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September Birthdays



09-08 Frank Margherita
09-10 Richard Lynch
09-15 Dennis Marra
09-26 Roni Corrado

Food Pantry

Please

Don't forget about the food pantry
It's been a long summer and it
would be nice if we could
restock the shelves



Please try to bring any type of
non-perishable item directly to the
Food Pantry or to our next meeting

Just mark your bag
From "Passaic Valley UNICO"

Bring a Friend

Bring a friend or family member
as a guest to our next meeting.

Have them see and experience
what UNICO is all about

Do you want more UNICO daily
updates besides what you see in
this newsletter? ... If you have an
email address please send it to us
... You can easily get added to our
daily UNICO email list.

President's Message

Hello Everyone

Wow - I don't know where to start - It's finally getting hot with the temperatures rising, and the summer is almost over. Our first meeting will be upon us shortly, and we as a board have met a few times throughout the past few months to put together next years agenda — Hopefully we WILL have another successful year. Why shouldn't we: we have a GREAT group of individuals within our chapter that enjoy life and helping others - God Bless.

This year's convention was my first and it was GREAT. I can truly see how our chapter and other chapters as well, have a major impact at the National level. Our delegates should give an overview at our first meeting which will be held at Francesco's Restaurant in Woodland Park. Please make every effort to attend and help kick off our years activities. Additionally, we will also have a guest speaker.

On labor day, myself and a few chapter members will attend and have a **Passaic Valley Chapter Booth** to help raise some funds at the Scranton "La Festa Italiana", a three day festival. We

will be selling water, soda, and Italian ices. Hopefully we will make a few dollars for our chapter.

This year's agenda will focus on membership and our Italian Heritage & Culture. We will also look once again at what we can do for our surrounding towns. And as always, your help and efforts will keep us positive.

I wish to thank and congratulate our own Steve Pelonero for his diligence in providing documentation on what our chapter did throughout the past year. Steve's efforts gave our chapter an award for his electronic scrapbook which is on our website in the "Photos & Movies Section". Thank you Steven. He was also in my opinion the **number one** photographer at the convention.

I hope everyone had a great summer and I look forward to breaking bread with all of you at our first meeting.

CIAO ~ *Carmen Criscione*

Please - Don't Forget Your Yearly Dues

Don't forget ... The final payment of our chapter dues are due in to UNICO National by November. If you received a dues notice along with this newsletter our records show that you still have not paid your yearly dues to us. Please stay a member of UNICO by getting in your yearly dues of \$75.00 before November ... You can easily mail them to our PO Box 341 ... or enjoy a night out at our September 9th meeting at Francesco's in Woodland Park. "Hoping to see you soon"

New for 2009-2010

In the planning stages for this coming year are some great and exciting events ... Our first ever Bocce Tournament, an Open House / Heritage Day, and also a possible Wine Tasting Bus Ride ... That's in addition to our Christmas Basket, Dinner for a Year, and our annual Beefsteak and Golf Outing.



Our chapter at the 2009 Lake Las Vegas 87th Annual Convention - Ritz Carlton

Our Passaic Valley Chapter Executive Board (2009-2010)

President	Carmen Criscione
1st Vice President	Kathy Masone
2nd Vice President	Richard Raad
Sgt. At Arms	Carmen Gaita
Treasurer	Bruce Ponchak
Secretary	Steven Pelonero

Committee Heads (2009-2010)

Beefsteak Dinner	Joseph Benvenuti
Columbus Day for the Youth	Joseph Agresti
Community Service Day (April 12)	Kathy Masone
Dinner For A Year Raffle	Frank Margherita
Food Pantry	Angelo Verrone
Golf Outing	Robert Appaluccio
Good and Welfare	Carmen Gaita
Holiday Donations	Robert Appaluccio
Italian Heritage and Culture	Angelo Verrone
Membership	Angela Jones
Newsletter	Steven Pelonero
Overseas Care Packages	Roni Corrado
Scholarship	Joseph McGill
Website	Steven Pelonero

If you are interested in being on any of the committees (or even as a new committee head) please let us know

From Lake Las Vegas

The site of the 2009 UNICO National Convention

Over 400 people attended from across the country ... We had 11 people there representing our chapter
Many pictures were taken ... and they can all be seen on our website at www.PVUNICO.com

There were many awards given ... and we received 2 of them

And many guests were present ... With special appearances by Vince Ferragamo and Deana Martin

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Next years 2010 National Convention is just a short drive away ... at Hershey Park, PA

Plan your next years vacation with UNICO ... a great time with great people



Special guest and UNICO National Professional Athletic Award winner, Vince Ferragamo, a past LA Rams quarterback. Vince took a time out for this picture and is shown here towering over our chapter president Carmen Criscione. Also pictured is Mike Pisano, our UNICO National Secretary.



Special guest Deana Martin (Dina). Pictured with Deana is a Dean Martin impersonator. We had the pleasure of her presence all week and is shown here performing with Andre' DiMino, who is now our 2009-2010 UNICO National President. Andre' resides in NJ and also plans to attend some of our chapters affairs.

## Important Dates

- September 9** ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** ... Francesco's, West Paterson
- October 4** ... Sunday ... **Our 1st Annual Bocce Ball Tournament** ... More information to follow
- October 11** ... Sunday ... **Rain date for our Bocce Ball Tournament**
- October 12** ... Monday ... **NYC Columbus Day Parade** ... Be a part of it ... Contact Joe Agresti for more information  
You can march and/or attend the mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral ... Respond through our email for contact info
- October 18** ... Sunday ... **Heritage - Culture - Membership Drive** ... Little Falls Civic Center ... More info to follow
- November 11** ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** ... more information will follow
- December 9** ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting / Christmas Dinner Get-Together** ... More info will follow

## 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](mailto:PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com)  
But remember ... current, up-to-date copies should be available at every meeting