

Our Passaic Valley Chapter Executive Board (2009-2010)

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| 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)

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| Beefsteak Dinner | Joseph Benvenuti |
| Bus Rides | Tom Triolo, Tony Orlando |
| Christmas Dinner | Steven Pelonero |
| Columbus Day for the Youth | Joseph Agresti |
| Community Service Day (April) | Kathy Masone |
| Dinner For A Year Raffle | Gerry Gaeta |
| 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 | Joe Agresti |
| Website | Steven Pelonero |

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

Member 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

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

Our Monthly Newsletter

The Passaic Valley Chapter Of UNICO National

President's Message

Hello Fellow UNICANS

Hope every one is doing well. We had another great meeting last month and I wish to thank everyone for their participation. April will be another busy month. Our April meeting on the 14th of the month will be held at The Bethwood in Totowa. Dinner will be starting around 6:45pm and the official meeting starts at 8:00pm. Hope to see you all there.



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Our 1st Bocce tournament is scheduled for Sunday April 25th at the North Jersey Development Center in Totowa. See if you can put together a team or help out in any way possible. We would loved to have this event kick off in a positive manner. \$200.00 puts together a (4) person team with chances and opportunities to win cash prizes as well as supporting cancer research.

The day before, Sat April 24th, is our scheduled community service day. We will be taking care of the grounds at the North Jersey Development Center. Two days in a row there should make it look good.

I have just gotten word that there is another Atlantic City bus trip scheduled for May 2nd. Last trip was a complete success and there is no reason to believe this would not be the same. Please contact Tony Orlando or Tom Triolo if

you are interested in going.

Please do not forget the Presidential Ball in Mountain Lakes, N.J - Scheduled for April 30th. More info at the April meeting.

As you all know we have a fundraiser going on Friday May 7th. Monies raised will be used to help pay for medical expenses for a child whom underwent recent abdominal surgery and is also faced with more procedures and many

medical bills and at home care. Please make an extreme effort to attend this event at the Bethwood in May.

The executive board and the nominating committee met recently to submit a slate of officers for the upcoming year. Nominations will continue in April with the vote in May. If you have any interest in serving please contact one of the nominating committee members at the April meeting. Next years budget will be submitted for vote at the April meeting.

Many individuals within the past few weeks are all drying out from some heavy rains. Hopefully the worst is behind us and we can look forward to a great spring. See you at the meeting.

Thank You and God Bless

CIAO

Carmen Criscione

Monthly Update

April, May and June These are some Very Busy Months That are Ahead of Us

With the upcoming UNICO National Community Service Day, our 1st Annual April 25th Bocce Tournament (see the opposite page), the May 7th Botti Benefit Dinner, the May 16th District IV Jimmy V Foundation Bowl-a-Thon Fundraiser, our 26th Annual Golf Outing, and not to mention our monthly meeting back on Wednesday, April 14th ... what a handful.

And then there is also the presidential Ball on Friday, April 30th, and another Atlantic City Bus Ride on Sunday, May 2nd.

There is literally something for everyone. We are hoping that at least one of the above events are interesting enough that you may attend one or more, and be a part of the fun and excitement that is in store for us all. And please don't forget why we do all of this, there is our year end Scholarship Dinner, along with all of the donations that we make throughout the year to some very needy causes and people. The Scholarship committee meets in April and will start looking at all of the applications submitted by both high school and college students. A tough job in itself, trying to narrow down to only a few. The more money we can raise, the more we can give.

So please be a part of it by attending our April meeting on Wednesday, April 14, and hear the committee reports.

On Our April Meeting Agenda

Please try to attend our April meeting. Not only to keep our over 50% attendance record intact, but there are some "very" important items on the agenda that involve all of our members.

One of them is our chapter budget which was recently drawn up by our Board of Directors and Executive Board. It will also be announce who our chapter candidates are for the 2010-2011 Executive Board year. Both items require a vote which will be made at our May meeting.

Also, there may be a possible guest appearance from someone from UNICO National. So on that note, as always, we are looking forward to seeing you soon.



Enjoying some Ribs In Memphis

Enjoying a nice dinner before going to the Mid West Regional Meetings in Nashville, TN

On the left: Sal and Debbie Benvenuti, and Pat Pelonero ... Pictured on the right are Steve Pelonero, and Joe and Arlene Agresti

Important Dates

April 14 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** ... At the Bethwood, Totowa
7:00 pm Dinner ... 8:00 pm Meeting

April 24 ... Saturday ... **Community Service Day / Please help** ... More information to follow

April 30 ... Friday ... **President Ball for Andre' DiMino** ... At the Villa in Mountain Lakes

April 25 ... Sunday ... Our **1st Annual Bocce Tournament Fundraiser** ... Sign up "now"

May 10 ... Monday ... Our **26th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser** ... Picatinny Arsenal

May 16 ... Sunday ... **District IV Jimmy V Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser**

Van Houten Lanes, Van Houten Ave, Clifton ... More information to follow

July 28, 29, 30, 31 ... Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat ... **UNICO National Annual Convention**

Hershey Park, PA ... **Register NOW** ... Forms are online at www.UNICO.org

Our 1st Annual Bocce Ball Tournament

Very soon on April 25th, we will host our first ever Bocce Tournament and we are hoping to make it a huge success. We are not only looking for players, 4 person teams, good weather of course ... but in order to make this work, we will need workers and cooks (hot dogs and hamburgers), not to mention some members to maybe donate trays of food (sausage & peppers, chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, just to mention a few of the items that you would see at your typical family BBQ and picnic.

And that's what this will be, a UNICO family get-together that will raise funds for Cancer Research, as well as other causes that our chapter and UNICO National supports. So please contact Joe Agresti or Steve Pelonero (co-chair) if you can help or participate.

More information will be at our March meeting as well as plenty of fliers to start handing out at your local bagel shops, coffee shops, newspaper stores, just to name a few of the ways that we can advertise this event.



April Birthdays

04-01 Derek LoRe
04-03 Steve Pelonero
04-09 Tom Triolo
04-18 Eric Carbone
04-27 Bruce Ponchak
04-29 Leonard Andriuzzi



Reporting from Nashville, TN

Many pictures were taken and are on our website. Shown here are some of Joe, Sal, and Steve. More will be reported about their trip and about the Mid West Regional Meetings at our April 10 meeting.



Joe (left) Sal (right)
Steve (center) letting someone
else using his camera

