all of us selling the tickets. The raffle will be held on March 9th at our March monthly meeting so we only have 5 weeks to sell all the tickets. If you need more tickets, please contact Carmen or I and I will drop them off.

We have several other events coming up such as the; Applebee's Breakfast, Sand's Casino bus ride, Community Service day, and the Golf Outing. Everyone's participation is greatly appreciated so that we can support the endeavors we support throughout the year.

Do you know someone who would like to join our chapter? Please let me know and invite them to the upcoming meeting at Mario's in Clifton on 2/10/16, Ash Wednesday.

Thank you all for being part of our great chapter and as a member... **Success is everyone doing their part!**

God Bless

John Barbieri



Upcoming Events – Local and National

February 6 ... Saturday ... Wine Tasting

La Neve's in Haledon ... The flier is on our website www.PVUNICO.com

February 10 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Meeting

Mario's Restaurant, 710 Van Houten Ave, Clifton ... 7:00 pm Dinner ... 8:00 pm Meeting

March 4&5 ... Friday & Saturday

UNICO National Mid-Year Board Meeting

Friday committee meetings and workshops ... Saturday General Session ... Register with the UNICO National Office 973-808-0035

March 9 ... Our Big Chill Wine and Refrigerator Raffle Drawing

At our monthly meeting (See the next date after this one)

March 9 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Meeting

Holy Cross Church, Woodland Park ... 7:00 pm Dinner ... 8:00 pm Meeting

April 17 ... Sunday ... Sands Casino Bus Ride

More information to follow ... Save the Date

April 23 ... Saturday ... UNICO National Community Service Day

April 30 ... Saturday ... Applebee in Totowa Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser ... The flier is on our website www.PVUNICO.com

Birthdays

Happy February Birthday

Chuck Russo - 2/2
Gisella Sisti - 2/2
Eileen Wood - 2/8
Joyce OHara - 2/12
James Cestone - 2/15
John Morano - 2/22

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.

Two pictures in particular are on page 4 of this newsletter.

- www.PVUNICO.com
- www.UNICO.org
- www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com

Recommend an event

Have you been to any fundraisers lately that you feel would be something we should do? Do you have an idea where we can raise money to support the initiatives we engage in? Send any recommendations to the executive board and we will seriously consider it. ~ PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

Members ~ Members ~ Members

Do you know someone who would like to join our chapter? Invite them to a monthly meeting to hear and see what we do

U – Unity
N – Neighborliness
I – Integrity
C – Charity
O – Opportunity

“Service Above Self”



Who's Who

Our 2015-2016 Executive Board

President	John Barbieri
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Corresponding Secretary	Christina Castillo

Food Pantry

Please don't forget about our UNICO Phil Arena Food Pantry ... Your non-perishable food donation will restock it

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

Did You Know

Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean

Sicily is home of two active volcanoes – Stromboli and Etna

70% of people in Sicily speak Sicilian, not Italian. Most people consider Sicilian a totally separate language

ComUNICO

Click here to read all of the ComUNICO online issues



Our 2015-2016 Board of Directors

Robert Appaluccio
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Our 2015-2016 Chapter Delegates

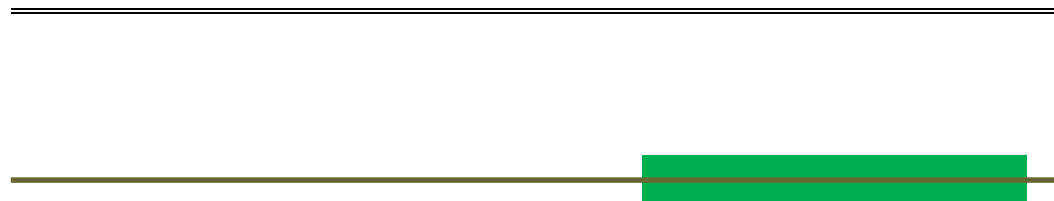
Salvatore Benvenuti ~ Convention
 Jean Chomko ~ Convention (alternate)

Fundraising Committee Heads

Applebee's Flapjack & Pancake Breakfast	Dominick Bucci
"The Big Chill" Wine Raffle.....	Carmen Criscione
Bus Rides	Elaine Barone, Mary Benvenuti, Joyce O'Hara
Golf Outing	Joe Barone
Holiday Donations	Robert Appaluccio
Modell's	Roni Corrado
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages	Pat Corrado
Wine Tasting	Joe Benvenuti, Angelo Verrone

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April 23).....	Chuck Russo
Food Pantry	Angelo Verrone
Good and Welfare	Sal Nocella
Italian Heritage with Our Youth at P.V.H.S.	Angelo Verrone
Membership	Jay Sisti
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo	Joe Agresti PNP/ Chuck Russo
Study Abroad Scholarship (Montclair & Seton Hall)	Joseph Agresti PNP
Website	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri



Our two newest members



Above Photo: At our January meeting, at the Casa Rosa in Paterson, two new members were welcomed and sworn in by chapter president John Barbieri and assisted by chapter 1st VP Bruce Ponchak. Pictured from the left are John Barbieri, Patrick Liguori, Dr. Kyle Eoepochino, and Bruce Ponchak

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.

Thank You to our 2015-2016 Sponsors and Supporters

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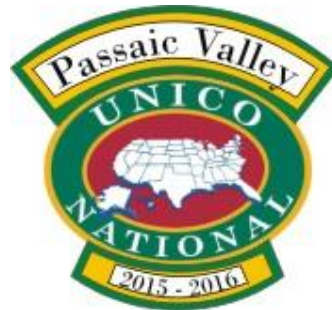
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