

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 Gaeta
 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 Gaeta
 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

Our chapter year is drawing to a close. On behalf of myself and the executive board, I want to **THANK EVERYONE** that help make this year as successful as it was. Our success as a chapter was and always will be the members actively involved and providing service above self.



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Throughout the past few years I have been your president and I must truly say it was an **honor and a privilege** to work with a great group of people. I have learned so much about the organization and because of our chapter working collectively towards certain goals; I have witness the good in people many times over.

An organization is only as good as its leaders and membership. My executive board consisting of Richard Raad, Kathy Masone, Bruce Ponchak, Carmen Gaeta and Steve Pelonero demonstrated collectively that we all were here for the good of the chapter. Thank you for your assistance and support throughout the year.

Congratulations to Steve Pelonero whom I KNOW will do an outstanding job as your newly voted in Chapter President. Steven,

with his newly elected board, will continue to guide our chapter in a positive mode for a successful upcoming year. Steve will also keep us in another year of pictures. Our chapter is fortunate to have such dedicated individuals whom give of their time and efforts to make our events successful.

Our next big event is our scholarship dinner on Wednesday June 9th at the Bethwood in Towata. Our dinner starts at 7pm, but the President's cocktail hour begins at 6pm. This annual tradition is for only members and their spouses or dates. This special night helps us celebrate much of the work that was performed throughout the year with the outcome of giving out scholarships to deserving high school and college students.

The following week on Thursday, will be our year end Pizza meeting, to be held at Holy Angel's Church. Please make efforts to attend this last meeting.

Again I wish to say THANK YOU and GOD BLESS to a phenomenal group of people.

CIAO
 Carmen Criscione

Monthly Update

This is what it is All About

With our Chapter year over this month of June, it comes to an end with 2 more dinners. One just as important and fun as the other.

First there is our Annual Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner on June 9th, Wednesday, at the Bethwood. All of our chapter's participation, our committee's hard work, our fundraisers ... along with all of our fun, dinners and meetings ... We do it all to come together in June to give back to our community in one of the reasons why UNICO was formed, for Scholarships.

Then there is our year end and traditional Pizza meeting. Our last dinner together for our chapter year, where we can sit back and remember the events of the year and just have a nice relaxed dinner atmosphere. We do have some prospective members that will also be sworn in this evening so please try to attend this dinner and share their and our joy on this special day.



At our Community Service Day at the North Jersey Development Center. Pictured here are: Chairwoman Kathy Masone and all of her committee who spent the morning cleaning the garden area and the Bocce Courts.

Our June Meeting Agenda

Please try to attend our June meeting. We will be having a vote for our **2010-2011 budget** as well as a **swearing in of new members**.

Come be with us as we end our year at our traditional pizza dinner



Golfers Had a Great Day

A great time was had at our 26th annual Golf Outing on Monday (5/10) at the Picatinny Arsenal Golf Course. It wasn't raining and the food was fantastic. A full report will be available at our June meeting. Nevertheless, a great time was had by all. A special thanks to my committee: Steve Pelonero, Bruce Ponchak, Sal Benvenuti and Paul DeAppolonio as well as the our support workers: Joe Agresti, the Corrado's, Joyce O'Hara, the Sisti's, and a thank you also to Tom Triolo who filled in for Paul who had to leave early due to a knee injury. The cooperation and support of all our membership is greatly appreciated. See you in June. ~ Bob Appaluccio



Working the registration table at our 26th Annual Golf Outing are Joyce, Jay and Roni

Important Dates

June 9 ... Wednesday ... **Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner at the Bethwood**
More information to follow

June 16 ... 3rd Thursday ... **Our End of the Year Traditional Pizza Meeting**
Holy Angels ... 7:00 pm

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 Tournament a Success

A thank you to Joe Agresti and his committee for having a great day out at our first ever Bocce Tournament and Fundraiser. The weather did not cooperate for the original date, but with the per-



Picture here is Joe Agresti (right) Bocce Chairman
And our chapter team that finished in 2nd place

severance and cooperation of our members, it turned out to be a great event and we are now looking forward to our 2nd Annual Tournament in 2011. Proceeds will in part be donated at the UNICO National Convention to the Jimmy V Foundation and also to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN, as well as other local causes.

UNICO Supports Local Family

Chaired by chapter member Darlene Post, a benefit fundraising dinner was held at the Bethwood, in Totowa for over 500 people. And with the support of resi-

dents from a vast area of NJ plus some, along with local businesses and even the room dated by the Bethwood for the event, the fundraising dinner was a huge success.

A thank you goes out to everyone. Please visit our website for more pictures from the evening.



Picture here are Gianna, Frank, and Vincent Botti
Picture was taken at Frank's Benefit Dinner

June Birthdays

06-07 Angela Jones
06-09 Frank Pombo
06-09 Angelo Verrone
06-11 Judith Orlando

