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President's Message

Hello Everyone

With my first newsletter in September written mainly on what had happened over the summer months, at the convention, and reminding everyone that a new year is here, this newsletter is about what is scheduled and in store for our chapter for the 2010-2011 year.



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As noted, our chapter won the "Model Chapter of the Year" and that plaque was presented to our Past Chapter President Carmen Criscione at the September meeting. It exemplified all of the dedication and work that we all did as a chapter as one. True "Service Above Self".

Every UNICO National President usually has a theme. Our current President Christopher DiMatteo (from Scranton, PA) noted in his ComUNICO President Message that his will be "Serving Those Who Serve". Our chapter has always shown that. We volunteer to start committees, volunteer to chair, and most important I personally have seen in our membership the willingness to step up and just volunteer to help in anyway necessary to make it easier and "fun" for each and all of the committees. That is true "Serving Those Who Serve" and maybe why we won "Model Chapter" and also the "Most Outstanding Project" and maybe why we had 10 new members join our chapter last year. Please keep that desire and willingness and keep spreading the word of UNICO.

Now for the future: As reported and announced at September's meeting, there will be a new event that will be raising money for our general fund to aid us in doing and contributing back to

the community in any way that we can. It's a "Holiday Boutique and Shop Day" that will be co-chaired by Kathy Masone and Joyce O'Hara. Here you can shop in November and maybe get some of those Christmas Holiday gifts all bought in one location this year. Please come and check it out on Saturday, November 13th, at the Little Falls Civic Center.

December brings our traditional Holiday Dinner where we can all get together for a festive cocktail hour, great music supplied by our one and only John Morano and his partner Bob Gizzy, and enjoy the company of our UNICO families and friends. December also will be the drawing month for our "Dinner for Year Raffle" so please give your family, friends and even yourself a chance (or two) to win lots of dinner gift certificates to a lot of great restaurants.

January of course will be our yearly Beefsteak Fundraiser. Headed once again by Joe Benvenuti and his committee, who are all there "Serving Those That Serve". This is another fantastic event that brings our community together and at the same time raises awareness of UNICO, and also enables our chapter to raise the funds that lets us give back locally and Nationally.

*Moving forward into 2011, there are many events that will definitely be keeping us ...
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Monthly Update

Pictures from September



From the left: Angie Honigfeld and Helen Triolo, sponsoring their cousin Laura Lima as she was sworn into the chapter as a new member. Also pictured is Steve Pelonero. It was his first new member to be sworn in as Chapter President.



From the left: Steve Pelonero presenting Carmen Criscione (last year's Chapter President) with a UNICO National Award as the Model Chapter of UNICO for the year 2009-2010.



From the left: Darlene Post being presented a UNICO National Award by Chapter President Steve Pelonero for the "Exceptional Local Project of 2009-2010", which Darlene chaired for a local family in need.



Below left: Joe Agresti and Chuck Russo, with Steve Pelonero (on the right). Receiving recognition at a Seton Hall Event for our donation to the Scholarship Program. Also pictured is Justin Lompadro who received our Study Abroad Scholarship and Dr. Gabriella Romani, Director at Seton Hall



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busy, so please keep checking the "Important Dates Section" in our website at www.PVUNICO.com and also on the next page.

I'll end this message with just one last reminder about our annual dues. Just \$75.00. Our last payment is due in November to the UNICO National Office. Regretfully if they are not paid, your name will be dropped by us and them. Then of course the National Membership Retention Committee will be contacting us to see if there is anything we can do to keep UNICO strong and the "Largest Italian American Service Organization in the United States". So if you just forgot or have been putting it off, please contact us so arrangements can be made to hold off for another day or two.

On that note, as always. hoping to see you soon.

CIAO
Steve Pelonero

Last Call Don't Forget !!

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Important Dates

October 11, 2010 ... Monday ... NYC Columbus Day Parade

March with UNICO ... Contact Joe Agresti if interested

October 13, 2010 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Meeting 7:00 Dinner ... 8:00 Meeting
Castalia's, Woodland Park

October 20, 2010 ... District Meeting ... Mina's on the Mountain

A 7:00 meeting & dinner for our District IV Chapter presidents and members

October 26, 2010 ... Tuesday ... Meet The President

Please try to attend ... More information and tickets at the October 13th Meeting

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

Scranton, PA ... More information will follow

November 10, 2010 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Meeting

7:00 Dinner ... 8:00 Meeting ... Francesco's, Woodland Park

November 13, 2010 ... Saturday ... 1st Annual Vendor Shop Day

The flier for this event can be seen on our website

December 8, 2010 ... Wednesday ... Chapter Christmas Dinner

The Bethwood ... More Information will follow

December 8th, 2010 ... Wednesday ... "Dinner For a Year Drawing"

At the Bethwood, in Totowa... At our Christmas Dinner

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

Kansas City, KS ... More information will follow

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

More information will follow

May 1, 2011 ... Sunday ... 2nd Annual Bocce Tournament

More Information will follow

October Birthdays



10-01 Robert Appaluccio
10-01 Melissa DeFeo
10-09 Carmen Gaita
10-16 Angie Honigfeld
10-17 Lambert Barrecchia
10-18 Carmen Criscione
10-22 Jean Giancola
10-23 Frank Capalbo
10-26 Nancy Orlando



John Morano, John Barbieri
Carmen Criscione, Steve Pelonero

2 Pictures

On the left:
Our two Passaic Valley Chapter Bocce teams that represented our Chapter in a District X Tournament. Even though they did not come in 1st place, all of the teams entered had a great time for a great cause, The Jimmy V Foundation



John Morano, John Barbieri
Carmen Criscione, Steve Pelonero



Angie Honigfeld, Helen Triolo
Pat Pelonero, Gina Testa

Top right:
A membership drive and Espresso, Zeppoli's, and Cannoli Sale in Woodland Park on Sept. 25th, while spreading the word of UNICO and the Passaic Valley Chapter

Lower Right:
The Passaic Valley Chapter being represented in a Sgt. John Basilone Parade which was held in Raritan, NJ, on Sept. 26th



Debbie Benvenuti, left - Pat Pelonero, right
Steve Pelonero, center

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	Carmen Criscione / Gerry Gaeta
Golf Outing	John Morano
Holiday Donations	Robert Appaluccio
Overseas Care Packages	Roni Corrado
Vendor Shop Day	Kathy Masone /Joyce O'Hara

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

"Il denaro è un buon servo e un cattivo padrone"
"Money is a good servant, but a bad master"

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