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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

Our next meeting is on November 8th at The Kitch. I hope everyone received Roni Corrado's email regarding the need for food items at the Holy Angels pantry. Please bring whatever you can to our upcoming meeting. As we get ready to celebrate our Thanksgiving dinner with our families, please remember those that are less fortunate.

Our District IV is again sponsoring a Christmas Party for special needs children. The party is being held at the Chandelier in Belleville on Sunday December 3rd. If you have never attended this event, I strongly encourage you to come to this year's party and see the joy and happiness on the faces of the guests.

On a similar note, our Christmas Cheer program is one of the most satisfying events we do for our community. While our chapter contributes to this program, the Christmas Cheer committee is always appreciative of member contributions to this worthy endeavor. Please be as generous as you can so we can help make someone's Christmas special.

Hope to see everyone at our meeting.

Bruce Ponchak



November Birthdays

Gerardo Gaeta 11/1
 Anthony Nappi 11/11
 John Barbieri 11/15
 Gianna Barone 11/21
 Salvatore Benvenuti 11/22
 Jennifer Sabbak 11/23

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

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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

November 8 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Our Chapter Monthly Meeting** ... The Kitch in Little Falls – 101 Newark Pompton Tpke ... 7:00 pm dinner – 8:00 pm meeting

November 30 ... Thursday ... **A 2018 Convention Fundraiser ~ Cigars and Food at the Brick House in Wyckoff Dinner** ... The flier is in this Newsletter on Page 4

November 29 ... Wednesday ... **Convention 2018 Fundraiser** ... See the flier in this Newsletter

November 30 ... Thursday ... **Dues Time** ... If your chapter dues are not paid and recorded by this date, UNICO National will regretfully have to drop you as a member of the largest Italian-Italian American Service Organization in the USA

December 3 ... Sunday ... **The Annual Christmas Dinner** ... See the flier is in this Newsletter

You can also see more events and dates from our NJ District IV Chapters by visiting the District website @ www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com



“UNICO” our CORE VALUES
If you know of someone who has them,
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”

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Did You Know ...

UNICO National has three meetings a year. All members can attend any or all of them: The Annual Convention, the Eastern Region, and the Midyear.

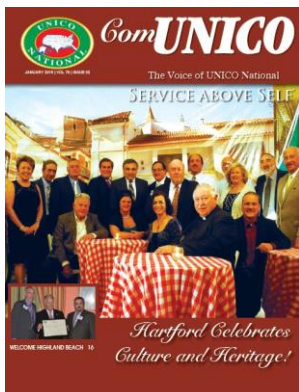
All chapters are required to have a representative at the convention at least once every three years. This does not hold true for the Eastern and Mid-Year. However, chapters are urged to attend to learn and hear more about UNICO.

The Mid-Year is when the National Budget is revised and voted on by all of the voting members that attend this important meeting

All of the above meetings are very informative and also a great time to meet other members from across the country (la familia)

ComUNICO

You can now read the ComUNICO Magazine online, just by clicking on the cover below



Who's Who

Our 2017-2018 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 Dominick Bucci

Our 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 Chapter Delegates

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

Fundraising Committee Heads

Bus Rides Elaine Barone, Mary Benvenuti, Joyce O'Hara
 Golf Outing Joe Barone
 Holiday Donations Robert Appaluccio
 Modell's Roni Corrado
 Overseas Armed Service Care Packages Pat Corrado
 Refrigerator with Wine Raffle - A 2020 Vision for UNICO Steve Pelonero

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April)..... Chuck Russo
 Food Pantry Roni Corrado
 Good and Welfare Sal Nocella
 Heritage Day Event (May) Steve Pelonero
 Membership John Barbieri
 Newsletter Steve Pelonero
 Scholarship / Brian Piccolo Joe Agresti PNP / Chuck Russo
 Study Abroad Collegiate Scholarship Joseph Agresti PNP
 Website Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

Did you know that we are also on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter ?

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The Seaside NJ Columbus Parade October 8th



October 8 ~ Some of our chapter members, family and friends were at the Seaside Columbus Day Parade cheering on the UNICO float. From the left against the railing: Bob (black shirt), next to Bruce (in the red shirt) are Ann and Carmine.

The October 24th Meet the UNICO National President Thomas Vaughan



October 24 ~ Our chapter members that attended the Meet the UNICO National President Dinner "Tom Vaughan", from the Wethersfield, CT Chapter. Pictured from the left are: Frank C., John M, John B., Eileen W., Bruce P., Sal B., Carmine C., Bob A., and Joe M. Not pictured, but at the dinner, were PNP Joe A., and 2nd VP Steve P.

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.



2018 UNICO Convention Kickoff Fundraiser

“Come celebrate for Lee Norelli”

Cigar Night

At The

Brickhouse, 179 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ

**Date—Thursday November 30, 2017
6-9 PM.**

Buffet Dinner, Wine, Beer, Soda, Raffles

Ticket Price——\$85.00 per person.



Double Magnum Bottle of Red

Come enjoy a night of camaraderie with friends & help raise funds to make the 2018 UNICO CONVENTION a big success.

**All checks to be payable to UNICO National Convention 2018
Can be mailed to the UNICO National Office**

**Rick D'Arminio, PNP,
Chairman 201-704-1146**





UNICO ~ NJ District IV
Cordially Invites You to Our
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
A Special Party for Special People
December 3, 2017 ~ 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

The Chandelier
340 Franklin Avenue
Belleville, NJ 07109

\$40.00

Please - You must R.S.V.P by
November 23rd to:
NJ IV District Governor Sal Ingalina - (973-768-2625)
Joe Agresti PNP - (201-874-0546)
Paul Alongi PNP - (973-714-8253)
Steve Pelonero 2nd VP - (973-271-9314)


This year's invited guests are:
The Circle of Friends
Clifton Special Young Adults
Out n Back from the Epilepsy Foundation
Horizon from Bloomfield and Others

Menu
Escarole Soup - Salad - Pasta Vodka
London Broil - Roasted Chicken - Egg-plant Rollatini—String Beans
Ice Cream - Coffee - Tea - Beer - Wine - Soda
Live Music

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