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Our October 2019 Monthly Newsletter



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A Message from our Chapter President

Members,

As we enter the fall season, we will have our first event which will occur before our next meeting. We will be helping Steve raise money for the 2020 convention at an event on Friday, October 4th at 7 pm at the Russian Hall. Please try to support this event by coming and bringing friends. For more information call Steve or John Morano.

I will like to thank our dinner committee as they have come up with a restaurant which we will be using for the first time at our October meeting. Here is the information regarding the restaurant: ~~~ The Drink at the Passaic County Golf Course, 279 Totowa Road, Totowa Borough, (201) 400-1660, October 9th at 7 pm. The cost will be \$30

In the future the church hall will only be used for pizza meetings. To have a full catered dinner is too much work for us to do. I once again would like to thank the members that helped with this. Some members even showed up at 5:30 to get things set up.

At our October meeting we will have the second reading and the adoption of this year's budget. Please try to attend this meeting and if you want any changes please speak up. Remember that your officers and Board of Directors worked hard on this to try to reach all the financial demands of the upcoming year. As President, I do think the budget is sound and allows our chapter to reach the financial goals that have been set forth this year.

We also had our first district meeting. Although I was unable to attend this meeting, our first Vice-President, Eileen, was and she will give a report on it. Once again, thank you for all your help and support. It is greatly appreciated by your president.

*Ciao,
Carmen*

PS: From our chapter secretary: Almost every member has already paid their annual dues for the 2019-2020 UNICO year. Thank you. If you recently received a letter in the mail, we still show you as still not paid. More information is on Page 7 (Committee Comments). You can mail them to our PO Box 341 in Little Falls, or just come to our next meeting at the Passaic County Golf Course Bar and Grill (more information on the meeting is on our website) ~ Grazie



August Birthdays

10-01 Bob Appaluccio
 10-01 Frank Capalbo
 10-02 Christina Castillo
 10-09 Carmen Gaita
 10-18 Carmen Criscione
 10-20 Mark BiFalco
 10-27 Danielle Ragan

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.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com

Food Pantry

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

October 4 ... Friday ... Convention 2020 Fundraiser ... \$40.00 ... Russian Hall Appetizers and Hors d'oeuvre's ... The flier is in this newsletter

October 9 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Chapter Meeting ... 7:00 pm Dinner – 8:00 pm Meeting ... Passaic County Golf Course "In the Drink Bar & Grill" ... 7:00 pm dinner – 8:00 pm Meeting ... More detailed information is on our website in the "Important Dates Section"

October 13 ... Sunday ... Seaside Columbus Parade

October 14 ... Monday ... NYC Columbus Day Parade

November 8 & 9 ... Friday & Saturday ... ERDG Meeting in Hershey PA

November 12 ... Tuesday ... UNICO National Cigar Night Fundraiser at the Brickhouse in Wyckoff ... Flier is on our website and in this newsletter

December 1 ... Sunday ... Our NJ District IV Christmas Dinner for our Special Need Friends ... Save the Date ... More Information will follow

December 7 Saturday ... Bus ride fundraiser for the 2020 Convention ... Sponsored by Passaic-Clifton UNICO and our NJ District IV ... the flier is in this newsletter



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”



Did You Know:

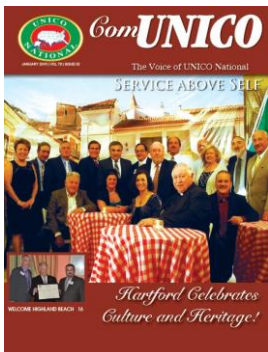
Christopher Columbus landed in Bahamas, part of the Americas, on October 12th, 1494. Columbus Day is meant to celebrate this arrival. Christopher Columbus was an Italian sailor, born in Genoa, Italy in 1451

He sailed with three ships and 90 crew members on the voyage that landed him in the Bahamas

For many the holiday is a way of both honoring Columbus' achievements and celebrating our Italian-American heritage

ComUNICO

You can now read the Com-UNICO magazine online, just by clicking on the cover below



Who's Who

Our 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 Chapter Delegates

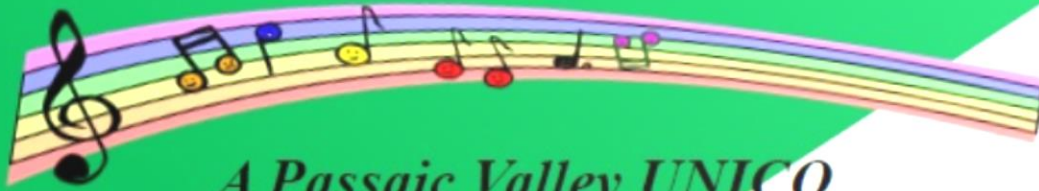
President Carmen Gaita Jr ... 52 Members (President +3)
 Delegate Dominick Bucci
 Delegate Jean Chomko
 Delegate Eileen Wood

Fundraising Committee Heads

Convention 2020 Fundraising John Morano
 Dine with UNICO Joe Benvenuti, Mark BiFalco, Jean Chomko
 Golf Outing Joe Barone
 Holiday Donations Robert Appaluccio
 Overseas Armed Service Care Packages Pat Corrado

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Christmas Tree Lighting w/ Candy Cane Giveaway Joe Agresti PNP
 Community Service Day (April) Chuck Russo
 Easter Egg Hunt w/Breakfast Joe Agresti PNP / Patrick Ligouri
 Food Pantry Roni Corrado
 Good and Welfare Sal Nocella
 Membership John Barbieri
 Newsletter Steve Pelonero
 Scholarship / Brian Piccolo Chuck Russo Study Abroad
 College Grants Joseph Agresti PNP
 Website Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri



A Passaic Valley UNICO

2020 Convention Fundraiser

Friday ~ October 4th ~ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Music & Dance all Night

With two live bands

Food: Antipasto platters & Hors d'oeuvre's ~ Dessert

Beverages: Wine and Beer on the table ~ & Coffee



\$40.00



Funds will support the

2020 UNICO National Convention

At the Russian Hall in Little Falls

4 Woodhull Avenue, Little Falls, NJ 07424

Checks made payable to Passaic Valley UNICO

Contact: John Morano Cell 973-432-5087



2020 UNICO CONVENTION KICKOFF FUNDRAISER

“Come celebrate for Executive Vice President Steve Pelonero“

CIGAR NIGHT

At The

BRICK HOUSE, 179 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ

Date – Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Time – 6-9 PM



**BUFFET DINNER
WINE, BEER, SODA, RAFFLES
TICKET PRICE - \$85.00 PER**



**Come join us and enjoy a night
of camaraderie with friends
and to help raise funds to make the
2020 UNICO CONVENTION a great success**

Make all checks payable to UNICO CONVENTION 2020

**Mail checks to: UNICO National, 271 Highway 46 west, suite F-103
Fairfield, New Jersey 07004**



UNICO District IV Christmas Bus Trip to NYC

Saturday December 7th, 2019
Benefitting the 2020 National Convention
For our Incoming National Executive VP, Steven Pelonero

Hop on board a charter bus and head to NYC with NJ District IV, Executive V.P. Steven Pelonero, and good friends, for our 1st Annual District Christmas Bus Ride. We will depart from The United Methodist Church, 139 Main Street, Little Falls (pull all the way into the back of the parking lot, behind the church) at 12pm on Saturday, December 7th. First Stop will be Puglia's in NYC's Little Italy. There you will enjoy a 4-course meal with 3 hours of unlimited house wines and beers along with live entertainment. Then, we will re-board the bus and head to Rockefeller Center to see the world's most famous Christmas Tree. At 7:15pm, we will once again re-board the bus for the trek home.

Price is \$100 per person ... and includes the bus, dinner and gratuity. Adults Only.

Seats will be saved only with payment. For tickets, call or text David D'Arco @ (973) 417-0731
Or email Dave at Chapterpres@optonline.net. Checks will be made out to "Passaic-Clifton UNICO". Also, cash and VENMO will be accepted.



Committee Comments

Would you like to be on a committee?
 Would you like to be a chapter officer?
 Do you have a Fundraising idea?

Please step up and
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 and UNICO National

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 it gets them in this newsletter and
 on our chapter website
 for our entire UNICO year.

Please contact us via our chapter email:
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 Or use our website to fill out the online form
www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

Our chapter dues are now due

\$80.00 a year for a regular member

\$15.00 a year for a lifetime exempt member

\$12.00 a year for a youth member (25 or under)

(Please stay a member of the largest Italian-American Service Organization in the USA)

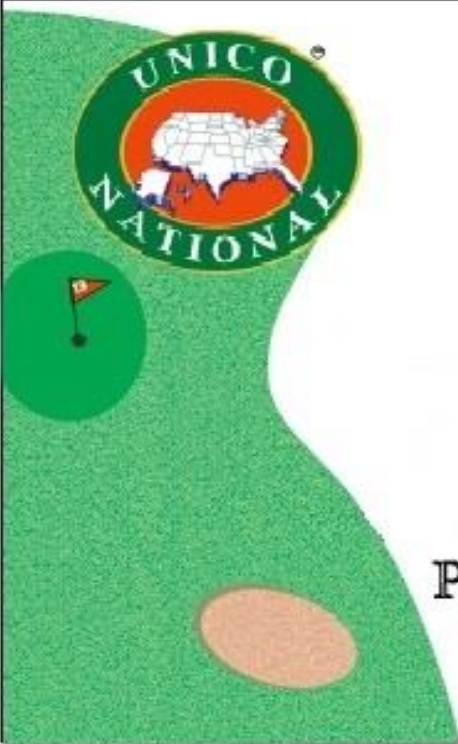


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*We will advertise your name for an entire UNICO year
(See pages 10,11,12,13)*



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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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It's a new UNICO Year For Us

A thanks to our 2019-2020 Sponsors and Supporters

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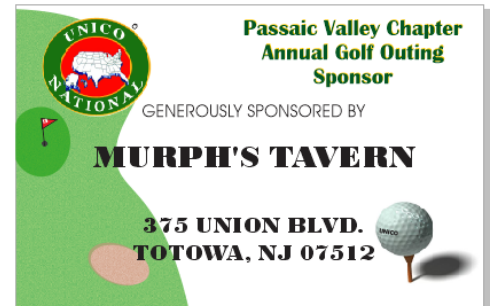
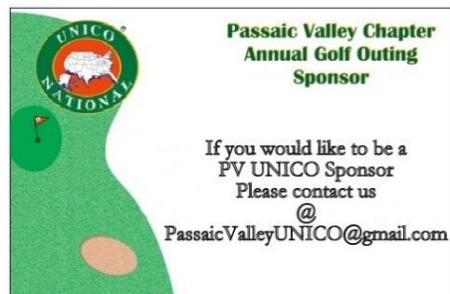


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