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### Passaic Valley UNICO

Our June 2017 Monthly Newsletter



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### President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

It's hard to believe that it's June already and the summer is just around the corner. June is another busy month for us. We start it off with our annual Golf Outing on June 12 at the Preakness Valley Golf Course. After a day of golf (and hopefully good scores), we have our beefsteak dinner and prizes at the Brownstone. Thank you to Joe Barone and his committee for all of their hard work in putting this together.

Our meeting this month is on June 14 at Holy Cross Church starting at 7 P.M. It will be our Pizza meeting so I hope everyone can make our final meeting of the year. Also please bring your Wine & Dine raffle tickets to the meeting since the winner will be drawn.

We end the month with our Scholarship Dinner on June 15 at Francesco's in Woodland Park. I hope every member can make this event since this was one of the primary purposes UNICO was founded on. Thank you to Joe Agresti and his committee for their time and effort in selecting the recipients and making the arrangements for the dinner.

As the first year of my term as your President comes to an end, I want to thank all of the members for their support and encouragement throughout the year.

Bruce Ponchak



### June Birthdays

Angela Jones - 6/7 Angelo Verrone - 6/9 Pat Liguori - 6/28 Henry Youngster - 6/30 Elaine Barone - 6/30

#### **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
www.UNICO.org
www.UNICONJdistrictIV.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**

<u>June 12, 2017</u> ... Monday ... Our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing ... Flier is on our website @ www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org ... Also see page 5 of this newsletter

<u>June 14, 2017</u> ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ... <u>Monthly Meeting and Our Traditional</u> <u>Year-End Pizza Meeting</u> ... Holy Cross Church 7:00 pm

June 14, 2017 ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ... <u>Drawing Date for our Wine & Dine Raffle</u> ... Did you get your tickets yet ? ... Members, this is the time when we all turn in our tickets that we sold ... Also see page 6 of this newsletter

<u>June 15, 2017</u> ... Thursday ... <u>Our Installation of Officers, and Annual Brian</u> <u>Piccolo and Scholarship Awards Dinner</u> ... Francesco's in Woodland Park – 7:00 pm

If you are "not" a member and would like to attend any of our meetings as our guest, please contact any of our Chapter Officers or members for more information ... Or email us at <a href="mailto:PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com">PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com</a>

Please note that our website name has changed We are now www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

### Still Available to Purchase ~ Our Wine & Dine Raffle See any member for a ticket (or two or more) Drawing Date is June 14, 2017

Passaic Valley Chapter, UNICO National

- WINE & DINE 
25 Plus Bottles & 5 Dinners for 2

Prize retail value: \$500.00

Donation \$5.00

Proceeds of this fund raiser will benefit local charities and scholarships

Drawing Date: June 14, 2017, 9:00pm

Winner need not be present and must be at least 21 years of age

Winner must pickup raffle prize

Holy Cross Church, 220 Browertown Rd., Woodland Park, NJ 07424

No substitution of the offered prize may be made and no cash will be given in lieu of Prize 10th 2594-425640 Rus. 2418

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N - Neighborliness

I – Integrity

C - Charity

O – Opportunity

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## The UNICO National Foundations & Grant Awards

21st Century
Anti-Bias
Armed Soldiers
Calendar
Columbus Day
Coolies Anemia
Disaster Relief
Food Bank
Italian Studies
Jimmy V / Cancer Research
Mental Health
Scholarship
Study Abroad

Did you know that over a two-year period UNICO National has awarded grants in excess of \$200,000, thanks to the generosity of UNICO chapters and personal donations from its members and friends

### **ComUNICO**

You can now read the <u>ComUNICO</u> Magazine online, just by clicking on the cover below



### Who's Who

#### Our 2016-2017 Executive Board

President	Bruce Ponchak
1st Vice President	Carmen Gaita Jr.
2nd Vice President	Eileen Wood
Treasurer	Joseph McGill
Recording Secretary	Patrick Ligouri
Sgt. At-Arms	

### Our 2016-2017 Board of Directors

John Barbieri	Chapter President	2014 & 2015
Robert Appaluccio	Chapter President	2012 & 2013
Steve Pelonero	Chapter President	2010 & 2011
Carmen Criscione	Chapter President	2008 & 2009
Salvatore Benvenuti	Chapter President	2006 & 2007
Angelo Verrone	Chapter President	2004 & 2005

### Our 2016-2017 Chapter Delegates

President Bruce Ponchak ... 47 chapter members 47 .... Delegate Sal Benvenuti .... Delegate Dominick Bucci .... Delegate Eileen Wood ...... Alternate Delegate John Barbieri ...... Alternate Delegate Jean Chomko ...... Alternate Delegate Joe McGill ...... Alternate Delegate Joyce O'Hara

### ......Fundraising Committee Heads

Applebee's Flapjack & Pancak	ce Breakfast	Dominick Bucci
Bus Rides	Elaine Barone, Mary Benv	enuti, Joyce O'Hara
Golf Outing		Joe Barone
Holiday Donations		. Robert Appaluccio
Modell's		Roni Corrado
Overseas Armed Service Care	Packages	Pat Corrado

### Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

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

### Community Service Day at ShopRite of Little Falls





Every year, all of UNICO in the United States, has Community Service planned for April. This year was no exception for our Passaic Valley Chapter members. We were seen once again at ShopRite of Little Falls collecting non-perishable donations that were brought to our 5 local food pantries within our Passaic Valley area. Pictured above are just 4 of our members (all of the photos can be seen on our website). From the left are Community Service Chairman Chuck Russo, and members John Morano, Sal Benvenuti, and PNP Joe Agresti. The right photo is just one of the "many" packages and trips that were made to help those who are in need

All of our chapter photos, from many of our events can always be seen by visiting our Chapter Website at www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

Did you know that we are also on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter?
www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO - www.Instagram.com/passaicValleyUNICO - www.Twitter.com/PassaicValleyUNICO

**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.



**Annual Golf Outing** 

Monday June 12, 2017

### organization **Preakness Valley Golf Course**

- Breakfast at 8:00am

209 Totowa Road, Wayne, New Jersey Shotgun Start at 10:00am

- 2 On-course beverages
- Full Beefsteak dinner at the Brownstone at 4:00pm (includes beer, soda, coffee and tea)

Contests, Prizes & Raffle's		
Surprise!!!	Closest to the Pin	
Straightest Drive	Par 3 on the Green	
Win a CAR "I	Hole in One"	



Online Registration

\$150 per person - Check or Cash Payment \$50 per person Dinner Only

\$153 per person - Credit Card Payment Pre-Registration is Requested

Go to: www.unicomembers.com/golf

### Golf Hole Sponsorship - \$100

Ad displayed on the course, on our Website, and in our Monthly Newsletter for the Year!

Contact: Joseph Barone

JCHRZBAR@gmail.com or 973-986-7042

All proceeds will go to our local scholarship and charitable endeavors





### JUNE 14, 2017 \$5.00 RAFFLE

Wine & Dine 25 Plus Bottles & 5 Dinners for 2

Just a \$5.00 donation gets you chance to win. Winner need not be present but you must be at least 21 years of age. Winner must pick up prize from a UNICO member (it is not deliverable). Proceeds will benefit local charities and scholarships



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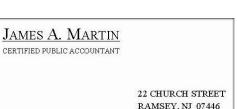












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### Keith Kazmark Woodland Park Mayor

Joe & Ellen Kliminski Friends of Passaic Valley UNICO



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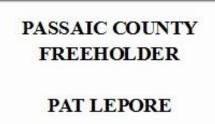
















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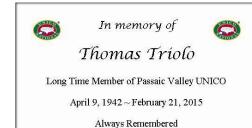


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### WILSON'S AUTO BODY

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There is always room for you in UNICO
Please inquire about being a sponsor for our chapter
It's never too late

For just \$100.00 you can be seen in this newsletter Every month from July 2016 through June of 2017 And also on our website at <u>www.PVUNICO.com</u>

Ask any member for more information
Or contact us with an email / or private message on Facebook

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