

The Passaic Valley Chapter Of UNICO National

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President's Message

Hello Everyone

November is here and the Holiday Season is just around the corner. Our Chapter is gearing up for it as we always have, and we are ready to give back to our community.

First on the agenda for this busy month is our First Holiday Boutique Shop Day. Thank you Kathy Masone and Joyce O'Hara for chairing this fundraising event. Their full report at the November meeting.

Then there is our yearly 3 Christmas Baskets of Cheer which is headed by Bob Appaluccio. If anyone would like to be a part of giving and helping some needy families, please contact Bob before our November meeting. His full and last report before this event will be heard there as well.

And of course someone will be a lucky winner in our "Dinner for a Year" which Carmen Criscione will also be giving a full report at our November 10th meeting at Francesco's in Woodland Park.

On a district level, Joe Agresti (who just as reminder honors our chapter as being a UNICO Past National President, and who also is always willing to fulfill our motto of service above self) is co-chairing the Christmas Dinner for the clients of the North Jersey Development Center. His full report will also be made at the November 10th meeting.



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Now, on a more social note, which our chapter also loves to partake in, there was a recent "Meet the President Night" (2 pictures are shown below left). This is where we all had a chance meet our UNICO National President, who is from Scranton.

The 2 pictures on the right show 8 of the 11 golfers that got together Halloween Sunday morning to enjoy a few hours on the golf course together. Thank you John Morano for organizing this day for our member only golf outing. Did we have fun ? ... Yes !

A few of our chapter members also met recently in Washington DC to attend the NIAF meeting (National Italian American Foundation). Those pictures can be seen on our website, as well as more from both of the other mentioned events.

Finally, on a business level (there always seems to have to be one). Dues reminders have been going out now for a quite a few months. Most have paid them. But there are still quite a few that have not. We hope that you just forgot or have put it off, and that your interest in staying a member of UNICO and wanting to be a part of the Largest Italian American Service Organization in the United States is still there. A separate "last" dues notice will be mailed out after our meeting.



As you can see I ran out of room and there is so much more to say. So on that note, we just have to wait to hear from everyone at our Wednesday, November 10th meeting at Francesco's in Woodland Park

As always, hoping to see you soon

*CIAO
Steve
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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 Boutique Shop Day	Kathy Masone /Joyce O'Hara
Holiday Cheer Baskets	Robert Appaluccio
Overseas Soldier Program	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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Important Dates

- November 5 & 6, 2010 ... Friday & Saturday ... Eastern Regional Meeting**
Scranton, PA ... Open to all membership ... Please Inquire
- November 10, 2010 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Meeting**
7:00 Dinner ... 8:00 Meeting ... Francesco's, Woodland Park
- November 13, 2010 ... Saturday ... 1st Annual Holiday Boutique 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
- Mary 1, 2011 ... Sunday ... 2nd Annual Bocce Tournament**
More Information will follow
- Mary 23, 2011 ... Monday ... 27th Annual Golf Outing and Fundraiser**
More Information will follow

November Birthdays



- 11-01 Gerry Gaeta
- 11-07 Joe Giresi
- 11-11 Tony Nappi
- 11-15 John Barbieri
- 11-19 Bob Martorano
- 11-22 Sal Benvenuti

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
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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