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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

I hope everyone had a very Happy Easter with their families. We have a number of events this month. Our Community Service day is on Saturday April 21st. We will again be collecting food at Little Falls Shop Rite for local food pantries. If anyone hasn't signed up to help and would like to, please get in touch with Chuck Russo.

On Thursday April 19th, we are having a fund raiser for the 20/20 Convention. Maggie's Town Tavern will be donating 10% of the food bill back to our chapter. Handouts will be available at our next meeting.

Finally on April 26th there will be a Cigar Night at Mayfarm Farms to raise money for this year's convention.

Our meeting will on April 11th. I will let everyone know where it will be held once we finalize the arrangements.

Bruce Ponchak



April Birthdays

04/01 Derek LoRe
 04/03 Sarah Elkordy
 04/03 Steve Pelonero
 04/16 Michael D'Antuono
 04-27 Bruce Ponchak

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

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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

April 11 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Our Chapter's Monthly Meeting** ... Mario's Pizza on Van Houten Avenue in Clifton ... 7:00 pm dinner / 8:00 pm meeting

April 21 ... Saturday ... The **UNICO National and our PV Chapter's Community Service Day** See page 5 of this flier ... It is just a small part of "Our Service Above Self"

April 26 ... Thursday ... **Convention 2018 Fundraiser** ... Cigar Night Hosted by the Orange West Orange Chapter ... 6:30 at Mayfair Farms - West Orange

June 11 ... Monday ... **Our Annual Golf Outing for Scholarships** ... More info to follow

June 18 ... Monday ... **The Pulling of the Winning Wine Raffle Ticket** ... 6:00 pm at PJ Rufo's in Woodland Park ... See page 6 of this Newsletter

July 25,26,27,28 ... Wednesday Ice Breaker, Thursday, Friday, Saturday meetings and workshops, Saturday Evening Gala ... **The UNICO National Convention in Delray Beach, FL** ... Delegates must register ... All are welcome and urged to attend ... Come on down and meet and hear more from your UNICO family

You can also see more events and dates from our NJ District IV Chapters by visiting the District website @ www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mq.com

"UNICO"

Below are our CORE VALUES

**If you know of someone who has them,
 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

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Italian Trivia Test

1.- What is the capital of Italy - Milan, Turin, Rome, Naples

2.- Who painted the Last Supper - Michaelangelo, Caravaggio, Giotto, Leonardo da Vinci

3.- Which Italian car maker sponsors a Formula One team - Ferrari, Lamborghini, Fiat, Maserati

4.- Which is the largest of Italian Lakes – Como, Garda, Maggiore, Lugano

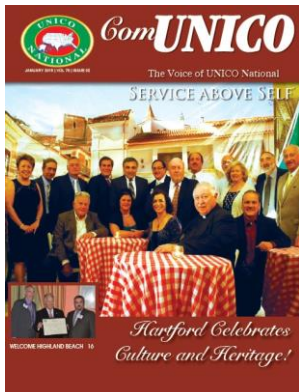
5.- Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel – Titian, Michaelangelo, Donatello, Raphael

6.- How many regions are there in Italy – 25, 15, 20, 30

< Answers on next page >

ComUNICO

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



Who's Who

Our 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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

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
 Refrigerator with Wine Raffle - A 2020 Vision for UNICO Steve Pelonero

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April)..... Chuck Russo
 Food Pantry Roni Corrado
 Good and Welfare Sal Nocella
 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

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

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The UNICO National Mid-Year Board Meeting in Myrtle Beach
It was held this past March and you can see all of the photos taken
By going to the UNICO National Website Photo Gallery ... www.UNICO.org
<<< [Click here for the direct link to the Mid-Year Photos](#) >>>



Answers to Italian Trivia Test

(1) Rome – (2) Leonardo da Vinci – (3) Ferrarai – (4) Garda – (5) Michaelangelo – (6) 20

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.

Committee Comments

Community Service Day ~ “Save the Date”

We have been approved by ShopRite of Little Falls to once again conduct our annual Food Drive at the entrances of the store on SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018. As has been the case over the last few years, the success of this event depends on the continued unselfish support of the chapter members. Please mark this date on your calendar. Details will be discussed at the chapter meetings

Thank you
Chuck Russo



Wine and Refrigerator Raffle ~~~ Tickets are now available

To help raise some money for our chapter and also for UNICO National, our chapter is now chairing a wine raffle fundraiser to be pulled on June 18th at PJ Rufo's in Woodland Park. Tickets are available through every chapter member ~ Just \$5.00 can get you chance to win some wine with a refrigerator. The flier is on our website, and also on page 6 of this newsletter

Thank you,
Steve Pelonero





The photos shown are not the actual prizes to be awarded



JUNE 18, 2018

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The proceeds will benefit our 2020 Vision Fund and other UNICO emergency causes

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