



UNICO NATIONAL

PASSAIC VALLEY CHAPTER
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Monthly Minutes September 13, 2023 ~ 2nd Wednesday

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| <u>Date</u> | September 13, 2023 |
| <u>Place</u> | Barnyard in Totowa |
| <u>Prayer</u> | John Morano, Sgt.At-Arms |
| <u>Flag</u> | John Morano, Sgt.At-Arms |
| <u>Flag Salute</u> | John Morano, Sgt.At-Arms |
| <u>Dinner/Meeting</u> | 7:00 pm Dinner / 8 pm meeting |

Members & Guests in Attendance

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Members (56) at meeting | 19 |
| Guests at meeting | 0 |
| Member % at meeting | 34% |

Executive Board

| <u>Attendance at meetings</u> | 9/23 | 10/23 | 11/23 | 12/23 | 1/24 | 2/24 | 3/24 | 4/24 | 5/24 | 6/24 |
|----------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| President: Bucci | 😊 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 st VP: Criscione | 😊 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 nd VP: J. Benvenuti | x | | | | | | | | | |
| Secretary: Pelonero | 😊 | | | | | | | | | |
| Treasurer: Ponchak | 😊 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sgt.At-Arms: Morano | 😊 | | | | | | | | | |

Delegates at Meetings

| | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. Sal Benvenuti | 😊 |
| 2. Jean Chomko | 😊 |
| 3. Pat Pelonero | 😊 |

Board of Directors at meetings (6 past Chapter Presidents)

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Eileen Wood | x |
| Carmen Gaita | 😊 |
| Bruce Ponchak | 😊 |
| John Barbieri | x |
| Steve Pelonero | 😊 |



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Past Chapter Presidents in attendance at meetings

| | 9/23 | 10/23 | 11/23 | 12/23 | 1/24 | 2/24 | 3/24 | 4/24 | 5/24 | 6/24 |
|------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Joe Agresti PNP | 😊 | | | | | | | | | |
| John Barbieri | x | | | | | | | | | |
| Sal Benvenuti | 😊 | | | | | | | | | |
| Carmen Criscione | 😊 | | | | | | | | | |
| Carmen Gaita | 😊 | | | | | | | | | |
| John Morano | 😊 | | | | | | | | | |
| Steve Pelonero | 😊 | | | | | | | | | |
| Bruce Ponchak | 😊 | | | | | | | | | |
| Chuck Russo | x | | | | | | | | | |
| Angelo Verrone | x | | | | | | | | | |
| Eileen Wood | x | | | | | | | | | |

Opening Remarks

• President Dominick Bucci

- Welcome new member Marisa Panicucci. Marisa was a member years ago and has just joined our chapter again.
- Thanked everyone for attending this meeting
- Attended the convention
- Our chapter received a patch and award at the convention
- Our chapter was invited to do the Italian Flag raising on October 1st in Little Falls.

• 1st VP Carmen Criscione

Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
 Thanked and welcomed Marisa to our chapter
 Asked for prayers for sick Past active member of our chapter, Bob Appaluccio

• 2nd VP Joe Benvenuti

N/A



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Secretary Minutes

Secretary: Steve Pelonero PNP

Steve noted that the minutes were sent to everyone in an email from our June meeting.

Also noted that they are on our chapter website

- Motion to accept was made by:

1st Joe Agresti

2nd Carmen Gaita

Joe Agresti noted that the June minutes read as Joe Cerbo is our Italian Studies abroad recipient = Correction was asked to be made to read Michael Cerbo.

All were in favor. No discussion.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer: Bruce Ponchak

- Bruce reported that he had sent out the treasurer's report to all members in an email. They included August and September. The proposed budget will be sent out to be voted on at the October meeting.
- Motion to accept by:
 - 1st Joe Agresti
 - 2nd Joyce O'Hara
- All were in favor. No discussion.
-

Bills and Communications: John Morano

- A thank you was received from Sal Nocella

Chapter Budget

- (N/A)

Chapter Elections

- N/A

Good and Welfare: Sal Nocella

- N/A



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Fundraising Committees

- **Community Service Day: Chuck Russo**
 - N/A
- **Corn Hole: John Barbieri**
 - In John's absence from the meeting, It was noted that it was being looked into being held at the Totowa PAL building in February or March. Nor date has been set yet. Committee meetings are still in progress. Volunteers are still needed with a possible tentative date of April 7th.
- **Food Pantry: Open: To be appointed**
 - Still no appointment made
 - No discussion
- **Golf Outing: Joe Barone**
 - Joe reported that there were 88 golfers which was 32 more than last year. A lot of them were last minute attendees which is why there was a lack of seating at the dinner venue. He apologized for the lack of food and seating but partially it was from the last minutes supporters of which the venue was picked at the time where the head count was low. There were 76 sponsors which was up from last years 62. Joe thanked everyone for their support. There was a net profit of \$14,129.
- **Overseas Soldier Program: Roni Corrado**
 - N/A

Non-Fundraising Committees

- **Italian Heritage: Angelo Verrone**
 - N/A
 - October 1st ~ Sunday ~ Possible Italian Flag Raising in Little Falls
- **Italian Studies: Cav. Joe Agresti PNP**
 - Joe reported that our Italian Studies Grant recipient, Michael Cerbo was sick and that he was unable to attend this meeting to tell us about his semester in Italy. Hopefully he can make it to the October dinner meeting at Casa Arturo.



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- **Membership: John Barbieri**
 - N/A
- **Newsletter & Website: Steve Pelonero PNP**
 - Steve reported that everything is in order with the newsletter and chapter website
 - All dates of our events are on the website
- **Public Relations: Christina Castillo and Roni Corrado**
 - N/A
- **Scholarship: Chuck Russo**
 - N/A

District and National Events**National News**

- **National News**
 - Eastern Region Meeting (ERM) in NJ. It is Sunday November 5th and Monday November 6.
 - October 1st ~ UNICO National Bocce Cancer Fundraiser ~ 4-person team \$300 team ~ All day food \$50.00
 - October 8th ~ Sunday ~ Seaside Columbus Parade
 - October 9th ~ Monday ~ NYC Columbus Parade
 - October 24th ~ Tuesday ~ UNICO Meet the National President - \$85.00
- **District News**
 - Anthony DeGennaro is our new NJ District Governor from the Wayne Chapter
 - September 14th ~ Our NJ District IV Meeting at the Barnyard ~ Wayne Chapter is the host
 - December 5th ~ Christmas Dinner for our Special Need Friends. PNP Joe Agresti noted that our district has been having this dinner for 39 years. Every year we look for donations from members to donate gifts for our guests. Carmen Criscione that possibly we could have our Christmas Dinner this same day with them. More discussion at the October meeting. \$60 per person
 - March 2024 ~ We are the host of this quarters NJ District IV meeting ~ More info to follow



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Old Business

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New Business

- Motion to subsidize our members who attend the meet the President = \$20 subsidy per person
- Chapter president Dominick noted that Woodland Park Day is September 23rd. We can possibly do a membership drive if members would volunteer to help work our UNICO table. 2 pm till dusk.
- It was noted that Little Falls contacted us to see if we would be interested in again having an Italian Flag Raising on October 1st. President Dominick Bucci said that he would coordinate it if members were interested.
- Delegates are to subsidized \$25 for each District meeting that they attend

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made at 8:46 pm by:
 - 1st Carmen Gaita
 - 2nd Sal BenvenutiAll were in favor.

Respectfully Taken by

Steve Pelonero PNP / Chapter Secretary

Meeting attendance is on the next page



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Meeting Attendance

| | | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Total Attended |
|------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|
| Agresti | Joseph | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Allora | Carmen | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Barbieri | John | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Barone | Joseph | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Barone | Phil | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Bacchioni | Christopher | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Benvenuti | Joseph | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Benvenuti | Salvatore | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Bifalco | Mark | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Bucci | Dominick | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Campagna | Juliana | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Campen | Domenica | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Capalbo | Frank | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Castillo | Christina | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Cestone | James | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Chomko | Jean | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Corrado | Patrick | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Corrado | Roni | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Corsetto | Brianna | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Criscione | Carmen | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| D'Antuono | Michael | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| DeLuccia | Brianna | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Dransfield | Danielle | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eoepochino | Kyle | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Ermolowich | William | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Gaeta | Gerardo | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Gaeta | Jessica | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Gaita Jr | Carmen | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Klosek | Emilia | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Longo | Pete | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| McGill | Joseph | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| McInerney | Cielle | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Meletta | Connor | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Morano | Christina Lee | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Morano | John | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Nocella | Salvatore | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| OHara | Joyce | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Orlando | Anthony | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Panicucci | Marisa | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Pelonero | Patricia | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Pelonero | Steven | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Polizzotto | Philip | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Ponchak | Bruce | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Ragusso | Michaela | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Ribaudo | Anthony | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Russo | Chuck | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Shaloo | Rachel | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Sisti | Gisella | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Stefanelli | Claudine | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Socio | Angela | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Socio | Gabriella | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Tosi | Evelyn | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Verrone | Angelo | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Wood | Eileen | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Youngster | Henry | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |