

# The Passaic Valley Chapter Of UNICO National



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## President's Message

Hello Fellow UNICANS  
And also our Families and Friends

Can you believe that we have only two more months left in our UNICO year? May and June bring us not only our last 2 regularly scheduled chapter meetings, where it is a time to get together in a very relaxed atmosphere, but also where we get to hear from all of our committees which keep us up to date on their progress.

May and June also bring us 2 more fundraising events. First is our Sunday, May 1st Bocce Tournament which helps us raise money for the Jimmy V Cancer Research Fund, for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and also for the North Jersey Developmental Center. The more teams and court sponsors we get, means that much more we can do ourselves. By the time you read this newsletter (and it is almost ready to go to the Internet Print Press), our 2nd Annual Bocce Tournament may have been played. We hope to have seen you there playing and maybe get some bragging rights for the year.

Our 2nd fundraising event is our Monday, May 23rd, **27th** Annual Golf Outing which traditionally brings in the money, for what I think should be our most joyous and important day of the year, our Annual Scholarship and Brian Piccolo Awards Dinner. Here we definitely give back to our community by giving as many \$1,000 scholarships that we can not only through the golfers, but also through the generosity of the Golf Hole Sponsorships. The more we raise traditionally means the more we can give to the youth of our community.

April was very busy as well. Not only did we have our UNICO National Community Service Day which we had the lucky number of 13 members attend, but we were also the recipient, the very next day of an award by the North Jersey Developmental Center for our continued "Service Above Self" with all of our hard



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work and dedication that we do for their staff and also for clients at our Districts Annual Christmas Party which has been held at the Brownstone for over 25 years. If you have never attended this event, please try and save the date (which will be announced at a later time). I personally think that everyone should attend at least once, and when you do I think that you may never want to miss another one in future years. It's that good and emotionally rewarding.

April also brought a few last minute invites, all received via email (the way of the future). They were from Montclair University and Seton Hall University. Many invitations are received from them on an on-going basis, so please keep an eye out for a chance to spend an enjoyable evening out. Most events that they schedule are n/c, with refreshments usually served. All you need to do is RSVP to the appropriate email address that they list. Some of the pictures are on the next page in this newsletter, with all of them on our website at [www.PVUNICO.com](http://www.PVUNICO.com)

And not to forget May's meeting, it is scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday, May 11th, at the previously named restaurant Mina's on the Mountain, but now under new management and called "Domicoli". For \$30.00 a person we will be getting, salad, pasta, choice of 3 dinners, wine and coffee. Come on out and spend an evening with UNICO.

All of our chapters events are listed on the 3rd page of this newsletter and also on our website and now on Facebook as "PassaicValleyUNICO NJ"

As always, and always sincere ... "Hoping to see you soon"

CIAO

Steve Pelonero

# It Happened Last Month

A busy month indeed with lots of pictures as shown below. In the right column are some from our UNICO National Community Service Day. I'm sure that not only UNICO National appreciates it, but especially does the North Jersey Development Center. ~~~ In the left column is one more of our community service day pictures with everyone in it. ~~~ Below that is pictured 2 off our newest chapter members , welcome Michael and Judy. Pictured from the left are Chapter President Steve Pelonero, sponsor Sal Nocella, new member Michael D'Antuono and Judy Post, and sponsor Darlene Post. The bottom 2 pictures on the left are from the welcoming ceremony for the new Montclair University Italian Studies Chair, of which we were a part of in the raising of their funds to make it possible.



## Still Yet to Come

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

At the North Jersey Development Center, Minnisink Road, Totowa

9:00 am Registration ... 10:00 am Tournament - Double Elimination ... With Food All Day Long

Bring the family ... Contact chairman, Joe Agresti

### **May 5, 2011 ... Thursday ... Cedar Grove Chapter 25th Anniversary**

We were the sponsoring Chapter

At the Brownstone ... an RSVP to your chapter president (Please)

### **May 11, 2011 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Monthly Meeting**

Domicoli Ristorante ... (Formerly known as Mina's) ... 140 Rifle Camp Road ... [www.Domicoli.com](http://www.Domicoli.com)

7:00 pm dinner ... 8:00 pm Meeting

### **May 12, 2011 ... Thursday ... The 3rd District Meeting ... Belle Notte Cucina ... Stevens Ave, Little Falls**

Cedar Grove / Host Chapter ... Our chapter is one of the 10 that make up our District IV ... 7:00 Dinner / Meeting

### **May 23, 2011 ... Monday ... Our 27th Annual Golf Outing and Fundraiser**

The Meadows Golf Course in Lincoln Park ... Contact chairman, John Morano

There is still time to sign up ... And we are still taking Donations for Hole Sponsors

### **June 5, 2011 ... Sunday ... Atlantic City Bus Ride**

Leaves from Passaic Valley High School ... Contact Chairmen, Tom Triolo or Tony Orlando

### **June 13, 2011 ... 2nd Wednesday ... Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner**

More Information to follow ... Chairman, Joe Agresti

### **June 20, 2011 ... 3rd Wednesday ... Our Year End Pizza Meeting**

A time to wish each other a great summer

Place is still to be announced

### **August 3, 4, 5, 6, 2011 ... Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday ... UNICO National Convention**

Arlington, VA ... For more information, please visit [www.2011UNICOconvention.org](http://www.2011UNICOconvention.org)

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# Our 27th Annual Golf Outing & Fundraiser

Yes ... "27 Years of hitting a golf ball" to help raise funds and give back to our Passaic Valley Tri-Town area. But we should never forget to thank all of the people who play, all of the workers at the outing who have made it possible, and most of all let's not forget those people and businesses who have sponsored holes and have made donations to make it a success

Do you know of someone who would like to be a Hole Sponsor ?

### **It's not too late**

They have up to the day before to be recognized at the outing

For just \$100.00 they can have their company name on one of the 18 holes at  
The Meadows Golf Course in Lincoln Park

(Or your name if you would like to sponsor a hole and be a memorable part of it)

Help us give back to students from our Tri-Town area in the form of a scholarship

Remember, our success is all based on donations

Just have them send a \$100.00 check to our PO Box 341, Little Falls, NJ

Have them fill out the name that they would like to appear on the  
Hole Sponsor Sign

## May Birthday's



05-04 Dominick Bucci  
05-05 Sonia Giordano  
05-13 Phil Polizzotto  
05-31 Sal Nocella

< Write the Sponsor Name Above >

## Who's Who

### Our Passaic Valley Chapter Executive Board

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

Beefsteak Dinner .....	Joseph Benvenuti
Bocce Tournament .....	Joe Agresti
Bus Rides .....	Tom Triolo, Tony Orlando
Dinner For A Year Raffle .....	Gerry Gaeta
Golf Outing .....	John Morano
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

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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## A Familiar Phrase for the Month

### Tutti a Tavola a Mangiare

*Everyone to the Table to Eat*

#### Membership



#### Food Pantry

*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)**

*Please don't forget about our  
UNICO - Phil Arena Food Pantry  
Your non-perishable food donation  
can help restock it*

*You can bring it directly to the pantry  
In the Holy Angels Church Basement Hall  
Or to our next meeting*