

The Passaic Valley Chapter Of UNICO National

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President's Message

Hello Fellow UNICANS, Family and Friends

This is my first newsletter that I ever had to write. Over the past 5 years I have received many emails from our past 3 chapter presidents and I have copied and pasted and rarely had to edit any of their President Messages. But I have never had to write the President's Message myself, until now. I don't know which was harder, my first talk at the scholarship dinner or this.

With our chapter elections and swearing in complete, I am looking forward to working with my executive board, our chapter board of directors, the committees, and also all of our members. I can only hope that we still enjoy and have fun while we continue to raise the funds that help us accomplish our goals. Weather it be our Dinner for a Year Raffle, our Beefsteak, our Golf Outing, our Bocce Tournament, a special cause such as was for young Frankie from Totowa, or even our newest challenge with the Vendor Night that Joyce and Kathy said they would look into getting more information together and chairing it to help raise even more funds for our chapter ... It all comes down to our end of the year Scholarship Dinner and also our UNICO National Convention where we make our traditional donations to 5 of the foundation chairs

The Convention is not the end however, it is also the beginning. Our new National Officers bring us new ideas. Andre' DiMino brought us a renewed drive to remember and celebrate our heritage. It is yet to be seen and heard what our next National President Christopher DiMattio has in mind, but our



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chapter delegates will be there taking notes and bringing back ideas. Representing us this year are myself, as president of our chapter, and Jane Morano, Bruce Ponchak and Tom Triolo as delegates. In addition, quite a few members and their families will be in attendance. We wish them all the best of times.

Again for the future, most if not all of our meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. September is already booked for Mina's on the Mountain in Woodland Park. This is the ideal time, along with October and November to bring a friend to a meeting to experience what UNICO is all about and hoping have them join and become a part of our UNICO family.

*CIAO
Steve Pelonero*

**There's a
"Don't Forget"
On the Next Page**

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**Please  
Don't Forget**

## Monthly Update

# ***June was the month to remember But July is the beginning of new adventures***

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

*First there was our Annual Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner on Wednesday, June 9th, at the Bethwood. Through all of our chapter's participation, our committee's and member's hard work, our fundraisers, along with all of our fun we had at dinners and meetings ... We did it all, to come together in June to give back to our community in one of many ways ..... Scholarships*

*Then there was our year end traditional Pizza meeting. Our last dinner together for our chapter year, where we sat back and remember the events of the year, talked about next years ideas, and just had a nice relaxed dinner atmosphere.*

*We do have some prospective members that we hope will attend the September meeting and also to be sworn in ..... so please try to attend this first dinner of our chapter year and share theirs and our joy on this special day.*

## ***Don't Forget !! ... It's dues time***

*Please keep your membership up-to-date and stay a member of  
The largest Italian-American Service Organization in the United States  
Just a \$75.00 check to our PO Box # 341, Little Falls, NJ 07424*

## ***July & August Birthdays***



***07-20 Evelyn Tosi  
07-22 Chris Carbone  
07-23 Jane Morano  
07-25 Mary Benvenuti  
07-27 Patrick Corrado  
07-27 Jim Sutera  
07-31 Joe Benvenuti***

***08-03 Anthony Fava  
08-09 Joe Agresti  
08-09 Anthony Orlando  
08-20 Nino Paradiso  
08-24 Carmen Allora  
08-25 Joe McGill***



*UNICO National President Andre' DiMino and wife Jenny, with the Passaic Valley Chapter newly sworn in President Steve Pelonero and his wife Pat*

# Important Dates

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

Hershey Park, PA

**September 8, 2010 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Meeting ..... 7:00 Dinner ... 8:00 Meeting**

Mina's on the Mountain

**October 2010 ... Saturday ... Community Service Month**

More information will follow

**November 2010 ... Friday & Saturday ... Eastern Regional District Meeting**

Scranton, PA ... More information will follow

**December 2010 ... Wednesday ... Chapter Christmas Dinner**

More Information will follow

**March 2011 ... Friday & Saturday ... Midwest Board Meeting**

More information will follow

**April 2011 ... Sunday ... 2nd Annual Bocce Tournament**

More Information will follow

**May 2011 ... Monday ... Our chapter Annual Golf Outing**

More Information will follow

**June 2011 ... Wednesday ... Our Chapter Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner**

More Information will follow

**August 3, 4, 5, 6, 2011 ..... Next year's UNICO National Convention**

Arlington, VA ... More Information will follow



***Carmen Criscione (left), Chapter President, with out 2010 Scholarship, Brian Piccolo, and Study Abroad Recipients***

## Our Passaic Valley Chapter Executive Board (2010-2011)

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| President .....          | Steven Pelonero   |
| 1st Vice President ..... | Robert Appaluccio |
| 2nd Vice President ..... | Richard Raad      |
| Treasurer .....          | Bruce Ponchak     |
| Secretary .....          | Paul DeAppolonio  |
| Sgt. At Arms .....       | Dominick Bucci    |

## Fundraising Committee Heads (2010-2011)

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Beefsteak Dinner .....         | Joseph Benvenuti         |
| Bocce Tournament .....         | Joe Agresti              |
| Bus Rides .....                | Tom Triolo, Tony Orlando |
| Dinner For A Year Raffle ..... | Gerry Gaeta              |
| Golf Outing .....              | Robert Appaluccio        |
| Holiday Donations .....        | Robert Appaluccio        |
| Overseas Care Packages .....   | Roni Corrado             |

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

## Non-Fundraising Committee Heads (2010-2011)

|                                        |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Christmas Dinner .....                 | Steven Pelonero |
| Columbus Day Essay for the Youth ..... | Joseph Agresti  |
| Community Service Day (April) .....    | Kathy Masone    |
| Food Pantry .....                      | Angelo Verrone  |
| Good and Welfare .....                 | Carmen Gaita    |
| Italian Heritage and Culture .....     | Angelo Verrone  |
| Membership .....                       | Angela Jones    |
| Newsletter .....                       | Steven Pelonero |
| Scholarship .....                      | Joe Agresti     |
| Website .....                          | Steven Pelonero |

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## Phrase Of The Month "Enjoy your summer" "Godere la tua estate"

### 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