



Food Pantry

Please don't forget about our UNICO - Phil Arena Food Pantry

Your non-perishable food donation can help restock it

You can bring it directly to the pantry
In the Holy Angels Church Basement Hall

April Birthdays



- 04-01 **Derek LoRe**
- 04-02 **Rick Post**
- 04-03 **Steve Pelonero**
- 04-07 **Laura Lima**
- 04-09 **Tom Triolo**
- 04-16 **Mike D'Antuono**
- 04-18 **Eric Carbone**
- 04-27 **Bruce Ponchak**
- 04-29 **Leonard Andriuzzi**

Important Dates

April 9, 2011 ... Saturday
Community Service Day
More information is on our website in the "Events for 2010-2011 Section"
At the North Jersey Development Center

April 10, 2011 ... Sunday
"Lombardi" Broadway Play Tickets
Order your reduced rate tickets through UNICO National
Call 973-808-0035 for more information

April 13, 2011 ... Tuesday
Monthly Dinner & Meeting - "Pizza & Salad"
7:00 pm Holy Cross Church, Woodland Park
8:00 Meeting

May 1, 2011 ... Sunday
2nd Annual Bocce Tournament
See the flier on our website
Let your friends know about it
We are also looking for volunteers

May 5, 2011 ... Thursday
Cedar Grove Chapter 25th Anniversary
At the Brownstone ... an RSVP to your chapter president (Please)

May 23, 2011 ... Monday
Our 27th Annual Golf Outing
The Meadows Golf Course in Lincoln Park
See the flier on our website
Start getting your foursome together now

June, 2011
Scholarship Awards Dinner
More Information to follow

August 3, 4, 5, 6, 2011
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
UNICO National Convention - Arlington, VA
For more information, please visit www.2011UNICOconvention.org

The Passaic Valley Chapter Of UNICO National

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Chapter President's Message



Hello everyone

April: It's a time to start getting busy.

As you can see in our "Important Dates Section" on the left of this newsletter, April has 2 days that are offered to all members to be a part of. Feel free to contact me at any time if you want or need more information.

The Community Service Day on April 9th is just one of the 2 events. It's done nationwide and UNICO National asks that all chapters and members perform some type of community service in their local area. It truly exemplifies our UNICO motto: "Service Above Self". This years Service Day for our chapter will be on Saturday, April 9th at the North Jersey Development Center in Totowa. With landscaping detail, turning of the garden soil for the clients, and also preparing the 5 court Bocce facility, there is definitely a need to have as many members there as possible. The NJDC is also planning a 3:00 pm BBQ for all those that participate. We hope to see you there at 9:00 am in the parking lot for coffee and donuts that will be brought by the committee chairwoman Kathy Masone (Boston Cream Donuts , please).

May: As all fundraisers are a "VERY" important part of UNICO chapters, two of our big ones are coming up in May. Our 2nd Annual Bocce Tournament and also our 27th Annual Golf Outing. All members are urged to help and participate if at all possible.

Also in May is another "very" important date ... an Anniversary for our neighbors, the Cedar Grove Chapter of UNICO. Our chapter sponsored them 25 years ago, which makes this day an important one for us as well. Please contact me ASAP if you can attend and help celebrate their happy day. This is the 2nd chapter we have now sponsored along with the recent Chartering of the Wayne Chapter in February of this year.

Not to go forward to much, I think that 2 months worth of information is more than enough for awhile. All of our "Important Dates" are listed on this newsletter and also on our website.

Our April meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 12th, at the Holy Cross Church in Woodland Park.

As always, hoping to see you soon

CIAO

Steve Pelonero



Traveling Abroad

Some of our chapter members have recently returned from traveling with UNICO ... to Kansas City, Missouri.

They went to a combination of the Midwest, the West, and also the March Board Meeting. All of the pictures of their travels are now on the internet. See who attended the meetings, where they dined, enjoy a picture tour of the WWI Memorial Museum, some local scenery and more ... Just visit the Picture Gallery Section in the UNICO National website at www.UNICO.org

The next trip that UNICO hopes everyone would attend is the UNICO National Convention in Arlington, VA. The first week of August.

Please ask for more information .

Our Heritage

Harris Connect

I think we all want to keep our Italian Heritage alive and remembered, and now there is a way to also keep "your" heritage alive along with other UNICO members.

There is a company working in conjunction with UNICO National call Harris Connect. You may or may not have been contacted by them already.

Their job is to contact all UNICO members, past and present ... and compile information from as many of us as possible. It is at no cost to tell your story and to have your family and/or UNICO history submitted (unless of course you want more than the allotted free space allowed per person).

There is a cost however. The cost is if you want to purchase this UNICO book of all the members and chapters that do submit their life stories, including family pictures if you choose to do so.

More information is available just by asking them when they contact you. And if you don't want to wait ... you can always contact them or see if someone in your chapter has an answer for you. It's a great way to have your story told, and especially of your service with UNICO. The information you can submit is endless.

Membership Roster

If any member would like a membership roster Complete with addresses phone #'s and e-mail addresses Just e-mail our membership committee at

PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

www.PVUNICO.com
Also on Facebook as
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Our Passaic Valley Chapter Executive Board (2010-2011)

President	Steven Pelonero
1st Vice President	Robert Appaluccio
2nd Vice President	Richard Raad
Treasurer	Bruce Ponchak
Secretary	Paul DeAppolonio
Sgt. At Arms	Dominick Buccì

Fundraising Committee Heads (2010-2011)

Beefsteak Dinner	Joseph Benvenuti
Bocce Tournament	Joe Agresti
Bus Rides	Tom Triolo, Tony Orlando
Dinner For A Year Raffle	Carmen Criscione / Gerry Gaeta
Golf Outing	John Morano
Holiday Boutique Shop Day	Kathy Masone /Joyce O'Hara
Holiday Cheer Baskets	Robert Appaluccio
Overseas Soldier Program	Roni Corrado

If you are interested in being on a committees or even serve a year or two as a committee head
"Please let us know"

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads (2010-2011)

Christmas Dinner	Steven Pelonero
Columbus Day Essay for the Youth	Joseph Agresti
Community Service Day (April)	Kathy Masone
Food Pantry	Angelo Verrone
Good and Welfare	Carmen Gaita
Italian Heritage and Culture	Angelo Verrone
Membership	Angela Jones
Newsletter	Steven Pelonero
Scholarship	Joe Agresti
Website	Steven Pelonero

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Our Photo Album ~ Pictures from the Past



Two pictures from our past: The left picture was taken on 11-27-2002. It is the Gazebo at the North Jersey Development Center, which was built and donated by our UNICO NJ District IV (our District). Pictured on the right are the 2010 members who took place in last years Community Service Day at the North Jersey Development Center "Will you be in the next picture taken there on April 9th?"

Coming Up Soon - Important Reminders

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Passaic Valley Chapter of UNICO National is to help support local and National charities and programs by our fundraising efforts. Our Chapter has donated tens of thousands of dollars to areas such as Cancer research, Mental Health, The National Organization of Rare Diseases, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Cooley's Anemia to name a few. We donate to the National Scholarship program as well as helping fund five Italian Studies Professorships in Universities across the Country. Sent funds to aid in disaster relief for Katrina, several Italian earthquakes and many other natural disasters here and abroad. This is just a sampling of some of our National projects. Locally we award scholarships to local high school and college students, donate to local police and fire departments, Special Olympics and much more. We support needy families through local churches as well as local food pantries. We support Italian Culture and Heritage programs at local schools and contribute to anti-bias and anti-discrimination programs. This is just a small sample of what we've been able to do with your financial help. Please allow us to continue this important work we do with your donations. Thank You!

"Service Above Self"

The Passaic Valley Chapter of UNICO National has served the Little Falls, Totowa and Woodland Park communities since the Chapter was chartered in April of 1972. UNICO National was founded in 1922 in Waterbury, CT and now has over one hundred and thirty Chapters in seventeen States across the USA

The Passaic Valley Chapter

2nd annual Charity Bocce Tournament

SUNDAY MAY 1, 2011

For membership or for further information regarding our Chapter please write to us at:
PASSAIC VALLEY UNICO
 P.O. BOX 341
 LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424-0341
 Attn: CHAPTER PRESIDENT STEVEN PELONERO

ATTENTION ALL CHAPTERS!

UNICO National would like your chapter to participate in the **Sixth Annual UNICO National "Community Service Day" Saturday, April 9, 2011**

****START PLANNING TODAY****

Our goal is to have thousands of UNICO members throughout the country mobilized to provide countless hours of community service within each chapter's community.

This goal can be reached if every chapter nationwide hosts or sponsors a "Community Service Day" in their community on April 9, 2011.

Project suggestions:
 Sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive
 Clean up a local park or roadway
 Organize a fun day for handicapped children
 Visit an area Nursing Home to play games with residents
 Read a book to children in your library or hospital
 Deliver a meal to area shut-ins
 Collect items for our service people or those in need
 Organize a food drive & collection for your local food pantry
 Sponsor a walk or bike-a-thon

Let's continue to show the entire country how UNICO is committed to the communities we live in and to our motto

"Service Above Self"

If you have any questions or comments or already have your project planned, please let us know by contacting Robert Progrowski, 3112 Woodland Ave., Ste. Philadelphia, NJ 07030, 908-733-6247

Sign Up Now!

Perforated Form is on the other side

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Come Celebrate And Play With Us

At the Meadows Golf Course
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Our 27th Annual Golf Classic

To be held at the Meadows Golf Course
Lincoln Park NJ

Monday
May 23rd, 2011