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Chapter Website	www.UNICOMembers.com
Facebook Page	www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO
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District Website	www.UNICONJIV.yolasite.com
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A Message from our Chapter President

Ciao Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter Members, Friends and Families

Happy Mother's Day to all our chapter Moms!

Our 50th Anniversary Gala at Nanina's in the Park, attended by members, other chapters, family, and friends proved to be a memorable event for us all. Thank you Cav. Joe Agresti PNP and your team for a wonderful evening. Two of the photos can be seen on page 5 of this newsletter. The balance will be put on our website as soon as they all are edited.

Our Community Service at Shoprite on April 23 was again a success with many bags of food distributed to all our food banks in the area. Thank you to our members that participated and contributed to this great endeavor.

Our District IV pasta dinner on April 22 proved to be a fun night for all. By attending, you helped reach the goal for the Christmas Party for our Special friends.

Our 50/50 drawing will take place at our next meeting to be held at St. Agnes church hall in Little Falls. Good Luck to All!

Regards,

Eileen Wood, Chapter President
Passaic Valley UNICO



May Birthdays

05-04 Dominick Bucci
 05-07 Nick Zumma
 05-13 Phil Polizzotto
 05-31 Sal Nocella

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

May 11, 2022 ~ Wednesday ~ Our 50/50 raffle drawing ~ Did you buy a few tickets?

May 11, 2022 ~ 2nd Wednesday ~ Our monthly chapter meeting ~ Holy Cross Church, Woodland Park ~ The time and venue will be announced

May 21, 2022 ~ Saturday ~ New Orleans Convention Bocce Fundraiser ~ \$100 per person ~ \$75 per person for food only

June 6, 2022 ~ Monday ~ Our Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser ~ At the Meadows in Lincoln Park

June 9, 2022 ~ Thursday ~ Our Annual Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner ~ At The Barnyard in Totowa

July 27, 28, 29, 30 ~ Wednesday through Saturday ~ UNICO National 99th Annual Convention ~ In New Orleans ~ Pre-registration required

Also ~ You can always visit the UNICO National Website Calendar for even more dates of something that may be of interest to you ~ www.UNICO.org ~ When there just click on the "Calendar" tab that is all the way to the right

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 ?

[] There is a free wine dispensing fountain in Caldari di Ortona in Italy

[] Italy is the fifth most visited country in the world

[] All three of Europe’s active volcanoes are in Italy

[] The first modern pizza, with a tomato base, was made in the Campania region of Naples in 1860

[] The lakes of Italy are stunning, and there are over 1,500 of them scattered across the country

[] More facts of our Italian Heritage can be found by clicking here [Fun Facts of Italian Heritage](#)

ComUNICO

You can now read the Com-UNICO magazine online, just click on the photo below



Who's Who

Our 2021-2022 Executive Board

President	Eileen Wood
1st Vice President	Pat Ligouri
2nd Vice President	Dominick Buccì
Treasurer	Bruce Ponchak
Secretary	Chuck Russo
Sgt. At-Arms	Jim Minnella
Corresponding Secretary	John Morano

Our 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 Chapter Delegates

President Eileen Wood ... 58 Members (President +3)
 Delegate: James Minnella
 Delegate: Dominick Buccì
 Alternate Delegate: Joyce O’Hara
 Alternate Delegate:
 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
Chapter Raffle	Carmen Gaita / Joe Benvenuti

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

50 th Anniversary Committee	Cav. PNP Joe Agresti, Joe Benvenuti, Carmen Gaita, Chuck Russo, Angelo Verrone
Community Service Day (April).....	Chuck Russo
Good and Welfare	Sal Nocella
Italian Flag Raising	Steve Pelonero
Membership	John Barbieri
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo	Carmen Gaita, Charles Russo
Study Abroad College Grants	Cav./ Joseph Agresti PNP
Website	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

Committee & Comments

50/50 Raffle

*You can support our chapter in our efforts to help others
Please bring / get your sold tickets to Carmen Gaita & Joe Benvenuti
The winner will be drawn at 8 pm, at our May meeting
Call Carmen or Joe if you cannot make the meeting ~ Thank you*

Food Pantry

*Let's not forget about the needy people
Please bring a non-perishable to any meeting
We are currently reaching out to Sr. Lorraine from the St. Joseph Home for the Elderly
Once we know, members will be notified to help to accommodate their needs*

Golf Outing

*Our Annual Golf Outing is booked
Please see the flier on Page 5 of this newsletter*

Overseas Soldier Program

*We do have a member whose grandsons might be deployed
Once we get their update, we will let you all know what they could use*

Scholarship Program

*The Scholarship/Awards Dinner will be on Thursday, June 9th
At the Barnyard (Grand Room) in Totowa.
Ticket price is \$45.*

*Please bring ticket money to the May chapter meeting.
Also, at that time, you can advise the committee of any seating preferences.
We will make every attempt to honor those requests. Tables will be set for 8 to 10 people.
This is the culminating event of the chapter's year.*

*Please make an effort to attend and honor our recipients and to celebrate ourselves and all the great things we do.
Keep in mind our meetings this year were as inexpensive as possible to make allowance for the 50th Anniversary Gala
as well as the scholarship dinner. ~~~ The Scholarship Committee*

***Congratulations Passaic Valley UNICO
On their 50th Chapter Anniversary Celebration
And Persons of the Year Award***



Chapter Members in attendance at the dinner



***Persons of the Year Recipients
Steven Pelonero & Salvatore Benvenuti
Chapter Member & UNICO National President
Chapter Member & UNICO National Executive Director***

Our Italian Heritage



*This photo appears in the 2022 UNICO National Heritage & Photo Calendar in the month of May
It was taken in in Seradifalco, Caltanasetta, Sicily by a UNICO National member
~~~ Anthony Pelonero, Midlothian, VA*

*Anthony and his brother Steven and Sal Benvenuti, and their wives of course, were all there in 2020  
They were able to get to this town where the Pelonero heritage was started 4 generations ago*

- *Seradifalco was the site of the first bicycle manufacturer in southern Italy, Montante Cicli, which produces one of the world's elite brands of bicycles*
- *Sulfur mining, in some of the oldest mines in Sicily, and farming, were the most prevalent occupations in Seradifalco after the Italian unification in 1860*
- *Seradifalco was the site of the first bicycle manufacturer in southern Italy, Montante Cicli, which produces one of the world's elite brands of bicycles*
- *In the great emigration of Sicilians to the United States in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, many Seradifalchesi farm laborers and sulfur miners went to American towns, including Pittston and Robertsdale, where they worked as coal miners; and to Buffalo and its rural environs, where they found employment with the steel plants and railroads, and in the strawberry and corn fields*



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# Passaic Valley Chapter 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

**Monday June 6, 2022**

## Meadows Golf Club

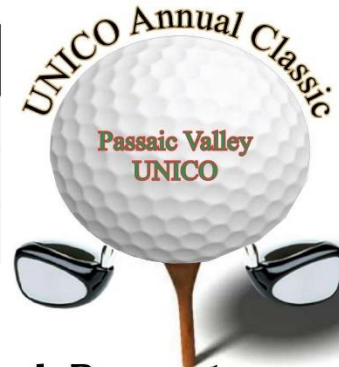
76 Twin Bridges Road, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035

Shotgun Start at 10:00am

- **Breakfast** at 9:00am
- **2 On-course beverages**
- **Full Beefsteak dinner at the Brownstone** at 4:00pm  
(includes beer, soda, coffee and tea)

### Contests, Prizes & Raffle's

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Surprise!!!</b>             | <b>Closest to the Pin</b> |
| <b>Straightest Drive</b>       | <b>Par 3 on the Green</b> |
| <b>Win a CAR "Hole in One"</b> |                           |



### Online Registration

**\$175 per person - Check or Cash Payment**

**\$75 per person Dinner Only**

**\$178 per person - Credit Card Payment**

**Pre-Registration is Requested**

**Go to: [www.unicomembers.com/golf](http://www.unicomembers.com/golf)**

### Golf Hole Sponsorship - \$100

**Ad displayed on the course, on our Website,  
and in our Monthly Newsletter for the Year!**

**Contact: Joseph Barone**

**[JCHRZBAR@gmail.com](mailto:JCHRZBAR@gmail.com) or 973-986-7042**

All proceeds will go to our local scholarship and charitable endeavors







### *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 ~ 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 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 Sponsors and Supporters*

*Please support them*

*You too can be added to this page for just \$100.*

*We sincerely appreciate your generosity & help.*

*We have officially started our campaign for our 2022-2023 Sponsors*

*Please ask any chapter member for more information.*

*Just \$100 gets you in every issue of this newsletter  
and on our chapter website*

*You will also be shown at our annual golf outing.*

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