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Passaic Valley UNICO

Our July 2018 Monthly Newsletter



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A Message from our Newsletter Editor

Hello UNICAN's,

It's now July ... and yes, UNICO takes July and August off to recoup and start thinking about our next UNICO fiscal year of July 1st through June 30th. We also give our newly installed chapter president, Carmen Gaita off for this month, and also for September, so you will see these two issues of our newsletter with the "Message from our Editor"

On that note, we still want to keep everyone who reads this on a monthly basis, up-to-date on what we are doing. We also want to wish our July members a Happy Birthday. And just as important, we want to congratulate our 2018 Scholarship and Brian Piccolo recipients for their fine school work.

All of our page highlights are listed to the left on this page. We hope you look and read every page and we ask that you support out sponsors as they are the core of how we give back to our Passaic Valley Community and how we also support UNICO National and our National Foundations.

On that note, enjoy the summer months and "See you in September"

And Please Don't Forget



Send yours to our PO Box 341 in Little Falls, 07424



July Birthdays

Evelyn Tosi - 7/20 Mary Benvenuti - 7/25 Pat Corrado - 7/27 Joseph Benvenuti - 7/31

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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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

July 1 ... Sunday ... The start of the UNICO National Year

<u>July 25</u> ... Wednesday ... <u>The UNICO National Convention Ice Breaker</u> ... The 1st day of the 96th Annual UNICO National Convention

<u>July 25,26,27,28</u> ... <u>The UNICO National Convention in Delray Beach, FL</u> ... Wednesday Ice Breaker ... Thursday, Friday, Saturday meetings and workshops, Saturday Evening Gala ... Delegates must register ... All are welcome and urged to attend ... Come on down and meet and hear more from your UNICO family

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

July 1st is the start of the UNICO National Year

Please pay your dues early

Our 1st installment to UNICO National is due on July 1st \$12.00 to a youth member under the age of 25 ... \$80.00 for a regular member Just \$15.00 to our "Exempt Members" (3 of them)



"<u>UNICO</u>" Below are UNICO's 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

"Service Above Self"

I - Integrity

C – Charity

O - Opportunity

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Did You Know?

Not only do chapters accomplish great things locally with the money that they raise, but UNICO National and our UNICO Foundation Charities also rely on donations from Chapters, Districts, and Individuals

Our UNICO Foundation Charities

- 21st Century Fund
- Anti-Bias
- Armed Services
- Coolies Anemia
- Italian Studies
- Mental Health
- Scholarship
- V Foundation

Our UNICO National Charities

- Heritage Calendar
- Columbus Day

An "<u>Exempt Member</u>" is one with 30 years of UNICO membership and 75 years of age or older

ComUNICO

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



Who's Who

Our 2018-2019 Executive Board

President	Carmen Gaita Jr.
1st Vice President	Eileen Wood
2nd Vice President	Pat Ligouri
Treasurer	Bruce Ponchak
Recording Secretary	Steve Pelonero
Sgt. At-Arms	Dominick Bucci
Corresponding Secretary	John Morano

Our 2018-2019 Board of Directors

Bruce Ponchak	Chapter President	2016 & 2017
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

Our 2018-2019 Chapter Delegates

President Carmen Gaita Jr ... 50 Members (President +2) Delegate Eileen Wood Delegate Joyce O'Hara Alternate Delegate Jean Chomko

......Fundraising Committee Heads

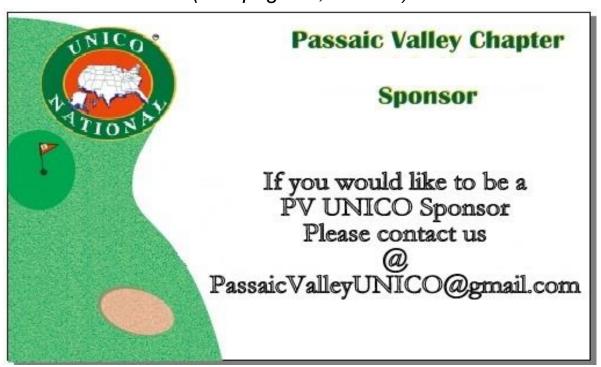
Bus Rides	Elaine Barone, Mary Benvenuti, Joyce O'Hara
Dine with UNICO	Jean Chomko, Mark BiFalco
Golf Outing	Joe Barone
Holiday Donations	Robert Appaluccio
Modell's	Roni Corrado
Overseas Armed Service Care	Packages Pat Corrado
Refrigerator with Wine Raffle -	A 2020 Vision for UNICO Steve Pelonero

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April)	Chuck Russo
Food Pantry	Roni Corrado
Good and Welfare	Sal Nocella
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? www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO - www.Instagram.com/passaicValleyUNICO - www.Twitter.com/PassaicValleyUNICO

It's Never Too Late We will advertise your name for an entire UNICO year (See pages 7, 8 and 9)



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.

Committee Comments

Wine and Refrigerator Raffle



Our June 18th, 2018 Wine Raffle Winner was: "Anil" from Jersey City

Congratulations and a thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising effort



Our 34th Annual Golf Outing Photos are now on our website ... A thanks to Chuck Russo and Steve Pelonero for taking them

Chapter Sponsors



If you know of some who would like to sponsor our UNICO Chapter, just \$100.00 gets them in this newsletter and on our website for our UNICO year.

Please contact us via our chapter email: PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

Or use our website to fill out the online form

Someone will call and/or contact you If you prefer

June Photo's

It's Because of our Annual Golf Outing and other Fundraising Events



That we are able to do this at our end of year Awards Dinner



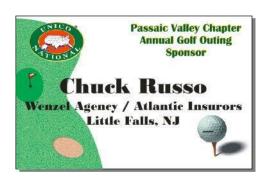
A "Thank You" to our Sponsors, Members and Friends for their support and our "Service Above Self

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Thank You to our 2018-2019 Sponsors and Supporters

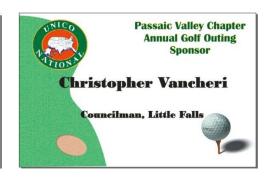






















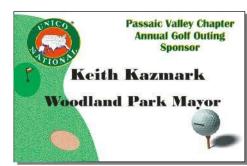


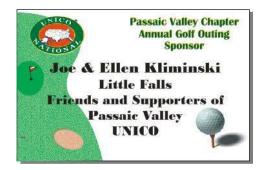
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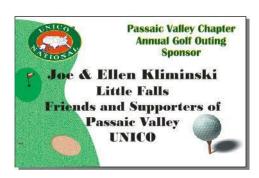
Just contact us for more information ~ It's never too late





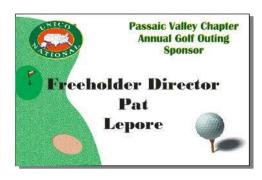


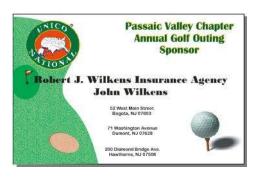






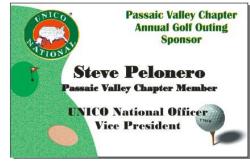












Our chapter accomplishes a lot because of "You"

Thank you again everyone ~ "Grazie"







