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The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

January 2007 NEWSLETTER

Board of Directors Meeting..... Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, 6:30 p.m.



Buon Anno - Happy New Year 2007!

Membership Meeting Date Change

The January General Membership meeting **has been rescheduled to Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007** to avoid conflict with a Bridal Show booked on the same date. Please jot this new date on your calendar and please remind other club members, as necessary.

It's A New Year!

*May your New Year be the best you've ever had,
and may you have many more new years
that are even better!
A Safe and Happy 2007*

2007 Club Membership Dues

The 2007 membership dues are now payable. The dues are \$25.00 for a member who is single and \$50.00 for a married couple. The dues can be paid at the general membership meeting or you can send a check or money order, payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club**. Mail the dues to: **Frank Giannotti, 14823 Williamsburg Blvd., Riverview, MI 48193-7703**. Your receipt and membership card(s) will be mailed with the upcoming newsletter. The deadline for the dues is **March 31, 2007**. Attached with this newsletter is an invoice to be sent back with your dues.

A Message from our Club President



Welcome to 2007, but first lets review the happenings in December. There were two Club events, the Member's and Children's Christmas Parties. The Member's Party was attended by 158 members and was very enjoyable. A big thanks to the chairs, **Nina McMahan, Patrick McMahan, Vivian Palazzolo and**

Mike Palazzolo. The Children's Party was attended by 27 children, that got really excited when Santa arrived and handed out presents. A big thanks to the chair **Rosalie**

Vitale-Karawan and her committee **Sera Badalamenti, Jay Karawan, Giovanna Trupiano, Antony Vitale, Fara Vitale, Guy Vitale and Maria Vitale**. This is truly a labor of love for Rosalie, who has chaired this event for so many years.

The Business Board was busy negotiating a three year extension to the catering contract with Jeanne's Catering. A big thanks to the Board and it's nice to know that Jeanne is committed through 2010. The contract allows for a discount for members. The Business Board voted to provide a 10% discount on the total bill for members using the Hall. This discount is equivalent to the discount currently provided by the Livonia Italian Club, to its members. In addition, the Board will provide a smaller discount to Grandchildren using the Hall, even if the parents are not members.

The next two Club events are the **Presidential Ball** on January 20th and the **Mardi Gras Celebration** on February 24th. The Presidential Ball is an opportunity to thank **Florence Coleman** for the fine job she has done and an opportunity to welcome in the new Club Officers and Board. As your new president for the next two years, I look forward to continuing to build on the past successes of the Club.

Now, just a little bit about myself. My wife, **Mary Jane** and I joined the Club in 1973. We worked at the Wyandotte Festivals with many others and sometime in the 1980's, I became a Trustee on the Board. Since that time, I have continuously served on either the Club or Business Boards. In 1993, I retired after working 45 years as an engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers and Wade Trim in the Detroit area. My retirement has provided me with an opportunity to become more active in the Club. Mary Jane and I have been married 46 years, living in various communities in the downriver area. I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve you all as President of the Club.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the next Bridal Show has been scheduled for Sunday January 28, 2007. **Therefore, we'll need to change the date of our next General Membership Meeting to the third Sunday, which is Sunday January 21, 2007. Hope to see you there.**

Mark S. Grazioli, President

DIAC 2007 Honorary Members

The following Club members have attained twenty-five (25) consecutive years in the Downriver Italian-American Club and are eligible to the position of "**Honorary Member.**" In accordance to the By-Laws, Article I-Membership, Section 2-C, such member(s) shall have all the rights enjoyed by a Regular Member, but shall not be required, thereafter, to pay any dues.

The following members, in good-standing since 1982, qualify to the status of "**Honorary Member.**"

Rosalie Aluia

2007-8 Club Officers and Trustees

The Club Officers and Trustees are as follows:

President: **Mark Grazioli**
 Vice President: **Tony Lumia**
 Secretary: **Leslie Lupo**
 Fin. Corres. Secretary: **Frank Giannotti**
 Treasurer: **Ed Klube**
 Assist Treasurer: **Guy Vitale**
 Inside Guard: **Fay Palazzolo**
 Outside Guard: **Jennie Palazzolo**
 Guide: **Grace Pizzo**

Trustees: **Jim Bademian** **Mike Palazzolo**
Mary Cottone **Vivian Palazzolo**
Rocky Kaune **Alfonso Stralle**
Sadie Kusic **Leona Vizzini**

Please congratulate the above Officers and Trustees - and ask them for their leadership in guiding the Club through the coming years.

DIAC Certificate of Deposit

During the month of January, the Club Treasurer, **Ed Klube**, will be mailing the interest earned on the D.I.A.C. Bond Certificate for the year 2005. Keep a lookout in your mailbox. If you do not receive your letter by the end of January, please contact Ed at (734)282-6459.

DIAC Presidential Ball



The 2007 **Presidential Ball** will be held on **Saturday, January 20, 2007**, in the main Banquet Hall. The chairpersons for this event are **Florence Coleman**, along with **Tony and Miriam Lumia**. See the attached flyer for further information. We need the membership support in making this event a success. The event is open to the public. Please advise your friends early and mark this event on your calendar. Reserve your table early for those good seats. We want to make this a sell out event.

For further information, please contact **Florence Coleman** at (734)281-7126 or **Tony Lumia** at (313)565-0671.

Mardi Gras Celebration Event



The Young DIAC Membership will be chairing a Mardi Gras Event at the DIAC Hall on February 24, 2007. Chairpersons are **Lina Giannotti** and **Rita (Trupiano) Dauss**. There will be food and music with a New Orleans's theme. Detailed information will be forthcoming in the February newsletter. Please reserve this date on your calendar. Last year, this event was well received and all had a wonderful time. We want this to be a wonderful turnout and give the young DIAC members our support in making this a successful annual event.

Winter Luncheon Event at the Club



Lunch at the Club - Wednesday - January 17, 2007 - 12:00 noon.

The luncheon will be held as usual in the Menna room. The menu will be chicken and sandwiches. If you would like to bring your favorite dessert or salad, please let us know so we won't buy as much; if not, just bring yourself. Remember, we divide the cost of the lunch by the people present; so, it is very important for you to let us know if you will be attending. It's not fair for us to order food for you and you don't show up. This is for all members **ONLY**. If you wish to stay and visit with friends, play your favorite games or just talk, you are welcome to do so; there is no reason to rush off after lunch. If you have any questions, please call one of us anytime. Let us know if you plan to attend before Thursday, January 11th.

Florence Coleman (734) 281-7126

Grace Pizzo (734) 379-9491

Beat the Blahs - Dinner Event



On Friday, February 9, 2007, the Overture Society (fundraising arm of the Southern Great Lakes Symphony) will present **Beat the Blahs**, a dinner and entertainment evening. It will take place at the Downriver Italian-American Hall in Wyandotte, MI, at 6:30 p.m.

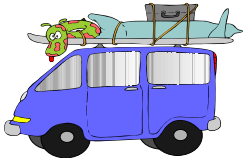
Tickets are \$35.00 per person, for a pasta dinner, music by the "Royal Garden Trio," for listening and dancing. The trio plays swing music reminiscent of the '30s, show tunes and traditional jazz.

Mike Karoub, on cello, grew up and still lives Downriver. He has performed with the Red Garter Band and is

known to many of us. The Royal Garden Trio creates a vintage swing sound for today's audiences.

For ticket information, call **Gloria King** at (313)386-9305. Deadline for tickets is February 2, 2007

Bus Trips on the Horizon



Motor City Casino – Wednesday, January 24, 2007 – Detroit, Michigan.

This is a round trip transportation to the fabulous Motor City Casino.

Price is \$17.00 per person. Everyone will receive a players club card with \$20.00 in play credits (added to the Club Metro Player's card) good for any slot machine along with a \$5.00 food/beverage coupon. Make sure you have a valid picture ID. Bus leaves the Club at 11:30 a.m. and returns at 5:45 p.m.

Please contact **Nancy DiPasquale** at (734)282-1644.

Messaggio Natalizio del Console d'Italia

Dicembre 12, 2006

Cari Italiani,

In occasione delle imminenti festività natalizie e di fine d'anno desidero rivolgervi i miei auguri più sinceri. Si tratta della prima occasione data la mia recente assunzione come Console d'Italia.

L'anno che volge ormai al termine ha rappresentato un momento veramente storico per le collettività di connazionali residenti in tutto il mondo: l'esercizio del diritto di voto nelle elezioni politiche Italiane dello scorso Aprile. Per la prima volta, milioni di cittadini all'estero sono stati chiamati ad eleggere i propri rappresentanti al Parlamento della Repubblica. È dunque iniziata una nuova fase nelle relazioni tra la Madrepatria e le comunità italiane sparse nei vari continenti. Ad essa state contribuendo anche Voi, residenti in questa circoscrizione consolare.

Con grande professionalità ed impagabile il personale del Consolato tenta quotidianamente di rispondere alle esigenze di tutti i connazionali. In questa missione abbiamo, tuttavia, bisogno anche del vostro aiuto e dei vostri preziosi suggerimenti per offrire un servizio sempre più efficiente e degno di un Paese come il nostro. Per il benessere dei cittadini italiani e la prosperità delle relazioni tra Stati Uniti ed Italia.

Spero che le prossime festività ed il nuovo anno siano ricchi di pace e serenità per Voi e le vostre famiglie.

Il Console - Carlo Romeo

Antonino C Gaglio – Born Dec. 22, 2006

Congratulations to **Faro and Rose Gaglio** on the birth of their ninth (9th) grandchild, **Antonino Christofaro Gaglio**.

He was 19 inches long and weighed in at 8 lbs. Son to **Joseph and Ninetta Galio**, brother to **Zaro and Lia Gaglio**.

Congratulations to the Gaglio families.

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were hospitalized: **Ed Klube, Sue Lupo, Mike Lupo and Rose Zerilli**. Get Well Wishes to all our members who are not feeling well. Keep **Judith Saenz** in your prayer.

Condolences to the family of **Connie Pagano** on the death of her husband, **Paul Pagano**, who passed away on December 24, 2006, at the age of 88, in Vero Beach, FL. Paul and Connie have been a club member since April, 1972. Paul became very ill these past few years. Condolences to **Joann Pagano** on the death of her father. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Rudy Ricci** on the death of his wife, **Sue Ricci**, who passed away on December 29, 2006, at the age of 82. Rudy and Sue have been a club member since April, 1990. Sue became very ill this past year. Condolences to her sister **Jennie Palazzolo**, and the families of: **Geraldine (Domenick) Forte, Catherine (Daniel) Brooks, Jennifer (Colin) Kinser and Mary (Anthony) Palazzolo**. May she rest in peace.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

We wish to extend our Congratulations and Best Wishes to our members who are celebrating their Birthday this month.

<i>Nancy Cosentino (1/1)</i>	<i>Paul Lupo (1/16)</i>
<i>Anthony Vitale (1/2)</i>	<i>Grace Pizzo (1/16)</i>
<i>Emma Checchio (1/4)</i>	<i>Rosalie Agrusa (1/18)</i>
<i>Gianna Trupiano (1/4)</i>	<i>Alba Simone (1/18)</i>
<i>Iolanda Buscemi (1/5)</i>	<i>Vince Mannino (1/20)</i>
<i>Frank Giannotti (1/5)</i>	<i>Rose Pagano (1/20)</i>
<i>Sam Randazzo (1/5)</i>	<i>Salvatore Abbulone (1/21)</i>
<i>Jack Favazza (1/6)</i>	<i>Sam Cottone (1/21)</i>
<i>Miriam Lumia (1/6)</i>	<i>Mark Grazioli (1/22)</i>
<i>Anthony Vitale (1/6)</i>	<i>Salvatore Randazzo (1/22)</i>
<i>Johnpaul Finazzo (1/9)</i>	<i>Joyce Pietrangelo (1/23)</i>
<i>Emanuele Gaglio (1/9)</i>	<i>Leta Bommarito (1/24)</i>
<i>Frank Pizzo (1/11)</i>	<i>Peter Badalamente (1/25)</i>
<i>Cindy Norscia (1/12)</i>	<i>Marty Shimkus (1/25)</i>
<i>Joe Pagano (1/12)</i>	<i>Catherine Rotondo (1/26)</i>
<i>Maria Sclafani (1/12)</i>	<i>Rita (Trupiano) Dauss (1/27)</i>
<i>Caterina Vitale (1/12)</i>	<i>Nino Trupiano (1/28)</i>
<i>Lilla Vitale (1/13)</i>	<i>Catherine Bagnasco (1/30)</i>
<i>Stacie Blackledge (1/14)</i>	<i>Giacinto Simone (1/30)</i>
<i>Angela Scott (1/14)</i>	<i>Noreen Battaglia (1/31)</i>
<i>Marie Vitale (1/14)</i>	<i>Gina Bianchi (1/31)</i>

Happy Anniversary – Felice Anniversario

We wish to extend our Best Wishes for many Happy and Healthy Years together, to our couples who will be celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this month.

Veto and Rita Giannola (1/4)

Vincenzo and Lilla Vitale (1/4)

Frank and Barbara Bianchi (1/9)

Fioravante and Hermine Norscia (1/12) 55th

John and Barbara Russo (1/12) 50th

Larry and Joan Luzac (1/20) 45th

Before It's Too Late

If you have a tender message,
Or a loving word to say,
Do not wait till you forget it,
But whisper it today:

The tender word unspoken,
The letter never sent,
The long forgotten messages,
The wealth of love unspent –

For these some hearts are breaking
For these some loved ones wait:
So show them that you care for them
Before it is too late.

— Frank Herbert Sweet —

Thoughts for the Month

A spouse is like a fire, it goes out when unattended.

- Evan Esar

Success comes to the person who does today what you're thinking of doing tomorrow.

Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation because your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

One nice thing about a one-way street is that you can only be bumped from the rear.

Everyone wants to live at the expense of the State. They forget that the State lives at the expense of everyone.

Money may not make a person happy but it keeps his creditors in a much better frame of mind.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

Lady, this vacuum cleaner will cut your work in half. Good. I'll take two of them.

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

"When I was a kid, I could toast a marshmallow over my birthday cake. Now I could roast a turkey!"

Progress??

My eggs don't come from chickens,

My butter's not from cows.

My food's full of preservatives

The FDA allows...

My salt is just a substitute,

My cheese contains no fat,

My drinks are dietetic,

And they taste a little flat.

My bread is full of vitamins:

It's dark and made of wheat.

My cereals are all whole grain

And they are never sweet.

Men liked their women padded

In the days when I was thin;

But now that I have added curves,

The skinny look is in.

And sometimes, when in retrospect

I view the hand of fate

I really feel that I was born

One hundred years too late!

--- Betty Jo Mings,

Calendar of Coming Events

Jan. 20, 2007 **DIAC Presidential Ball**

Florence Coleman, Tony Lumia.

Feb. 9, 2007 **Beat the Blahs Dinner Event**

Gloria King – (313)386-9305

Feb. 24, 2007 **Mardi Gras Celebration**

Lina Giannotti, Rita (Trupiano) Dauss.

July 29, 2007 **DIAC Member's Picnic.**

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The Downriver Italian-American Club

2007 Presidential Ball

Saturday, January 20, 2007

Live Band Music by: *The 4 of US*

Hors D'Oeuvres/Cocktails begins at 5:30 pm

Cheese, Fruits, Shrimp Cocktail

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Family Style Dinner by Chef Jeanne Liedel

~~~ Menu ~~~

Relish Tray

Wedding Soup

Salad with House Dressing

Tortellini with Fresh Pesto

Herb Baked Chicken

Stuffed Pork Roast

Santa Anna Potatoes

Peas/Carrots

Coffee, Tea, Rolls, Butter

Cheesecake / Raspberries

2 Bottles of Wine at each Table



Tickets: \$35.00 per person

Tickets must be paid at the time of reservation

Reserved tables of 10 only, all others seated where available

Deadline for reservations is January 6, 2007

Make checks payable to: Downriver Italian-American Club

Further information: **Florence Coleman, (734)281-7126** or:

Tony and Miriam Lumia, (313)565-0671

I/We will be attending the Presidential Ball on Saturday, January 20, 2007

This ticket and payment must be received **no later than January 6, 2007**

Name _____ Number of People attending _____

Address: _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

City: _____ ZIP _____ Telephone: _____

Make checks payable to: **Downriver Italian - American Club**

Mail coupon and payment to: **Florence Coleman, 14157 Stratford, Riverview, MI 48193-7550**

Note: If you would like to sit with a friend (at their table), please print their names on back of this coupon.



MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION



Saturday-February 24, 2007

Downriver Italian-American Club

646 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans Style Music!



Creole & Cajun Buffet:

Crab Cakes with Creole Cream Dipping Sauce
Crawfish
Firecracker Shrimp
Jambalaya

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Rice and Andouille Sausage
Seared Pork Chops with Crawfish Marsala
Creole Rice with Roast Chicken
Fresh Fruit and Cheese Display
Banana Cream Pie
Drinks for the occasion

Party favors provided
Costumes are welcome!

(Pricing to be determined)

Reserved tables of 10 only.

All others seated where available.

Payment slip to be included in the February newsletter.

For further information call:

Lina Giannotti at (734) 283-7394, after 6:00 pm

Rita (Trupiano) Dauss at (734) 560-3875, after 6:00 pm

