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Chapter Website	www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org
Chapter Website	www.UNICOMembers.com
Facebook Page	www.Facebook.com/PassaicValleyUNICO
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District Website	www.UNICONJIV.yolasite.com
National Website	www.UNICO.org
Chapter Email	PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

A Message from our Chapter President

Ciao Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter Members, Friends and Families

Happy Spring.... It is Coming!

We do not have much going on this month of March other than the UNICO National Mid-Year Board Meeting where the budget and other issues are voted on. It is a Friday and Saturday meeting and dinner where you can always meet other members from UNICO.

Plans for our 50th Anniversary Gala are in the works. Hope you are all planning to attend on April 26. Try to get out and obtain some ads for our journal.

The District Pasta Dinner on April 22 is still selling tickets. Good Food, Great Friends and a Good Cause.

Our next meeting is March 9, at Holy Cross Church. See you all there.

Be Proactive, Stay Safe and Healthy!

Regards,

Eileen Wood, Chapter President

Passaic Valley UNICO



March Birthdays

03-07 Joseph Barone
 03-15 Angela Jones
 03-24 Alyssa Minnella
 03-26 Joseph Ciarfella
 03-27 William Ermolowich
 03-30 Anthony Ribaud
 03-31 Dr. Kyle Eoepchino

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

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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

March 1, 2022 ~ Tuesday ~ **NJ District IV Meeting** ~ Chandelier, 340 Franklin Ave, Belleville ~ 7pm Dinner/Meeting

March 9, 2022 ~ 2nd Wednesday ~ **Our chapter monthly meeting** ~ More information will follow

March 9,10,11,12 ~ Wednesday through Saturday ~ **UNICO National Mid-Year Board Meeting** ~ In Myrtle Beach, SC ~ Pre-registration required

April 26, 2022 ~ Tuesday ~ **Our 50th Chapter Anniversary** and Men of the Year Dinner ~ At Nanina's in the Park, 540 Mill Street, Belleville

June 6, 2022 ~ Monday ~ **Our Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser** ~ At the Meadows in Lincoln Park

July 27, 28, 29, 30 ~ Wednesday through Saturday ~ **UNICO National 99th Annual Convention** ~ In New Orleans ~ Pre-registration required

Also ~ You can always visit the UNICO National Website Calendar for even more dates of something that may be of interest to you ~ www.UNICO.org ~ When there just click on the "Calendar" tab that is all the way to the right

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"



March Traditions Held in Italy

The Rome Marathon is held late in March, it is a 42km (26 miles)

Carnivale is celebrated (depending on the date of Easter) most of the time early in March with costumes, parades and masquerade parties

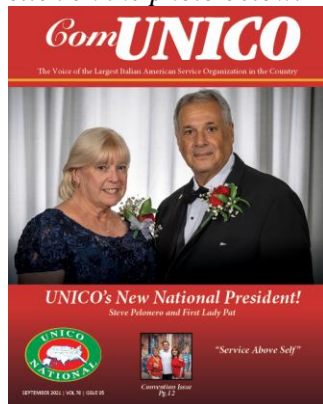
Festa della Donna, or International Women’s Day, is celebrated on March 8th all over Italy. Men usually bring yellow flowers to the women in their lives on this day

March 15th is the Ides of March: the day of Caesar’s death

Feast Day of San Giuseppe (St. Joseph’s Day) is held on March 19. It is also known as Father’s Day in Italy

ComUNICO

You can now read the Com-UNICO magazine online, just click on the photo below.



Who’s Who

Our 2021-2022 Executive Board

President	Eileen Wood
1st Vice President	Pat Ligouri
2nd Vice President	Dominick Bucci
Treasurer	Bruce Ponchak
Secretary	Chuck Russo
Sgt. At-Arms	Jim Minnella
Corresponding Secretary	John Morano

Our 2021-2022 Board of Directors

Carmen Gaita	Past Chapter President	2018 & 2019
Bruce Ponchak	Past Chapter President	2016 & 2017
John Barbieri	Past Chapter President	2014 & 2015
Robert Appaluccio	Past Chapter President	2012 & 2013
Steve Pelonero	Past Chapter President	2010 & 2011
Carmen Criscione	Past Chapter President	2008 & 2009

Our 2021-2022 Chapter Delegates

President Eileen Wood ... 58 Members (President +3)
 Delegate: James Minnella
 Delegate: Dominick Bucci
 Alternate Delegate: Joyce O’Hara
 Alternate Delegate:
 Delegates represent our chapter vote at regional and national meetings.

Fundraising Committee Heads

Christmas Family Gifts	Bob Appaluccio
Food Pantry	Roni Corrado
Overseas Armed Service Care Packages	Pasquale Corrado
Chapter Raffle	Carmen Gaita / Joe Benvenuti

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

50 th Anniversary Committee	Cav. PNP Joe Agresti, Joe Benvenuti, Carmen Gaita, Chuck Russo, Angelo Verrone
Community Service Day (April).....	Pat Ligouri
Good and Welfare	Sal Nocella
Italian Flag Raising	Steve Pelonero
Membership	John Barbieri
Newsletter	Steve Pelonero
Scholarship / Brian Piccolo	Carmen Gaita, Charles Russo
Study Abroad College Grants	Cav./ Joseph Agresti PNP
Website	Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

Committee & Comments

50/50 Raffle

*You can support our chapter in our efforts to help others
Please purchase a ticket from our chair members, Carmen Gaita & Joe Benvenuti
Tickets are available at our chapter meetings (places are announced on a monthly basis)
“They will make excellent Christmas Stocking Stuffers & Birthday Presents for the Holidays”
PLEASE
Bring your money and stubs to the March Meeting
With your help it can be a successful fundraiser*

Food Pantry

*In the month of February, the proceeds from our collection went to first Reform Church of Little Falls.
Pastor Emily was ever so grateful for the \$75 in Shop Rite Gift Cards and
for the 5 bags chock full of non-perishable foods.
The proceeds from the March collection will go to the Veterans Pantry of Passaic County.
Members may bring any non-perishable foods and/or money to the March meeting*

Our April 26th 50th Chapter Anniversary

*Please call Cav. Joe Agresti PNP for your tickets and/or to get your ticket money in
Let's make this a memorable and successful celebratory affair
Our flier is on the next page of this newsletter*

Overseas Soldier Program

*We are hearing from Evelyn Tosi that she may have 3 grandsons going overseas
At the present time, they are all preparing for their deployments
Evelyn will keep us apprised of their assignments*

Scholarship Program

*From the Scholarship Chair, Pat Ligouri: This year's Scholarship Dinner has been scheduled. It will be on
Wednesday June 15th at the Grand Room of the Barnyard and Carriage House in Totowa. Price has yet to be
determined. Please mark your calendars for that date. Details on the dinner along with information on “Memorial
Scholarships”, eligibility of children/grandchildren of members and of students from our 3 towns who do not
attend PVHS will be discussed at the March chapter meeting*

SAVE THE DATE !

The Passaic Valley Chapter's 50th Anniversary Dinner Celebration

HONORING OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS;

UNICO NATIONAL PRESIDENT STEVEN PELONERO and
UNICO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SALVATORE BENVENUTI

Tuesday, April 26. 2022

6:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Nanina's in the Park

540 Mill Street, Belleville, NJ

THE EVENING FEATURES:

Hospitality

White Gloved Homemade Passed Hors d'oeuvres

Full Premium Open Bar - All Night

Buffet Cocktail Hour & Cold Displays

Salumeria Station

Fresh Fruit Display – Italian Seafood Salad – Tuscan Salad

Stations and Enhancements

Homemade Mac & Cheese Bar – Carving Boards

Silver Chafing Stations – Seven Selections

Dessert – pastries & cake - Coffee Stations – coffee/tea/espresso/cappuccino

For Your Dancing & Entertainment Pleasure: Julian & Dominique

Donation: \$100.00 Per Person

For more information contact: Cav. Joseph Agresti at 201-874-0546 or Agresti1@Aol.com





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.

For those that would like to help us in the years 2021/2022

Please reach out to us at

PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

Or you can ask any chapter member for more information.

Just \$100 gets you in every issue of this newsletter and on our chapter website for our UNICO year of 2021-2022

You will also be shown at our annual golf outing.

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
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