

Our Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello Fellow UNICANS

Hello summer months and all of our UNICANS. As of this writing we had just completed our first ever PV UNICO Bocci Tournament. What a day. The weather held up and Joseph Agresti and his committee put together a tremendous effort to assure that this event would be positive and paved the way for future events. You will hear a full detailed event our next regular meeting which will be held at Francesco's Restaurant in Woodland Park. on Wednesday May 12th at 8:00 pm. Of course you all know that if you wish to come early, dinner will commence at 7:00 pm promptly. We would love to see you there to break bread and have an hour of delightful conversation.

This past Friday evening was the Presidential Ball for our outgoing President, Andre Di Mino. I heard it was successful and every individual had a nice evening of dinner and dancing.

Our Community Service Day was held Sat 25th and Kathy Masone and her committee set the stage with a great clean up of the North Jersey Development Center bocce courts and gardens. Kudos to her committee. You will hear more at the meeting.



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Another AC bus trip was held on Sunday May 2nd- Again more to come regarding the days event at the 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 abdominal surgery. There are still tickets out there to be sold. Please bring your money and tickets not sold to Darlene Post. At Venus Creations in Little Falls. Hopefully her committee members will be able to sell the remainder.

Again, this event is Friday May 7th - See you there.

The vote for the slate of officers running for the Executive Board for 2010-2011 will be at the May meeting. Please make every effort to attend-- Your vote counts.

Well gang, as always, our year is almost coming to an end and I wish to thank all of the members for your support. Without your help our chapter would not be what it is today.

Thank You and God Bless

CIAO

Carmen Criscione

Monthly Update

We Have a Very Busy May Ahead of Us

With our Community Service Day, our 1st Annual Bocce Tournament, and the UNICO National Presidential Ball behind us, we are now also looking at a VERY busy month of May. On May 2nd we have an Atlantic City Bus Ride, then we have a May 7th Fundraising Botti Pasta Dinner at the Bethwood, then our 26th Annual Golf Outing, and then our May 12th Monthly Meeting, and then NJ - District IV (our District) Jimmy V Bowl-a-Thon Whether you can make one, none all, we can only assume and hope that there is something for everyone to be involved with.

And please don't forget why we do this ... Not only are we having fun, but we are giving back to our community, able to present scholarships, and also give to the UNICO National Foundation which is also dedicated to raising funds for cancer research



At the April 14th, 2010 meeting at The Bethwood. Pictured presenting a membership reimbursement check to Angela Jones, our chapter membership chairwoman, is the UNICO National Membership Retention Chairman Richard D'Arminio. Our chapter held a Heritage Day & Membership Drive in September of 2009, and through the efforts of our members, our chapter grew by 10 members. Pictured here are 7 of those 10. From the left: Judith Orlando, Helen Triolo, Chapter President Carmen Criscione, Nancy Orlando, Dominick Bucci, Evelyn Tosi, Jean Giancola, National Officer Richard D'Arminio, Chapter Membership Chairwoman Angela Jones, Darlene Post, Chapter Secretary Steve Pelonero, Chapter 1st Vice President Kathy Masone, and Chapter Treasurer Bruce Ponchak.

Important Dates

May 7 ... Friday ... **Fundraising Pasta Dinner** ... The Bethwood ... **Just \$30.00**

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

June 9 ... Wednesday ... **Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner at the Bethwood**

More information to follow

June 16 ... 3rd Wednesday ... **Our End of the Year Traditional Pizza Meeting**

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 May Meeting Agenda

Please try to attend our May meeting

*We will be having a vote for our 2010-2011 **Executive Board** and also our **2010-2011 budget***

Phrase Of The Month


Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day

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*Felice Della Mamma*

### May Birthdays

05-04 **Dominick Bucci**

05-05 **Sonia Giordano**

05-13 **Philip Polizzotto**

05-31 **Salvatore Nocella**



*At the May 23rd, 2010 NJ - District IV meeting at Mina's on the Mountain ... Everyone is welcome to attend the District Meeting which is usually held once, every other month. At this meeting there was a presentation on the Battle at Guadalcanal and WWII War Hero Sgt. John Basilone. Pictured from the left are: North Haledon Chapter President John Harris, District IV Governor Anthony Latella, Bloomfield Chapter President Michael Napolitano, Frank Cannata UNICO Past National President, Passaic Valley Chapter President Carmen Criscione, Belleville Chapter President Manny Alfano, Cedar Grove Chapter President Richard Orsini, and Montclair Chapter President Louis Iozzi.*

## 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 |
| 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](mailto: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