

The Passaic Valley Chapter Of UNICO National

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President's Message

Hello Everyone

'Tis the season. This is a month that is not only full of celebrations but also a time that hopefully we can get together with friends and family.

Let me now wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our chapter has helped four families this season, thanks to Bob Appaluccio, who chairs the Holiday Basket Committee. But a huge part of that thanks also has to go to "you", for all of the generosity not only from individuals but also through our membership who kept a line item in our budget to keep some of the needy families of our community in our hearts. The families we really don't hear about. This year the committee picked 4 families, all to be kept anonymous as we have in the past and I have just heard today that the baskets already have been delivered to them all.

Speaking of committees, if any of the fundraising or even non fundraising committees seem appealing to you, PLEASE approach the committee heads and let them know that you are interested in our motto of "Service Above Self", and also as our UNICO National President Chris DiMattio likes to say "Serving those who serve".

Keeping with the Holiday Spirit, on December 1st at the Brownstone, is the Christmas Party for the clients of the North Jersey Development Center in Totowa. For over 25 years now this event reaches our hearts and also those of the NJDC.



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Then, on Wednesday, December 8th it is our own Chapter Christmas Party. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Steve Pelonero. It's another way to celebrate with our UNICO family. And it also takes the place of our monthly meeting for the holiday season

Then in January of 2011, on Saturday the 22nd, it is time for our Annual Beefsteak Fundraiser. This is one of our 2 biggest events that help us raise the funds that are needed to help us do what we do best ... Serve the Community.

Finally, a special thanks to Kathy Masone and Joyce O'Hara, and all of their committee. They recently held our first Holiday Boutique Sale Day. Pictured below are all of our members that either helped or had tables.

To end, once again as always, we hope to see you soon on December 8th, but if not please have a safe and happy holiday season.

*CIAO
Steve
Pelonero*



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

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"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

- December 1, 2010** ... Wednesday ... **UNICO NJ District IV Christmas**
For the NJDC ... The Brownstone ... RSVP to Joe Agresti
- December 8, 2010** ... Wednesday ... **Our Chapter Christmas Dinner**
The Bethwood ... RSVP to Steve Pelonero
- December 8th, 2010** ... Wednesday ... **"Dinner For a Year Drawing"**
At the Bethwood, in Totowa... **At our Christmas Dinner**
- January 22, 2011** ... Saturday ... **Our Annual Beefsteak Fundraiser**
At the Amalgamated Union Hall ... RSVP to Joe Benvenuti
- March 2011** ... Friday & Saturday ... **Midwest Regional Board Meeting**
Kansas City, MO ... More information will follow
- April 9, 2011** ... Saturday ... **Community Service Month**
More information will follow
- May 1, 2011** ... Sunday ... **2nd Annual Bocce Tournament**
More Information will follow
- May 23, 2011** ... Monday ... **27th Annual Golf Outing and Fundraiser**
The Meadows Golf Course ... Lincoln Park ... More info to follow

December Birthdays



12-10 Sam Gaita
12-23 Lorraine Polizzi

Phrase of The Month

**Merry Christmas !
Buon Natale !**

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