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A Message from our Chapter President

Dear Members,

We are coming to the end of year, by time you read this message our food drive will have taken place. As usual Chuck has done a fantastic job in organizing us for that day. I thank him for all the work.

Upcoming is our June 10th golf outing. This is our big fundraiser please try to support in any way you can.

May 8th will be our last meeting of the year at Amore, I hope to see everybody at this time, because we do have election of officers that night. Please remember you can nominate anyone from the floor. Also at this May 8th meeting we will be swearing in 4 new members: please try to attend so that you can welcome them to our UNICO family

June will finish our year with our Scholarship Dinner and the following week a pizza meeting at St. Agnes Church in Little Falls, please try to attend both. All of our dates are shown on page 2 of this newsletter.

Thanks for all your help you have given me this past year as your president.

*Ciao,
Carmen*



April Birthdays

05-01 Jillian Caltagirone
 05-04 Dominick Bucci
 05-05 Phil Polizzotto
 05-23 Amy Ferraro
 05-31 Sal Nocella
 05-31 Maria Swain

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.

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Food Pantry

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

May 8 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Chapter Meeting ... Amore in Woodland Park ... Election of Chapter Officers

May 24 ... Friday evening ... Memorial Weekend in Wilmore Park, Little Falls ... Stop by and see our UNICO table and listen to lots of music by some of the local bands and see all of the other organizations tables as well

May 25 ... Saturday at 10:00 (we meet at 9:30 am) ... The Little Falls Memorial Day Parade on Main Street ... NOTE: This is a tentative event for our chapter solely based on chapter participation

June 10 ... Monday ... Our 35th Annual Golf Outing ... The flier is on page 6 of this newsletter

June 12 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Our Annual Scholarship & Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner ... A must RSVP Event ... \$40.00 per person ... At the Barnyard in Totowa

June 19 ... 3rd Wednesday ... Our tradition year end Pizza Dinner ... St. Agnes Church in Little Falls ... 7:00 pm dinner .. 8:00 pm meeting

July 11 ... Thursday ... Drawing date for our Dinner for a Year Raffle and also for our 2020 Vision Raffle ... More information will follow

July 24 25 26 27 ... Wednesday thru Saturday ... The 97th Annual National Convention ... At the Gaylord in Nashville TN ... Must register to attend ... Call the National Office for information

“UNICO”

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”



Facts About Sicily

The capital of Sicily is Palermo

Sicily is home to the largest Opera House in all of Italy

Along with Italian and Sicilian, other languages spoken on the island by significant populations, include French, German, Arabic and Romanian

The island of Sicily is 9,927 square miles and is home to over five million people

Over four-fifths of the land in Sicily are hills and mountains

Sicily is surrounded by three different seas: the Tyrrhenian Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and the Ionian Sea

ComUNICO

You can now read the Com-UNICO magazine online, just by clicking on the cover below



Who's Who

Our 2018-2019 Executive Board

President	Carmen Gaita Jr.
1st Vice President	Eileen Wood
2nd Vice President	Pat Ligouri
Treasurer	Bruce Ponchak
Recording Secretary	Steve Pelonero
Sgt. At-Arms	Dominick Bucci
Corresponding Secretary	John Morano

Our 2018-2019 Board of Directors

Bruce Ponchak	Chapter President	2016 & 2017
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

Our 2018-2019 Chapter Delegates

President Carmen Gaita Jr ...	48 Members (President +2)
..... Delegate Eileen Wood	
..... Delegate Joyce O'Hara	
..... Alternate Delegate Jean Chomko	

Fundraising Committee Heads

Dine with UNICO	Joe Benvenuti, Mark BiFalco, Jean Chomko
Dinner for a Year Raffle	Carmen Criscione
Golf Outing	Joe Barone
Holiday Donations	Robert Appaluccio
Modell's	Roni Corrado
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages	Pat Corrado
Pig Roast	Joe Agresti PNP / James Minella
2020 Vision Raffle	Steve Pelonero

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Christmas Tree Lighting w/ Candy Cane Giveaway	Joe Agresti PNP
Community Service Day (April)	Chuck Russo
Easter Egg Hunt w/Breakfast	Joe Agresti PNP
Food Pantry	Roni Corrado
Good and Welfare	Sal Nocella
Membership	John Barbieri
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo	Chuck Russo
Study Abroad Collegiate Scholarship	Joseph Agresti PNP
Website	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri
Wine Tasting and Chapter Christmas Dinner	Joe Agresti PNP

With only one event held in April, and to share a little of our Italian Heritage, our chapter newsletter editor thought that it would be nice to share a recent trip to Sicily with other UNICO members. Along with their wives, our PV UNICO chapter members were: Sal Benvenuti and Steve Pelonero who shared the trip with Steve's younger brother Anthony. Anthony is a UNICO National member from Virginia Here are just four photos of the many that were taken

Sal and Debbie, Tony and Joann, and Pat and Steve



The above photo was taken of a poster in the Palermo Airport welcoming us to Sicilia



The above photo was taken in a piazza in Monreale Sicily, just outside of the Cathedral of Monreale



The above photo was taken in Trapani with a Greek Temple in the background



Your UNICO members sharing their first ever trip to Sicily. Anthony Pelonero, Steven Pelonero, Salvatore Benvenuti

Community Service Day Food Pantry Drive at Little Falls ShopRite



Chairman Chuck Russo

Dear Chapter Members,

A very sincere thanks to all who gave up their time and participated in Food Drive 2019.

With the fantastic volunteer efforts of our chapter members (and some supplemental PVHS Italian Club members), the support of Little Falls ShopRite, and the overwhelming generosity of the ShopRite customers, this year's food drive was another great success.

We collected enough food and supplies to help stock 8 local food pantries. We also collected a nice sum of cash. All details at next week's chapter meeting.

Thank you again volunteers for your selfless support of this event.

Ciao

Chuck

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Passaic Valley Chapter 35th Annual Golf Outing

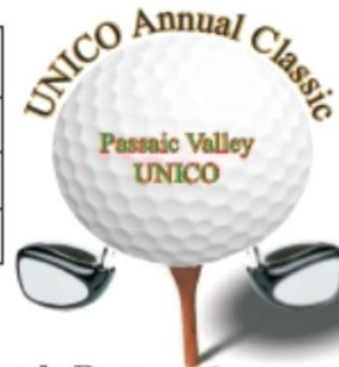
Monday June 10, 2019

Preakness Valley Golf Course

209 Totowa Road, Wayne, New Jersey
Shotgun Start at 10:00am

- **Breakfast** at 8:00am
- **2 On-course beverages**
- **Full Beefsteak dinner at the Brownstone** at 4:00pm
(includes beer, soda, coffee and tea)

Contests, Prizes & Raffle's	
Surprise!!!	Closest to the Pin
Straightest Drive	Par 3 on the Green
Win a CAR "Hole in One"	



Online Registration

\$150 per person - Check or Cash Payment

\$50 per person Dinner Only

\$153 per person - Credit Card Payment

Pre-Registration is Requested

Go to: 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

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All proceeds will go to our local scholarship and charitable endeavors

Committee Comments

Please support our two Raffles
“Dinner for Year” & “40 Bottle of Wine with Refrigerator”
Both to be pulled on July 11, 2019

Would you like to be on a committee ?

Do you have a Fundraising idea ?

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See pages 10, 11 and 12 in this newsletter



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*We will advertise your name for an entire UNICO year
(See pages 9, 10 and 11)*

The graphic features a green background with a circular UNICO National logo on the left, a golf ball, and a hole. The text on the right reads: "Passaic Valley Chapter Sponsor. If you would like to be a PV UNICO Sponsor Please contact us @ PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com".

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About UNICO ~ UNICO is the largest Italian American Service Organization in the United States
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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.


May ~ maggio

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