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Passaic Valley UNICO Our June 2019 Monthly Newsletter



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A Message from our Chapter President

Dear Members,

With our UNICO year coming to the end, I would like to thank you for all the support you gave me this year. On behalf of myself and my officers we thank you for re-electing us.

I know we are all looking forward to the summer, but June is really the climax of our year. Please support our golf outing & Scholarship dinner to make them a great success.

I would like to thank Chuck Russo, Joe Agresti & the Scholarship committee for their hard work. Seeing for the first time up close all the work Joe Barone does for us with the Golf outing, I think we all owe hm and his committee a great vote of thanks. Joe thank you for all the time you give to make sure this comes off & is successful.

Please remember we also have a meeting on June 19th at St. Agnes Church. I look forward to seeing everyone before we adjourn for the summer. Hoping your summer is healthy and happy.

Ciao, Carmen





June Birthdays

06-06 Rick Lijoi 06-09 Angelo Verrone 06-10 Michael DeMusso 06-28 Patrick Liguori 06-30 Elaine Barone 06-30 Henry Youngster

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 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

<u>June 10</u> ... Monday ... <u>Our 35th Annual Golf Outing</u> ... The flier is on page 5 of this newsletter

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

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

<u>June 23</u> ... Sunday ... <u>NJ District IV Convention Bowl-a-Thon</u> ... The Garden Palace Lanes – Lakeview Ave – Clifton ... <u>9:30 am</u>

<u>June 25</u> ... Tuesday ... <u>NJ District IV 4th and Final Meeting</u> ... Lina's Ristorante in Bloomingdale ... <u>7:00 pm Dinner, Meeting, Scholarship Presentation</u> ... RSVP as seating is limited

July 11 ... Thursday ... Drawing date for our Dinner for a Year Raffle and also for our 2020 Vision Raffle ... 6:00 pm at PJ Rufo's in Woodland Park

<u>July 24 25 26 27 ... Wednesday thru Saturday ... The 97th Annual National</u> <u>Convention</u> ... At the Gaylord in Nashville TN ... <u>Must register to attend</u> ... 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"

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Did You Know: UNICO Charities

Because of the generosity of the UNICO members and chapters across the country, and also from our friends and families donations to National, here are the charities that UNICO National supports:

UNICO Foundation:

21st century Fund Anti-Bias Cancer Research Cooley's Anemia Italian Studies Mental Health Scholarships Torraco Food Bank/Shelter

UNICO National:

Armed Services Calendar Columbus Day

ComUNICO

You can now read the <u>Com-</u> <u>UNICO</u> 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 John Barbieri Robert Appaluccio Steve Pelonero Carmen Criscione Salvatore Benvenuti

Chapter President	2016 & 2017
Chapter President	2014 & 2015
Chapter President	2012 & 2013
Chapter President	2010 & 2011
Chapter President	2008 & 2009
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	
Overseas Armed Service Care Packa	ges Pat Corrado
Pig Roast	Joe Agresti PNP / James Minella
	Steve Pelonero

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

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

Photos from our May Meeting

Congratulations "and welcome" to our 3 new members They were sworn in at our May 8th Meeting

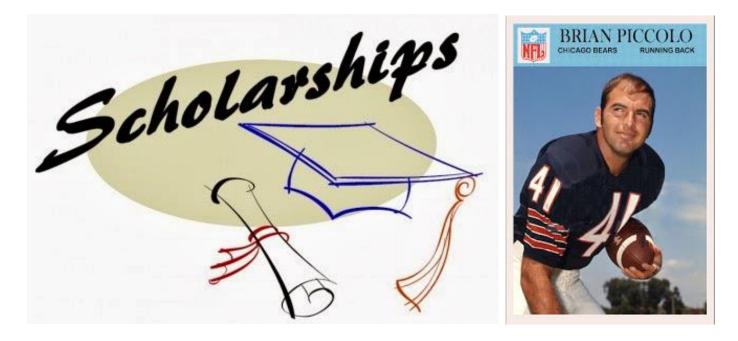
Top PhotoCarmen Gaita (Chapter President) ~ Rick ~ Maria ~ Pete ~ Steve Pelonero (UNICO National 1st VP)

Bottom Photo 34 of our 52 members at the May Meeting and giving thanks for all that we do and have





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Congratulations To our 2019 High School Scholarship And Brian Piccolo Students

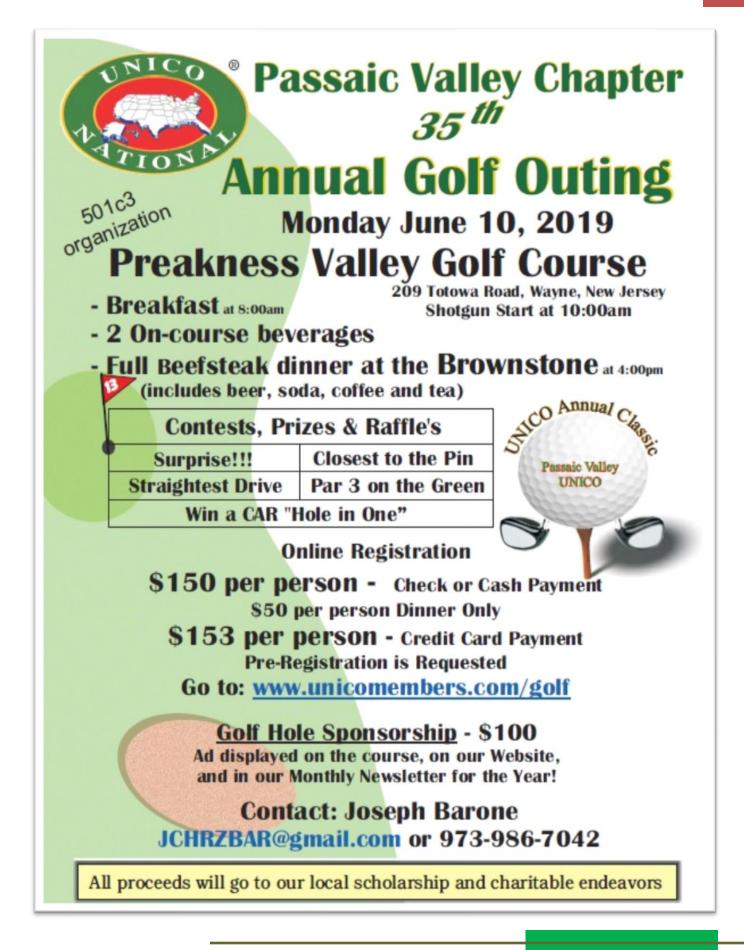
To be Presented at our June 12th Scholarship and Brian Piccolo and Installation of Officers Dinner

Scholarship Awardees

Jessica Gaita - Totowa - P.V.H.S. Gioia Gaita - Totowa - P.V.H.S. Lauren Lalama – Woodland Park - P.V.H.S. Alyssa Minnella - Little Falls - P.V.H.S. Grace Rose - Totowa - P.V.H.S.

Brian Piccolo Awardees

Daniell Gaita - Totowa - P.V.H.S. – Softball (Coach Kathy Hill) Steven Nitch - Little Falls - P.V.H.S. – Baseball (Coach John Mazzo)

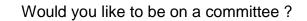


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Committee Comments

Please support our two Raffles "<u>Dinner for Year</u>" & "<u>40 Bottle of Wine with Refrigerator</u>"

Both to be pulled on July 11, 2019



Do you have a Fundraising idea ?

Please step up and Serve our Chapter, our Community and UNICO National

Keep us strong

Let more people know what we do





Do you know of some who would like to sponsor our UNICO Chapter ?

For just \$100.00 for the year, it gets them in this newsletter and on our chapter website for our entire UNICO year.

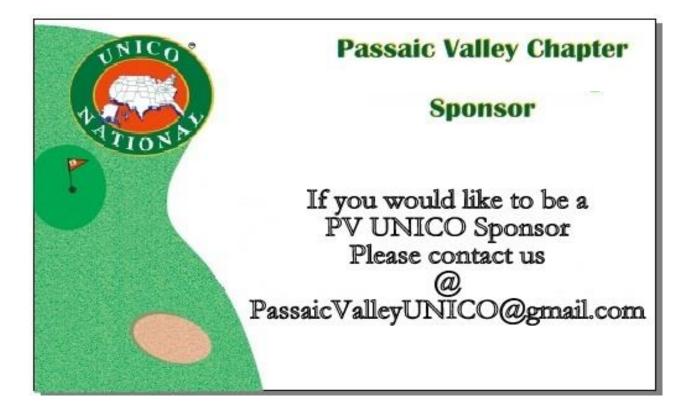
Please contact us via our chapter email: <u>PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com</u> Or use our website to fill out the online form <u>www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org</u>

Please support our sponsors See pages 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in this newsletter



It's Never Too Late

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



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 2018-2019 Sponsors and Supporters



You too can be seen here for an entire UNICO year

Just contact us for more information ~ It's never too late



Our chapter accomplishes a lot because of "You"

Thank you again everyone ~ "Grazie"



It's a new UNICO Year Coming Up ~ A thanks to our

2019-2020 Sponsors and Supporters



Our 2019 Gold Sponsor Senator Kristen M Corrado

Our 2019 Silver Sponsor Murph's Tavern



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To our Passaic Valley Towns



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