

Our Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello Fellow UNICANS

The start of the holiday season is just around the corner with one of the most beloved family holidays - Thanksgiving. Every year I look back and seem how fortunate many of us are with the love and kindness of friends and family. Please, this years as in others ,remember in your prayers the less fortunate and always how we as a chapter have been positive in many ways helping those individuals who have needed our support. I thank you all for what you have always done in the past and what you will do in the future.

Just last week our Chapter had a tremendous showing of members at the "Meet Your President " night that was held for Andre' DiMino. It was a nice affair and surely we all had a good time. As always Steve Pelonero ran around taking some nice photos that are already on the website. Please check them out.

The board has been making last minute calls to those members who maybe have forgotten about the yearly dues payment. Please support your Italian Heritage and continue to participate as a member.

In our website we have listed many of the upcoming events that our chapter and



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other chapters are having. November seems to be a very busy month. A few items listed are the Passaic Valley H.S. Italian Heritage night scheduled for November 10th. Additionally the Atlantic City trip scheduled by Tom and Tony on November 22nd. Also we do not want to leave out the District meeting on November 2nd. If any member is interested in any event , please contact the

appropriate individuals running the programs, or just send us an email.

We are going to try something a little different for our November Chapter Meeting. Because of the economic situation inherent to today's economy, and the holidays coming on as fast as they are, we will be cutting back on a full blown dinner and make the meal and meeting more affordable for people to attend. The November meeting will be held at Castalia's with the following items on the menu: Salad, Pasta, Desert, Coffee for a price of \$17.00 which includes tax and gratuity. Don't fret, the wine will be brought in by us.

As a board and with suggestions from many members we are also looking to have meetings in some of the local halls within the 3 towns and have food brought

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Monthly Updates

Passaic Valley H.S. Heritage Celebration

The Italian Studies class at Passaic Valley High School has again invited our chapter this year to be a part of their Heritage Celebration. It will be held on Tuesday, November 10th, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the school cafeteria. It will be a no charge night with food and refreshments, but you do need to RSVP to our chapter at PassaicValleyUNICO@gmail.com

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in for certain meetings. If any member has any idea, please let us know. We wish the membership's support to have our meetings successful and well attended.

I wish to shout out a warm welcome to all of our new members and thank them for their participation at our meetings.

On behalf of our entire board, have a great Thanksgiving and God Bless

CIAO, Carmen Criscione

November Birthdays

11-01 Gerardo Gaeta
11-07 Joseph Giresi
11-11 Anthony Nappi
11-15 John Barbieri
11-19 Robert Martorano
11-22 Salvatore Benvenuti



Food Pantry

Please don't forget about the food pantry. Your non-perishable food donation can help restock our UNICO - Phil Arena Food Pantry.

You can bring it directly to the pantry at Holy Angels or to our next meeting

Just mark your bag from "Passaic Valley UNICO"



At the UNICO National's First Annual Art Show were past and present UNICO National Presidents. Pictured above are: Renato Birbin, Frank Cannata, Sal Mangano, Kathy Strozza, Andre DiMino, Joe Agresti, and John Alati

In November

In addition to the UNICO National Convention, which is in July of every year, there are also the quarterly regional meetings. This years November Eastern Regional will be in Princeton, NJ, at the Westin Princeton. More information is on our website and also on the www.UNICO.org website. Come and see how UNICO National works for us.

Important Dates

November 5,6,7,8 ... Thursday through Sunday ... **Eastern Regional Meeting**
Princeton, NJ (visit our website)

November 9 ... Monday ... **NJ - District IV Meeting** ... Bloomfield Chapter is the host
Bella Napoli, Broad Street, Bloomfield ... 7:00 Dinner, 8:00 Meeting

November 10 ... Tuesday ... **Passaic Valley H.S. Italian Heritage Celebration**
Cafeteria ... 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

November 11 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting**
Castalia's, Woodland Park ... Only \$17.00 ... Salad, Pasta, Desert, Coffee

November 22 ... Sunday ... **Atlantic City Bus Ride**
Contact Tom Triolo or Tony Orlando

December ... Tuesday ... **A Christmas for the NJDC** ... Sponsored by UNICO District IV
For the North Jersey Development Center, Totowa ... \$40.00 at the Brownstone

December 9 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting / Christmas Dinner Get-Together**
The Bethwood ... \$40.00 ... See our flier which is on our website

January 30 ... Saturday ... **Annual Beefsteak**
\$45.00 ... St. George's Church, Little Falls ... Our Beefsteak Flier is also online



*One of the many pictures that were on display at the First Showing of UNICO National's L'Art D'UNICO
Which was held on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ... The show featured only UNICO members artwork
On display were oil paintings, water colors, charcoal sketches, sculpture and photography.
The above picture was taken by Steve Pelonero.*

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
Bus Rides	Tom Triolo, Tony Orlando
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

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
But remember ... current, up-to-date copies should be available at every meeting