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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

As we come to the end of another summer, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves spending time with family and friends and getting away on vacation.

Unfortunately, our friends and family in Italy suffered another devastating earthquake. Beautiful buildings and quaint neighborhood are no more. The loss of life and personal injuries are too numerous to imagine. We, as a chapter, will be making a donation to the earthquake disaster recovery fund being put together by UNICO National. I ask each of you to do whatever you can to assist this worthy effort.

Our September meeting is going to be at Francesco's on the 14th. Dinner will begin at 7 P.M. and our meeting will start at 8. We are hoping to have the scholarship winners, who were not able to attend the Scholarship dinner last June, join us. Also, I am looking forward to hearing the reports from our convention delegates.

Hope to see everyone at Francesco's.

Bruce Ponchak



Birthdays

Happy August Birthday

9/4 Dominique DeFrancisci
 9/26 Roni Corrado
 9/30 Wilma DeFrancisci

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.PVUNICO.com
- www.UNICO.org
- www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com

Food Pantry

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

September 14 ... Wednesday ... **Our first monthly meeting of the UNICO year** ... Francesco's, 7:00 pm Dinner, 8:00 pm Meeting

September 18 ... Sunday ... **Sgt. John Basilone Parade** ... Raritan NJ

October 25 ... Tuesday ... **Meet the National President Dominick Nicastrò** ... At the Venetian in Garfield ... More information will follow

October or November ... More information will follow ... **The UNICO National Eastern Region Meeting**

September will be the first meeting for our chapter in the new UNICO National Year ... If you are "not" a member and would like to attend this meeting, or any meeting as our guest, please contact us for more information ... PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

Ask a friend a neighbor, ask a co-worker, or even ask a neighbor if they ever heard of UNICO

Ask if they would like to get involved and help us in the fun ways that we do ... We love helping others, both locally and nationally

U – Unity
N – Neighborliness
I – Integrity
C – Charity
O – Opportunity

“Service Above Self”



It Happened At the Convention

Our 2016-2017 National President, from the Garfield Chapter, was sworn in as president - Dominick Nicastro

Chapter member, Steve Pelonero, was sworn in as the Eastern Region DG Chairman and was also voted as, and given the honor of being the 2015-2016 Distinguished District Governor

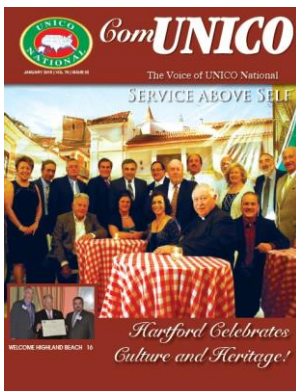
Seven of our 10 Chapters, in our NJ District IV, were in attendance at this 2016 Convention in MD

All of the photos of our chapter are on our website

Chapter member and PNP Joe Agresti is the chairman for the 2017 Convention, in Scottsdale, AZ

ComUNICO

You can read all of the ComUNICO issues, online, by clicking on the magazine cover



Who's Who

Our 2016-2017 Executive Board

President	Bruce Ponchak
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President Bruce Ponchak	Alternate John Barbieri
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Delegate Dominick Bucci	Alternate Joe McGill
Delegate Eileen Wood	Alternate Joyce O'Hara

Fundraising Committee Heads

Applebee's Flapjack & Pancake Breakfast	Dominick Bucci
Bus Rides	Elaine Barone, Mary Benvenuti, Joyce O'Hara
Golf Outing	Joe Barone
Holiday Donations	Robert Appaluccio
Modell's	Roni Corrado
Oversea's Armed Service Care Packages	Pat Corrado

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April)	Chuck Russo
Food Pantry	Angelo Verrone
Good and Welfare	Sal Nocella
Italian Heritage with Our Youth at P.V.H.S.	Angelo Verrone
Membership	Jay Sisti
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo	Joe Agresti PNP/ Chuck Russo
Study Abroad Collegiate Scholarship	Joseph Agresti PNP
Website	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

The 94th Annual UNICO Convention ***Held on the Chesapeake Bay ~ Cambridge, Maryland***



Left Photo: Our chapter members at the Wednesday Night Ice Breaker; Joe Agresti PNP, Jean Chomko, Joyce O'Hara, Sal Benvenuti, Eileen Wood, Dominick Bucci, Steve Pelonero ERDG



Right Photo: Our chapter members at the Saturday Evening Gala Dinner; Steve Pelonero ERDG, Joe Agresti PNP, Jean Chomko, Sal Benvenuti, Dominick Nicastro National President, Eileen Wood, Dominick Bucci, Joyce O'Hara

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.

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