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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

Well summer is finally here and our UNICO year is coming to a close.

I would like to congratulate our new officers for the upcoming year and look forward to working with all of you again.

I would also like to congratulate all of our scholarship and Brian Piccolo recipients. All of them are outstanding young individuals who will continue to succeed in their future endeavors. I'd like to thank Joe Agresti and his committee for selecting these students and making all of the arrangements for our Scholarship Dinner. We had a good turnout for the dinner but I hope to see more members next year.

Also thank you to Joe Barone and his committee for organizing another great golf outing. I know golfers complain when it's raining but 100 degree heat isn't much better. Even with the heat, everyone had a great day and enjoyed the dinner at the Brownstone.

With the UNICO convention coming up in July, thank you to our delegates and alternates, Dominick Bucci, Eileen Wood, Jean Chomko and Sal Benvenuti for representing our chapter.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Bruce Ponchak



July Birthdays

Evelyn Tosi – 7/20
Jane Morano – 7/23
Mary Benvenuti – 7/25
Pat Corrado – 7/27
Joseph Benvenuti – 7/31

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

www.UNICO.org

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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

Upcoming Events – Local and National

July 1st ... The beginning of our UNICO year

July 4th ... Little Falls PBA Street Fair ... Come and visit our UNICO tent

July 26, 27, 28, 29 ... Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday ... The 95th Annual UNICO National Convention ... In Scottsdale, Arizona

August ... Even we get a few weeks off

September ... Date and Day to be announced ... Our Monthly Meeting

September 17th ... Sunday ... Our chapter Heritage Celebration Event ... An RSVP event ... 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm ... The flier is on our website and in this newsletter

If you are “not” a member and would like to attend any of our meetings for the first time as our guest, please contact any of our Chapter Officers, or members, for more information ... Please visit our website (The Who's Who Section) to see who our Chapter President is and click on the name to start an email ... Or just send us an email us at PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

Congratulations to our Wine & Dine Raffle Winner Daria Chasse' from Verona

Please note that our website name has changed
We are now
www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

U – Unity

N – Neighborliness

I – Integrity

C – Charity

O – Opportunity

“Service Above Self”



**Did You Know
Convention Trivia**

This years convention will be our 95th Annual.

Wednesday evening is the Ice Breaker with the theme set by the incoming National President. Workshops are scheduled so that members can learn more about UNICO

Thursday is the first General Session. The UNICO Foundation also meets this day following the general session

Friday is the 2nd General Session day This is where voting takes place on the amendments and officers

Saturday is the third General session and this is when the new National President and other officers get sworn in

Saturday evening is the Gala Dinner which is the close of the convention

ComUNICO

You can now read the ComUNICO Magazine online, just by clicking on the cover below



Who's Who

Our 2016-2017 Executive Board

President	Bruce Ponchak
1st Vice President	Carmen Gaita Jr.
2nd Vice President	Eileen Wood
Treasurer	Joseph McGill
Recording Secretary	Patrick Ligouri
Sgt. At-Arms	Dominick Bucci

Our 2016-2017 Board of Directors

John Barbieri	Chapter President	2014 & 2015
Robert Appaluccio	Chapter President	2012 & 2013
Steve Pelonero	Chapter President	2010 & 2011
Carmen Criscione	Chapter President	2008 & 2009
Salvatore Benvenuti	Chapter President	2006 & 2007
Angelo Verrone	Chapter President	2004 & 2005

Our 2017-2018 Chapter Delegates

President Bruce Ponchak ...	47 Chapter Members
.... Delegate Dominick Bucci	
.... Delegate Eileen Wood	
..... Alternate Delegate John Barbieri	
..... Alternate Delegate Sal Benvenuti	
..... Alternate Delegate Jean Chomko	
..... Alternate Delegate Joe McGill	
..... Alternate Delegate Joyce O'Hara	

Fundraising Committee Heads

Applebee's Flapjack & Pancake Breakfast	Dominick Bucci
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

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

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

Our 33rd Annual Golf Outing



We raise most of our funds through this outing and because of the gracious sponsorships and also from the golfers that attend, we are able to give our Scholarships and other donations both locally and nationally ... Above are just two photos taken that day of June 12, 2017. The rest can be seen on our website, in the "Photo Gallery Section" ... www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org. Pictures above from the left: Chapter Golf Commission Joe Barone with Eileen Wood and Elaine Barone. Right: Chapter member Tony Orlando (center of photo) with some of his foursome friends

Our 41st Annual Brian Piccolo & Scholarship Awards Dinner



Congratulations to our 2017 Brian Piccolo and Scholarship Recipients. From the left: Chuck Russo (Chapter Brian Piccolo Chairman), Michael DeMusso, Christopher Watkins, Jennifer Sabbak, Yelena Stuerck, Francesca Carr, Sarah Elkordy, and Joe Agresti (UNICO Past National President and Chapter Scholarship Chairman)

Did you know that we are also on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter ?

www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO - www.Instagram.com/passaicValleyUNICO - www.Twitter.com/PassaicValleyUNICO

You're Invited !!!



“Re-Discover your Italian Heritage”

	<p><i>Sunday</i> September 17, 2017 2 to 5 pm Little Falls Civic Center 19 Warren Street Little Falls, NJ</p>	
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Passaic Valley UNICO
 Open House and Italian Heritage Reception
 Tasting, Italian Lesson, Demos, Cultural Info
... and the opportunity to join UNICO !!

<p>You are cordially invited to attend an Open House and Italian Heritage Reception Sponsored by Passaic Valley UNICO on Sunday, September 17th from 2 to 5 PM At the Little Falls Civic center 19 Warren Street, Little Falls</p>	<p>Come and join your neighbors and friends of Italian Heritage for an afternoon of enjoyment with Italian Food Tastings, Demonstrations, and Italian Language Lesson, Cultural Info and other features as well as the opportunity to join UNICO !</p>
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This special afternoon is at no cost but attendance is limited
 Please RSVP to 973-271-9314 or to PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com by September 1st

Passaic Valley UNICO is a chapter of UNICO National, the nation's largest Italian American Service Organization
 We support scholarships, charities and our Passaic Valley local communities

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.

July ~ Luglio


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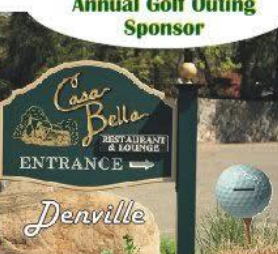
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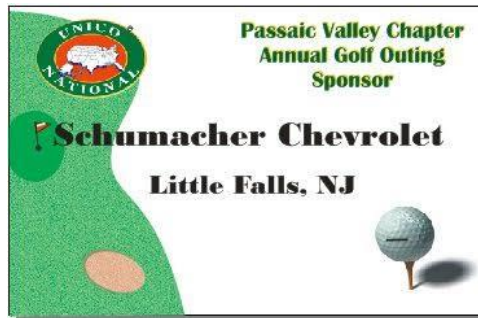
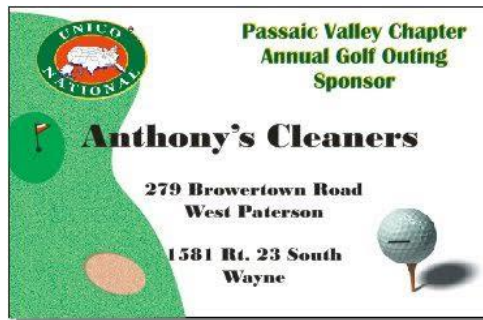
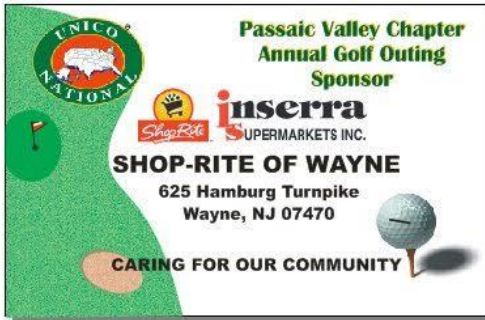


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Thank you again everyone ~ “Grazie”



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