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President's Message

Hello Everyone

Well, we're back from the UNICO National Convention in Hershey, PA and it was another one that I will remember forever.

Being with friends, making new ones, and looking for and finding acquaintances that I have made over the years, which is a part of what I enjoy about being a UNICO member: sharing our stories.

Being one of our chapter's four delegates this year (actually, even though I have attended a few conventions, this is the first one that I have been a delegate) ... but it is a rewarding experience that I can only wish and hope that everyone in our chapter would at least try once and attend and be part of the voting process and experience a UNICO convention. Next year in 2011, it will be in Arlington, VA, just outside of Washington DC.

Our chapter was well represented this year with 9 of our members in attendance along with lots of family members. It made me feel like we were all one big family.

With all of the reports and forms that our chapter filled out and turned in during our 2009-2010 year on a monthly basis to the National Office in Fairfield, with all of the events that we held, and with all of the efforts by our chapter to help our community ... you should all be proud to know that our chapter was voted the "Model Chapter of UNICO for 2009-2010".

We also received 3 other awards, one of which was a certificate of recognition for our Hard-



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cover Picture Scrapbook, which should be at all of our meetings and during the course of our year it will be available for all to see. The 3rd award that we won was another patch for our Chapter Banner. It was received for our Electronic Video Presentation in which we tied for 1st place, and shared the honor with a fairly new chapter from Rehobeth Beach, MD. Ours is currently on a CD which can be played on any computer and hopefully at sometime in the future it will be on the internet. Extra copies of the CD will be available as well.

The 4th Award is a "first" for our chapter, and I would like to announce it at our September meeting, hopefully you can be in attendance at Mina's on the Mountain, on the 2nd Wednesday of September, which is on the 8th.

I would like to end now and hope again that you all can attend our first meeting of the year at Mina's and be there to welcome 2 new members that will be sworn in that night, as well as the sharing of your stories from over the summer months. I'm also hoping and looking for some new ideas and committees that will allow us to grow and continue to do all of the great work that we have done throughout the years.

On that note, hoping to see you soon.

CIAO
Steve Pelonero

Monthly Update

Some of the "MANY" pictures From the 2010 Convention In Hershey, PA



Part of the convention is work. Whether it is by attending meetings, making decisions, voicing your opinion, taking a stand or just by continuing to make UNICO the largest Italian American Service Organization in the United States.

Pictured on this page are just a few of the Passaic Valley Chapter members that were at the convention doing just that.

Above right: Joe Agresti presenting the Convention sites for the 2013 Convention. It was voted to have it in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Right - Center: Sal Benvenuti, National Executive Administrator talking about the National office and it's daily undertakings.

Below left: Joyce O'Hara with her co-workers from the UNICO National Office that also attended the convention: Joyce, Clelia, Patrizia, and Pat Pelonero.

Below center: John Morano making his last appearance (after 11 years) as UNICO National Sgt.-At-Arms ... Thank you John

Below right: attending the daily meetings: Steve Pelonero, Tom Triolo, Jane Morano, Joe McGill and Bruce Ponchak (not pictured, but present).



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September Birthdays



09 10 Rich Lynch
09 26 Roni Corrado

Important Dates

September 8, 2010 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** 7:00 Dinner ... 8:00 Meeting
Mina's on the Mountain, Woodland Park

September 19, 2010 ... Sunday ... **Atlantic City Fundraising Bus Ride**

Contact Tom Triolo or Tony Orlando ... Or contact us through our website

September 19, 2010 ... Sunday ... **UNICO District XI Bocce Tournament** ... More info on our website

October 13, 2010 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Monthly Meeting** 7:00 Dinner ... 8:00 Meeting

Castalia's, Woodland Park

November 5 & 6, 2010 ... Friday & Saturday ... **Eastern Regional District Meeting**

Scranton, PA ... More information will follow

November 13, 2010 ... Saturday ... **1st Annual Vendor Shop Day** ... More information to follow

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

More Information will follow

March 2011 ... Friday & Saturday ... **Midwest Board Meeting** ... Kansas City, KS

April 2011... Saturday ... **Community Service Month**

More information will follow

May 1, 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



Pictured on this page are some of the more relaxed moments at the Convention: the Saturday evening Gala, Chris's Lounge Night, and of course Hershey Park.

Pictured to the left is our UNICO National President for the year 2010-2011. Chris DiMattio and his wife Ann - we wish them all the best.



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
Vendor Shop Day	Joyce O'Hara, Kathy Masone

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 "Suona molto meglio in Italiano" "It sounds so much better in Italian"

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