

**Town of Wethersfield Social & Youth Services UNICO Christmas Gift Card  
Community Outreach, UNICO Macaroni Dinner Postponement, "UNICO Eats"  
and UNICO Golf Tournament.**

To our Friends and supporters of Wethersfield UNICO:

Our club recently donated (committee member donations) \$1,400.00 in Christmas Gift Cards to the Town of Wethersfield Social & Youth Services for the needy in Wethersfield. See picture with Wethersfield UNICO President Audrey Saharek and Director, Kathy Bagley.

Due to the challenges associated with the COVID-19 virus, Wethersfield UNICO will not hold their Famous Macaroni Dinner in February of 2021. The Macaroni Dinner which has been postponed from its traditional date of the Sunday after the Super Bowl is tentatively scheduled for the Fall of 2021. Please stay tuned for more information on our Facebook page.

As you may know, Wethersfield UNICO is a part of a national organization consisting of men and women of Italian heritage that work together on community, national and worldwide projects to benefit others in need of assistance. Wethersfield UNICO (which includes Newington and Rocky Hill) is particularly proud of the annual scholarships that it provides to prospective college students. These scholarships are made possible by our annual fundraising initiatives. Our primary funding comes from the kindness of the Macaroni dinner participants and significant donations from our patrons (local businesses who place an ad in our Macaroni Dinner Sponsor Book). Without the donations from our **dedicated patrons**, our fundraising would not allow us to provide the scholarships that mean so much to the community.

**Please Help Those Who Help Us**

Most of our patrons are local businesses. Many of which are struggling to keep their businesses going through the challenges associated with COVID-19.

Considering this, Wethersfield UNICO believes that we should turn our support to our PATRONS that have always been there to support our efforts.

We kindly ask that if you planned to attend the dinner in February, or you support our cause in other ways, that you would consider frequenting the restaurants and

other establishments listed here that have supported us year after year in our efforts to help the community.

“UNICO Eats” is a new program that combines what Wethersfield UNICO does best: enjoy good food and help others. The local chapter of the largest Italian American service organization in the country is organizing its over 100 members to order from a designated restaurant on the same night to boost revenue for the business. Non UNICO members are also invited to order from the various restaurants participating in “UNICO Eats” on a certain night each week. This is not a fundraiser for UNICO. We just want to help those who helped us.

The program began this initiative with Vito’s Restaurant and Pizzeria in Wethersfield. Audrey Saharek, Chapter President, said “We want to give back to some of our sponsors who have been so generous to our events for many years. We know that a lot of small businesses are hurting, and we plan to help our other sponsors with this initiative as well. We’ll see how successful it is and plan accordingly.” The Wethersfield Chapter of UNICO will advertise each designated night on their Facebook page and encourage other residents to participate.

The UNICO Keane Foundation Golf Tournament is tentatively being held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at Wethersfield Country Club. We are looking forward to a great event stronger than ever with proper social distancing and abiding by the current COVID 19 guidelines for our event. This year especially we need our community support. Please go to our UNICO Facebook page for more information.

Thanks for your continued support of Wethersfield UNICO! Unfortunately, due to COVID, we have not been able to fundraise for our scholarships as we have in the past. We would be grateful for any support that you could extend to us during these difficult times. We also hope that if you attended our Macaroni Dinner in the past, that you would consider supporting the above listed local small businesses as they supported us. As always we are grateful for community donations. If you would like to make a donation toward our fundraising efforts please make check payable to Wethersfield UNICO, Attention UNICO Treasurer: Anthony V. Schiavone, 57 Brightwater Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

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