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# Passaic Valley UNICO

## Our January 2022 Monthly Newsletter



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## A Message from our Chapter President

Ciao PASSAIC VALLEY UNICO CHAPTER MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY

*FELICE ANNO NUOVO 2022!*

*Welcome 2022! I sincerely hope you all are well and are looking forward to a year where we can accomplish what we like to do!*

*Although the pandemic is still with us, we will try to keep everyone informed with our meetings either as zoom or in person.*

*The 2021 Convention honoring Steve Pelonero as our National President was a great event in 2021 for our chapter. We are going into this year with plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which is planned for April 26<sup>th</sup> at Nanina's In The Park. Mark this date in your calendars! Details to follow.*

*Be Proactive, Stay Safe and Healthy!*

Again, ***FELICE ANNO NUOVO!***

*REGARDS,*

*Eileen Wood, Chapter President*

*Passaic Valley UNICO*



## January Birthdays

01-22 Dominick Giuliano

## 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](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)

[www.UNICO.org](http://www.UNICO.org)

[www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com](http://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

January 12, 2022 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ~ Our monthly meeting ~ More information if it will be a zoom or in person or possibly both

January 25, 2022 ~ Tuesday evening @ 7 pm ~ UNICO Hockey Night ~ The Devils vs the Dallas Stars

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](http://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”**



## Seven New Year Traditions in Italy

*A large dinner on New Years Day*

*Have Lentils on New Year's Day*

*Throw out old items. Start the new year with new items*

*Wear red underwear leading up to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Tradition has it that you throw it out on New Year's Day*

*Italy is noted for New Year's Eve fireworks*

*Tradition has it that if you leave the house on January 1<sup>st</sup> with money in your pocket that you will never run out during the year*

*Italians celebrate New Year's Eve with Prosecco instead of champagne. A kiss on the cheek of a double kiss (one on each cheek) for friends*

## 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 Buccì
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 Buccì

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 <sup>th</sup> 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

### *Chapter Dues*

*Our chapter thanks everyone for staying on.*

*Our final payment was made to UNICO National and we currently are at 60 chapter members  
All of our chapter members information is accessible if you log in to the member section of our website  
Thank you again for celebrating our heritage and for your Service Above Self*

### *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”*

### *From our Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> VP ~ Dominick Bucci*

*Wishing everyone and all of our families and friends a Happy and Healthy 2022*





# NIGHT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEVILS



UNICO



VS



TUE | JAN 25 | 7:00 PM

### GROUP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Discounted group ticket
- Group seating at the game!
- Group Welcome on scoreboard
- Group Gift for everyone in attendance
- Photo on the logo post-game
- \$20 food and beverage voucher
- \$62 - All inclusive pricing!

### ORDER FORM

GAME DATE	# TICKETS	TICKET INFO	PRICE	TOTAL
01/25/21			\$62	\$
				\$
				\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED				\$

ORDER DEADLINE: 12/20/2021

### PAYMENT METHOD

To Purchase Tickets, Please Visit:

<https://fevo.me/2Y5yWHj>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to TOM VAUGHAN at UNICOTOMV@GMAIL.COM & 860-462-0160

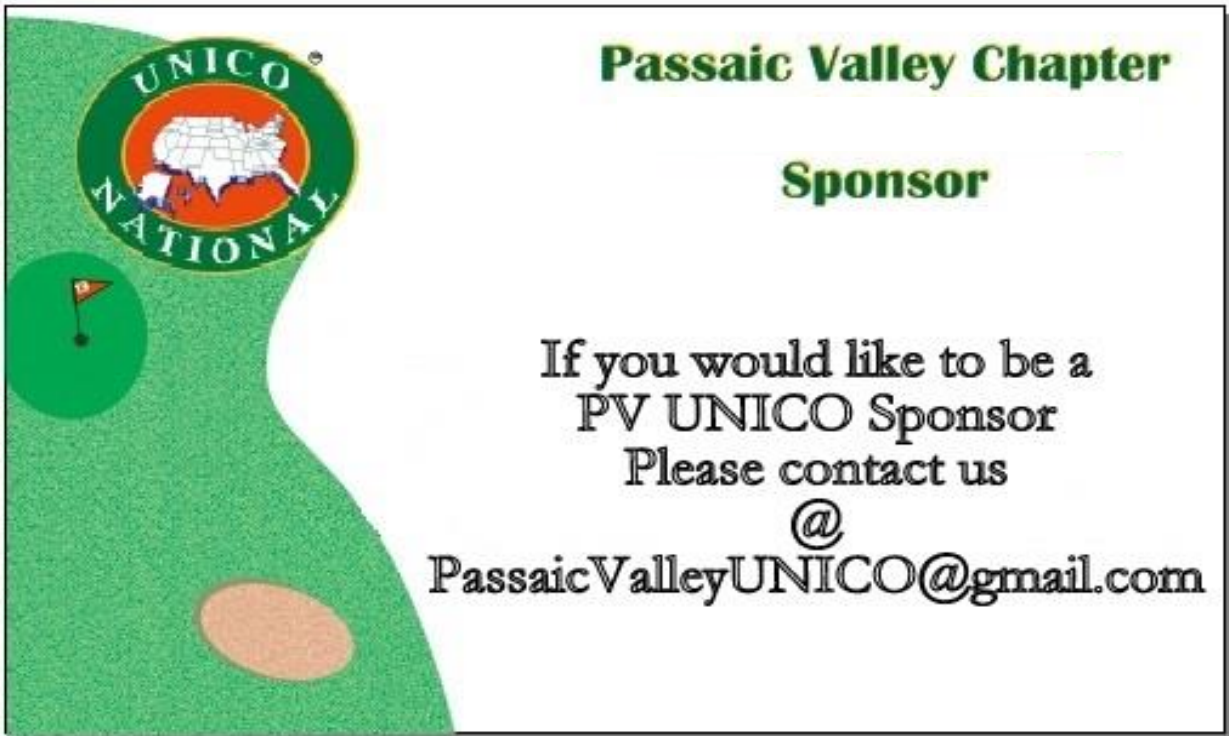




## *It is “Never Too Late”*

*We will advertise your business, or your personal ad ~ Only \$100.00 See page 9.*





### **Our UNICO Charities**

#### **UNICO National**

*Armed Services ~ Columbus Day ~ Heritage & Photo Calendar*

#### **UNICO Foundation**

*21<sup>st</sup> century ~ Anti-Bias ~ Cancer Research & Prevention*

*Cooley's Anemia ~ Italian Studies ~ Mental Health*

*Scholarships ~ Torracco 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](mailto: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.*

*[www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org](http://www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org)*





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
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