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A Message from our Chapter President

Ciao Passaic Valley Chapter Members:

We are entering the season of giving and enjoying all the holidays we have enjoyed in the past.

Unfortunately, this year will be a huge difference. We may not be able to celebrate with our families and enjoy all the goodness that comes with the season but know that all we do will be appreciated.

On that note, I want to congratulate Pat Liguori and his team on a job well done for our community service held at Little Falls Shoprite. We were able to deliver 3 vans of food to St. Agnes, Holy Angels and First Methodist Churches. Our efforts will hopefully be enjoyed by many families for the coming holiday. We also collected approximately \$300 that will be used for our Holiday cheer recipients.

At our last meeting, we all agreed to donate gift cards and money, in lieu of eating out. Roni reported that we have approximately \$220 in gift cards and \$125 in cash. Thank you all that donated.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 11. At this time, we are not sure if it will be a zoom or in person meeting. In either case, I hope we will have the attendance the same as in the last two months.

I want to close by wishing you and your families a very warm and heartfelt Thanksgiving and hope you can all be together in one way or another. Please stay safe and healthy.

Many regards,

Your Chapter President, Eileen Wood



November Birthdays

11-01 Gerry Gaeta
11-15 John Barbieri
11-22 Sal Benvenuti

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 other Food Pantries ... 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

November 4 ... 1st Wednesday ... NJ District IV Meeting ... Franklin Steakhouse in Fairfield .. An RSVP is appreciated to our chapter President ... It is an outside meeting in a tent

November 7 ... Saturday .. The UNICO National Eastern Region Zoom Meeting

November 11 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Chapter Meeting ... More information to follow

December 2020 ... The deadline for our chapter to get our chapter dues and updated member list in to UNICO National ... Please pay your dues as early as possible

July 21-24, 2021 ... Wednesday through Saturday ... The 98th Annual UNICO Convention where our PV chapter member, Steve Pelonero, gets sworn in as our next UNICO National President ... "Save the Dates"

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**From your chapter secretary: Steve Pelonero**

Dues reminder notices are sent out every month but only to the members who we show have not paid them yet. If you get a letter in the mail, and you think that you have paid it, please contact us. We will check our records ... but we might ask for a copy of the cashed check. Thank you for understanding and for your service to and with UNICO

FYI: All of our chapters member information: phone #'s, addresses, etc., can be found on our chapter website in the member section. A log with you own personal password is necessary ... [www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org/Member-Section.php](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org/Member-Section.php)




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## 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:  
English to Italian**

Thanksgiving  
Ringraziamento

Nuts  
Noccioline

Turkey  
Tacchina (feminine)  
Tacchina (masculine)

Stuffing  
Ripieno

Vegetables  
Verdure

Dessert  
Dolce

Wine  
Vino

**ComUNICO**

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



**Who's Who**

**Our 2020-2021 Executive Board**

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

**Our 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 Chapter Delegates**

President Eileen Wood ... 55 Members (President +3)  
Delegates and alternates: To be voted on at a chapter meeting  
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 |

**Non-Fundraising Committee Heads**

|                                                      |                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Christmas Tree Lighting w/ Candy Cane Giveaway ..... | Joe Agresti PNP                 |
| Community Service Day (April).....                   | Pat Ligouri                     |
| 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 |

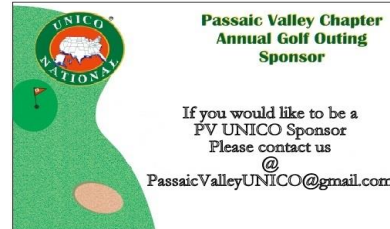
# Committee Comments

*Would you like to be on a committee?  
Would you like to be a chapter officer?  
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:  
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Or use our website to fill out the online form  
[www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)*

## ~~~~~ *Italian Heritage*

### *What to do in Italy if you go in November*

*< Click below >*

<https://italy4real.com/italy-in-november/>

*If you ever get a chance to go to Italy in November, there is plenty to do and to see  
Too many to list them all here, but with todays technology you can now just click on the above link  
Enjoy this virtual tour article*

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Have a great November

Buon novembre

PV UNICO Community Service Day

We could not hold our chapter and the UNICO National Community Service Day in April, but thanks to our Chapters 1st VP Pat Liguori, he chaired the Food Pantry Drive at ShopRite in Little Falls on October 17th. In Eileen's chapter president message, on page 1 of this newsletter, is a summary of the event. A thank you to all who contributed and especially to our members who spent that Saturday morning collecting for our local food pantries.



Pictured below are a recipient from St. Agnes Pantry, chapter member and National Executive Director Sal Benvenuti, and Chapter President Eileen Wood



Little Known Facts About Italy

1. Nobody really knows where Italy got its name.

Italy comes from a root word that means “land of young cattle”. Historians speculate that it might be named this because a bull was the symbol of early Southern Italian tribes, but some believe that it comes from the name Italus, an early king of the region.

2. Italy is the fourth most populated place in Europe, mostly because of high birth rates and low death rates.

Italy is about the size of Arizona, but the population of Italy is about ten times the population of the state, with approximately 60 million people living in Italy as opposed to 6 million in Arizona. Approximately 320 people live in every square mile in Italy (about 200 per kilometer).

3. Rome, Italy is home to hundreds of fountains, with the oldest being the Trevi Fountain.

Rome has 50 large fountains and a great many small ones, not including the ‘nasoni’, which are small waterspouts used by pedestrians. The Trevi Fountain is more than eighty-six feet high, and comes from an aqueduct originally built in 19 B.C. The fountain was built by Pope Urban VIII in the mid 1600’s. A popular legend states that visitors who throw a coin into the Trevi fountain are assured of a return visit to Rome. The coins are collected weekly; Italian coins go to help pay for upkeep of the fountain, and foreign coins are donated to the Red Cross.

4. Italy stands on a fault line.

Italy is plagued by earthquakes because of this; also, three volcanoes have erupted there in the last one hundred years – Etna, Stromboli, and Vesuvius.

5. Italy is home to the highest mountain in Europe.

It is called Mont Blanc (or White Mountain in English) and it is part of the Alps mountain range. It is in Italy, on the border of France.

6. More than 50 million tourists visit Italy each year.

Tourism is an important part of Italy’s gross national product; more than 60% of the country’s income comes from tourist dollars spent there.

7. Soccer is the most popular organized sport in Italy.

Italians are rabid soccer fans; they are known as tifosi, which means typhus carriers. It is a national pastime, and Italians are highly passionate about the game.

8. Christmas is the biggest holiday of the year in Italy.

Christmas season is much longer, too: Christmas dinner is usually on Christmas Eve, and the season lasts until January 6th (until the Epiphany, or the date generally believed to have been when the three Wise Men found the manger of Jesus).

9. Pasta wasn’t eaten with tomato sauce until the 1600’s in Italy.

Until then, it was generally eaten with honey and sugar. Today, there are more than 500 varieties of pasta eaten in Italy.

10. Musical notations are always in Italian.

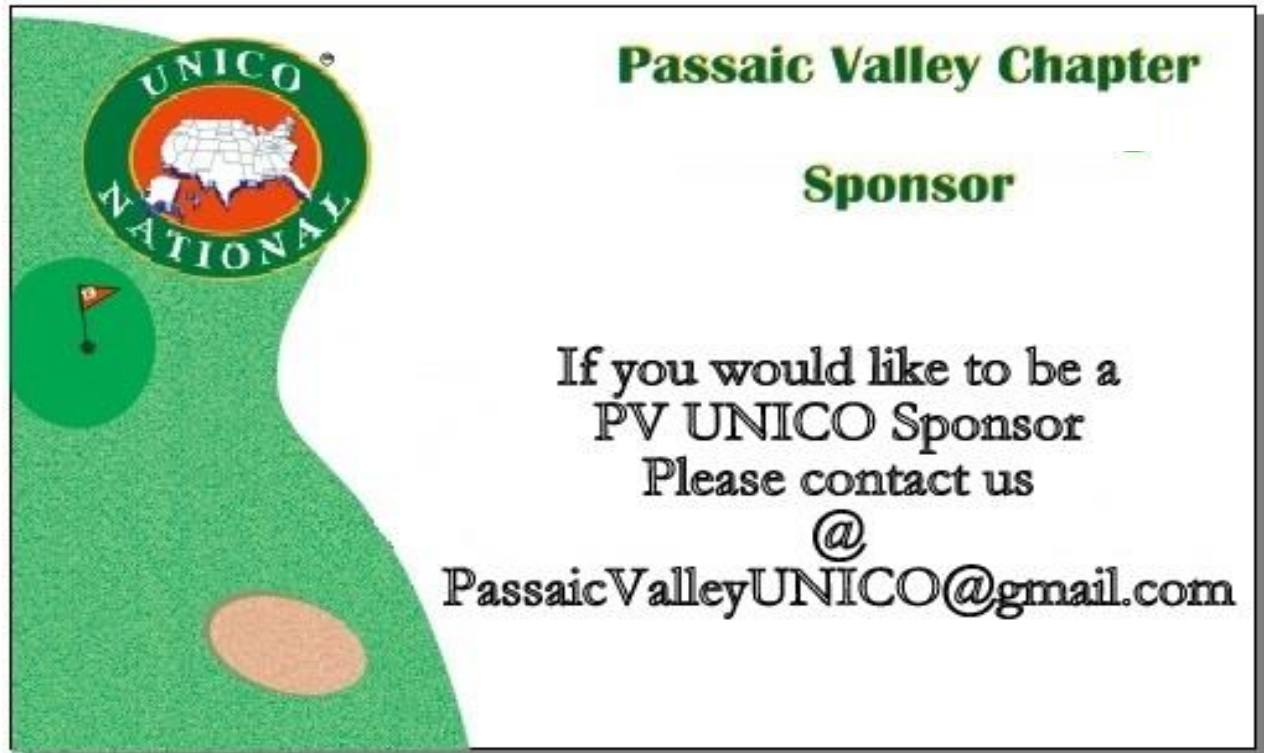
Allegro, Adagio...these are Italian words to indicate tempo, and came about because an Italian named Guido d’Arezzo came up with a system for modern-day musical notation.



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Our UNICO Charities

UNICO National

Armed Services ~ Columbus Day ~ Heritage & Photo Calendar

UNICO Foundation

21st 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 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.

A Special thanks

To our 2019-2020 Sponsors and Supporters

We sincerely appreciated your generosity

For those that would like to help us in 2020-2021

You can reach us at

PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

Or you can ask any chapter member for more information

*Just \$100 gets you in every issue of this newsletter for our UNICO year
2020-2021*

