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## **Passaic Valley UNICO** Our June 2022 Monthly Newsletter



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## A Message from our Chapter President

#### Ciao Everyone

Well, this will be my last newsletter for the season as your President!

Our final 2022 meeting for our chapter will be June 8. Please try to attend.

Our final fund raiser of the year is our upcoming Golf Outing at the Meadows in Lincoln Park on June 6.

Our Scholarship dinner has been moved to June 21 and will be held at The Barnyard in Totowa. I know we will have a great attendance.

Enjoy the summer wherever your plans are taking you! See you in September!

Happy Father's Day to our Men members !

Respectfully

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Eileen Wood Passaic Valley Chapter President

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#### June Birthdays

06-06 Rick Lijoi 06-09 Angelo Verrone 06-10 Michael DeMusso 06-28 Patrick Liguori 06-30 Henry Yongster

#### **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

www.UNICO.org

www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com

#### Food Pantry

Please do not forget about our UNICO Phil Arena and our many other Food Pantries ... Your nonperishable donation will help restock them.

Please contact our Food Pantry Chair, Roni Corrado, on how you can help.

#### Upcoming Events – Local and National

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

<u>June 8. 2022</u> ~  $2^{nd}$  Wednesday ~ <u>Monthly Chapter Meeting</u> ~ Place and time to be announced

June 21, 2022 ~ Thursday ~ Our Annual Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner ~ At The Barnyard in Totowa

<u>July 27, 28, 29, 30</u> ~ Wednesday through Saturday ~ <u>UNICO National 99<sup>th</sup> Annual</u> <u>Convention</u> ~ In New Orleans ~ Pre-registration required

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: Our annual chapter dues notices will be going out in July. As always, your membership keeps you involved with your service and your Italian Heritage. Please stay as a member and send in your due's payment as soon as possible. Grazie



Also ~ You can always visit the UNICO National Website Calendar for even more dates of something that may be of interest to you ~ <u>www.UNICO.org</u> ~ 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

#### "<u>Service Above Self</u>"

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Games that Italians Play

How many of these sports/games did you know of

[] Morra

[] Foosball

[] Bocce

[ ] Calcio Storico Fiorentino

[] Ruzzolo

<u>Click here for a link to see</u> and read about all of them

And here are some Italian Card Games <u>Click here for that link</u>

#### **ComUNICO**

You can now read the <u>Com-</u> <u>UNICO</u> magazine online, just click on the photo below



### Who's Who

#### Our 2021-2022 Executive Board

| President               | Eileen Wood   |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Ist Vice President      | Pat Ligouri   |
| 2nd Vice President      | -             |
| Treasurer               | Bruce Ponchak |
| Secretary               |               |
| Sgt. At-Årms            |               |
| Corresponding Secretary |               |

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

### **Committee & Comments**

#### Food Pantry

We will collect for the last of our food pantries at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The recipient will be St. James Church in Totowa. In talking with the pantries managers, they would appreciate Shop Rite gift cards to purchase items that will be needed through the summer. They were extremely grateful for the Community Day distribution and offered their thanks to Chuck and company. Should any member want to donate we will "pass the envelope" at the meeting once

again. On a personal note, I would like to thank all for donating each month. It is your contributions that make our support of pantries so successful! A heartfelt thanks! ~ Best, Roni

#### **Golf Outing**

Our Annual Golf Outing is booked Please see the flier on Page 6 of this newsletter

#### Scholarship Program

The Scholarship/Awards Dinner will be on Thursday, June 21st, at the Barnyard (Grand Room) in Totowa. Ticket price is \$4. ~ Please bring ticket money to the May chapter meeting. Also, at that time, you can advise the committee of any seating preferences. We will make every attempt to honor those requests. Tables will be set for 8 to 10 people. This is the culminating event of the chapter's year. Please make an effort to attend and honor our recipients and to celebrate ourselves and all the great things we do. Thank you ~~ The Scholarship Committee

#### A Memorial Day UNICO Booth in Little Falls

Thank you Dominick Bucci for the photo and for your time



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Our Italian Heritage for June

This photo appears in the 2022 UNICO National Heritage & Photo Calendar in the month of June

It was taken in in Florence, Italy by a UNICO National member ~~~ Sharon Kessinger, Midlothian, VA

It is the Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge), which extends over the Arno River.

It is noted for the many shops that were built along it originally for butchers, farmers, and tanners. Now it is mainly occupied for jewelers, dealers, and souvenir sellers.

The bridge over time has played a central role in the city road system.

It was originally commissioned by the emperor Hadrian in 123 AD.

During World War II, the Ponte Vecchio was not destroyed by the German army during their retreat at the advance of the British 8<sup>th</sup> Army on 4 August 1944, unlike all the other bridges in Florence. This was, according to many locals and tour guides, because of an express order by Hitler. Access to the Ponte Vecchio was, however, obstructed by the destruction of the buildings at both ends of the bridge, which have since been rebuilt using a combination of original and modern designs.

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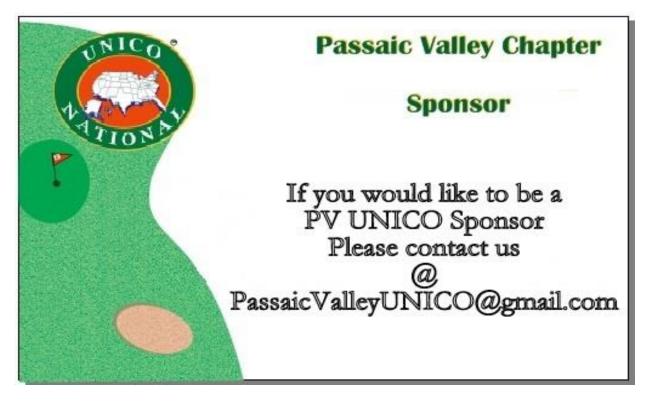


All proceeds will go to our local scholarship and charitable endeavors

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#### **Our UNICO Charities**

<u>UNICO National</u> 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 ~ 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.

We have officially started our campaign for our 2022-2023 Sponsors

Please ask any chapter member for more information.

Just \$100 gets you in every issue of this newsletter and on our chapter website

You will also be shown at our annual golf outing. <u>www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org</u>



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- **Barnyard & Carriage House**
- **SKM Petroleum**
- Mario R. Rossellini
- **In Memory of Anthony Sisti**

**Ralph Contini, UNICO National 1st Vice President**