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Our July 2022 Monthly Newsletter



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A Message from our Chapter President

Ciao Everyone

I hope that everyone had a great July 4th celebration and is enjoying the summer chapter recess period. I am looking forward to attending our National Convention in New Orleans where we will witness all of the chapters' achievements and awards.

Let's get ready to start September with our next meeting to be held at either Amore or Francesco's, both in Woodland Park. The arrangements are currently being worked on and they will be updated soon.

As I begin my terms as your chapter president, I encourage everyone to take an active role in our chapter events and committees.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings where we can plan some events and fundraiser. I would like to also start chapter media coverage in local papers and forward newsletter mailings to our local township mayors.

It is my pleasure to serve you and the chapter.

Respectfully

Dominick Bucci Passaic Valley Chapter President



August Birthdays

08-09 Cav. Joe Agresti PNP 08-09 Tony Orlando 08-15 Peter Longo 08-24 Carmen Allora 08-25 Joe McGill

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

August ~ Vacation time for our chapter

<u>September 11</u> ~ Sunday ~ <u>UNICO National Cancer Foundation Fundraiser</u> ~ Bocce in the Montville Community Park ~ <u>All are welcome</u>

<u>September 14</u> ~ 2nd Wednesday ~ <u>Monthly meeting will be at Holy Cross Church ~</u> More information will still follow but please read the update in the Committee Comment Section of this Newsletter

<u>December 7</u> ~ 1st Wednesday ~ <u>Drawing date for our 40 Bottle Wine Raffle</u> ~ Just \$5.00 a ticket

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: Our annual chapter dues notices will be going out the next few months. As always, your membership keeps you involved with our UNICO motto of "service above self" and also your Italian Heritage. Please stay as a member and send in your due's payment as soon as possible. If you receive an envelope in the mail our records show that you have not yet paid them. If you feel you did, please send or bring a copy of the cancel check Grazie ~ Thank you for being a member of the largest Italian American Service Organization in the USA



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"



Brush up on your Italian Language

All the months and days of the week are all typed and/or written with lower case letters

Sunday – domenica Monday – lunedi Tuesday – martedi Wednesday – mercoledi Thursday – giovedi Friday – venerdi Saturday – sabato

Yes – Si Please -Per favore Thank you – Grazie You're welcome – Prego Excuse me – Scusi Cheers – Salute

Hello – Ciao How are you? Come va? Come stai? Good – Bene Not good – Non bene

ComUNICO

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

Who's Who

Our 2022-2023 Executive Board

President	Dominick Bucci
1st Vice President	Carmen Criscione
2nd Vice President	Joe Benvenuti
Treasurer	Bruce Ponchak
Secretary	Steve Pelonero
Sgt. At-Arms	
Corresponding Secretary	

Our 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Past Chapter President	2020 & 2021
Past Chapter President	2018 & 2019
Past Chapter President	2016 & 2017
Past Chapter President	2014 & 2015
Past Chapter President	2012 & 2013
Past Chapter President	2010 & 2011
	Past Chapter President Past Chapter President Past Chapter President Past Chapter President

Our 2022-2023 Chapter Delegates

President Dominick Bucci ... 58 Members (President +3)

Delegate: Jean Chomko

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(Delegates represent our chapter votes and are urged to attend our regional and national meetings)

Fundraising Committee Heads

Christmas Family Gifts	Bob Appaluccio
Food Pantry	
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages	

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April)	Chuck Russo
Good and Welfare	Sal Nocella
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero
Publicity	Vacant
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo	Carmen Gaita, Charles Russo
Study Abroad College Grants	Cav./ Joseph Agresti PNP
Website	Steven Pelonero
Website Member Section	John Barbieri

Committee & Comments



Chapter Dues

Please do not forget about paying your one time a year chapter dues
Notices will be going out via the USPS
Checks need to be made out to
Passaic Valley UNICO
PO # 341
Little Falls, NJ 07424
Exempt Life Member \$15.00
Youth Member (25 years of age and under) \$12.00
Regular Member \$80.00

Food Pantry

Please do not forget about the Food Pantry Please bring your donations directly to the Pantries

September Monthly Meeting

Our September monthly meeting will be on Wednesday the 14th
It will be held at Holy Cross Church with catered food
All restaurants in the are already booked for that date and they need 32-35 people minimum
And the prices are still going up to over \$40.00 a person
We are hoping that everyone understands and hope to see you in September

Our Italian Heritage for August



This photo appears in the 2022 UNICO National Heritage & Photo Calendar for the month of August

It was taken in Puglia, Italy, by a Binghamton NY UNICO chapter member

<u>Alberobello</u> is a town in the province of Bari, in the Italian region of Apulia (Puglia), Italy.

Alberobello is known as the Capital of the Trulli

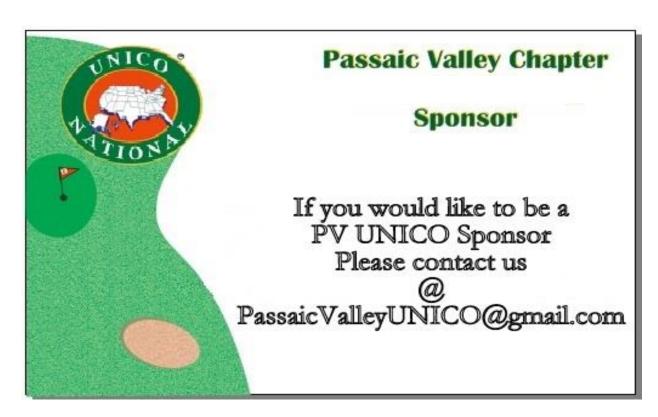
Some of the trulli are now used for stores, restaurants, and lodging.

Many are still inhabited by locals, who are very friendly to visitors.

As a world heritage site, Alberobello is a tourist attraction, but as it is less accessible from the tourist-heavy west coast, it is not overrun by tourists, and most tourists of Alberobello are Italians.

The town is the center of an annual pilgrimage to the Basilica dedicated to the martyr saints Cosma and Damiano.





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 ~ Torraco 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.

Our campaign for our 2022-2023 year never ends

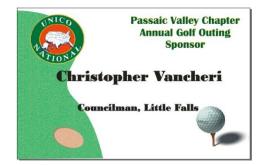
Please ask any chapter member for more information.

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 www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org



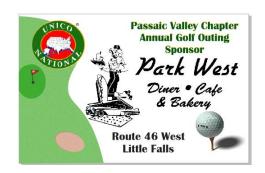
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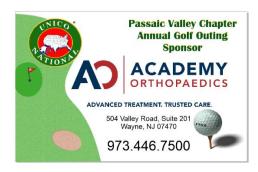










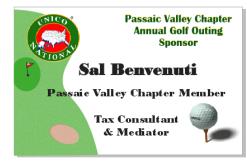








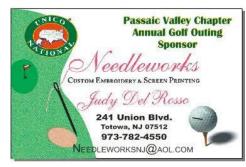




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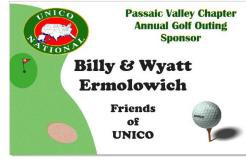






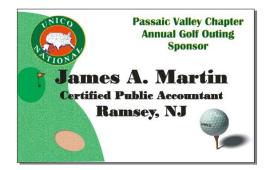




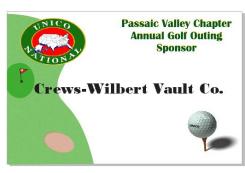


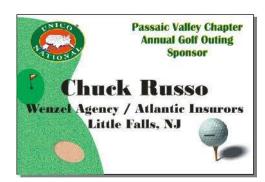
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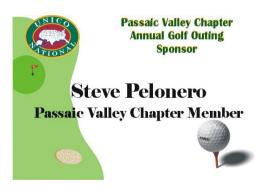
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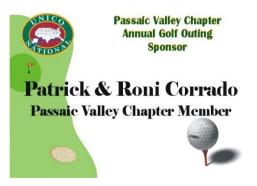


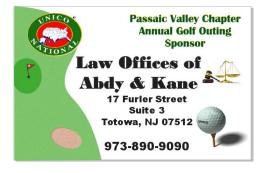


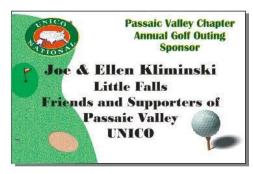




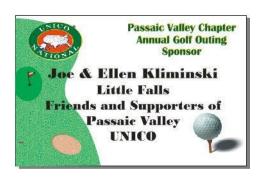


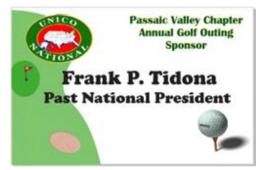














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