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The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

November 2007 NEWSLETTER

Board of Directors Meeting..... Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, 6:30 p.m.



Happy Thanksgiving - November 22, 2007

A Message from the Club President



The Club's monthly Spaghetti Dinners, which have been a big hit with the community, ended in October on a high note. We served 809 dinners, which was our highest for the year. Because of the crowd, we were forced to close carryout dinners and the sale of sauce and meatballs early. When the last dinner was served

there were 14 meat balls left. Unfortunately many members were not able to purchase extra sauce and meat balls for the winter. We will again be starting our monthly Spaghetti Dinners in April 2008.

The **Wine Dance** on Friday October 12, 2007 went well with a good time by everyone attending. A big thanks to **Fay Palazzolo, Jennie Palazzolo** and **Grace Pizzo**.

Jim Bademian has volunteered to head up an effort to replace ceiling tiles in the Hall, during January and February when business is slow. Once a schedule is developed, we will be seeking volunteers.

Upcoming Club Activities include the following:

- The **Member Christmas Party**, Friday December 14th.
- The **Children's Christmas Party**, Sunday December 16th.
- The **New Year's Eve Dance** with a live band.
- The **Mardi Gras Event**, date to be determined.

Winter Luncheons in February and March will be on the third Wednesday of the month

A big thanks to all the Spaghetti Dinner volunteers for their dedication, attitude and hard work, which significantly contributes to the continued success of the Downriver Italian-American Club.

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

DIAC Membership Christmas Party



The Membership Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, December 14, 2007. **Sadie Kusic** and **Leona Vizzini** are the chairpersons. This event is open to members and a guest of a single member.

Menu and pricing is included in the attached flyer. Music is by **DJ John Frasson**. Reservation deadline is December 1, 2007. Please respond early for those good seats. Please call **Sadie or Leona** for seating arrangement. See the attached flyer for event details.

For further information, contact **Sadie Kusic** at (734)374-1699 or **Leona Vizzini** at (313)383-4775.

HAPPY

THANKSGIVING 2007

To Our Members and their Families!



Children's Christmas Party



Rosalie Vitale-Karawan will be chairing the **Children's Christmas Party** set for **Sunday, December 16, 2007**. **Santa Claus** has been booked and will be the special guest of honor. As in the past, this event is open to the DIAC members who have children that are 10 years and under.

Rosalie is looking for members who can donate cookies and other goodies. Deadline for reservation is December 1, 2007. A flyer with a return coupon is included in this newsletter.

For further information, contact **Rosalie** at (734)285-7406.

Multi Business Holiday Buffet



The Hall Board is having this event for businesses that are small and want to hold a Christmas party for their employees. This will be a first at the banquet hall. Businesses and their employees will celebrate like the big guys. Please advise any business you know to this event.

The chairperson for this event is Tony Pietrangelo, with the help of the Business Board. As a note, club members and the general public are welcomed. See the attached flyer for further information.

For further information and ticket sales, please contact Diana Holmes at (734)285-4044.

New Years Eve Event



It is not too early to start thinking about this fine event. This event is chaired by **Tony Pietrangelo**, along with **Rocky Kaune**. Tickets and reservations will soon be available for the New Year's

Eve event. If you are planning to attend or want to reserve a table with your friends, please contact them. As an added bonus, if you purchase your tickets on or before December 5, there will be a reduction of five dollars. This applies to all that want to come. See attached flyer for further information. Tickets must be paid at time of reservation and no tickets will be sold at the door.

For ticket sales, contact: **Tony Pietrangelo at (734) 284-9590, Rocky Kaune at (734) 246-4255, or Diana Holmes at (734) 285-4044.**

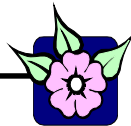
The Night After Thanksgiving

'T'was the night after Thanksgiving
But I just couldn't sleep
I tried counting backwards,
I tried counting sheep
The leftovers beckoned ---
The dark meat and white,
But I fought the temptation
With all of my might

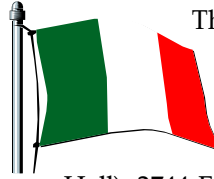
Tossing and turning with anticipation...
The thought of a snack became infatuation...
So I raced to the kitchen and flung open the door,
And gazed at the fridge full of goodies galore
I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,
Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.
I felt myself swelling so plump and so round,
Till all of a sudden, I rose off the ground!!

I crashed through the ceiling,
Floating into the sky...
With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie,
But I managed to yell as I soared past the trees...

HAPPY EATING TO ALL!!!
PASS THE CRANBERRIES PLEASE!!



Italians in Detroit



The **Downriver Genealogical Society** is holding a meeting on **Wednesday, November 14, 2007** at 7:30 p.m. The location is at the **St. John United Church of Christ**, (in the Church

Hall), 2744 Fourth Street, (corner of Chestnut Street), Wyandotte, Mich.

The guest speaker is **Armando Delicato**, who is the author and featured speaker on the WXYZ, channel 7 program "Detroit Italians."

The meeting is open to the public. If interested, please attend and learn about the Detroit Italian heritage.

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized: **Ed Klube, Angelo Giaimo, Rudy Ricci, Tony Lumia, Robert and Margaret Kling and Mary Galati.** Get Well Wishes to all our members who are not feeling well. Please advise **Grace Pizzo (734) 379-9491** of anyone who is ill.

Condolences to the family of **Eugene and Catherine Kling** on the death of their daughter-in-law, **Debra Kling**, who passed away on October 15, 2007, at the age of 45. May she rest in peace.

Congratulating our New DIAC Members

Please welcome the following new members who recently joined the DIAC membership:

Gloria (Braido) Gunn, of Woodhaven, MI. Sponsored by **Angelo and Jeanette Schiraldi.**

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.

Marco and Theresa Talluto (11/3)
Norman and Colleen Tabaka (11/7)
Gaspare and Mamie Misuraca (11/8)
Giovanni and Mary Giaimo (11/9)
Michael and Gabriela Loria (11/10)
Guy and Maria Vitale (11/10)
Anthony and Sherran Sclafani (11/13)
Salvatore and Katherine Finazzo (11/18)
Daniel and Catherine Brooks (11/19)
Robert and Susie Coch (11/21)
Joseph and Sharon Pagano (11/22)
Joseph and Aline Palamara (11/24)
Frank and Nina Liberati (11/25)

Nicola and Vincenza DiClaudio (11/26)
Don and Nancy Capezza (11/27) 50th
Vito and Maria Gaglio (11/27)
Aldo and Rose Gerbi (11/28)
Bruce and Valarie Yinger (11/28)
Angelo and Rosalie Giaimo (11/29) 55th

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

<i>Antonietta Chirco (11/1)</i>	<i>Jennie Palazzolo (11/17)</i>
<i>Violet Jenson (11/1)</i>	<i>Vincetta Smith (11/18)</i>
<i>Mary Lavine (11/1)</i>	<i>Jacqueline Jagiello (11/19)</i>
<i>Sam Palamara (11/1)</i>	<i>Josephine Manzella (11/20)</i>
<i>Marco Vitale (11/1)</i>	<i>Angelo Giaimo (11/21)</i>
<i>Angelina Carlone (11/2)</i>	<i>Angelo Schiraldi (11/22)</i>
<i>Marlene Erno (11/4)</i>	<i>Phyllis LoPiccolo (11/23)</i>
<i>Cora Muffi (11/7)</i>	<i>Patrick McMahan (11/24)</i>
<i>Emilia Gonella (11/9)</i>	<i>Fioravante Norscia (11/25)</i>
<i>Robert Kling (11/11)</i>	<i>Giovanni Santi, Sr. (11/25)</i>
<i>Angelo Norscia (11/11)</i>	<i>Thomas Battaglia (11/26)</i>
<i>Joanne Cuva (11/12)</i>	<i>MaryJane Grazioli (11/27)</i>
<i>Providence Evola (11/12)</i>	<i>Piera Vitale (11/27)</i>
<i>Katherine Finazzo (11/13)</i>	<i>Giovanni Giaimo (11/28)</i>
<i>Faro Gaglio (11/13)</i>	<i>Antonio Ventura (11/28)</i>
<i>William Barrett (11/14)</i>	<i>Fara Pizzo (11/29)</i>
<i>Jack Palazzolo (11/15)</i>	<i>Gertrude Ventura (11/29)</i>
<i>Robert Coch (11/16)</i>	

A Message from the Italian Consulate

SUBJECT: **IT CARD** – Distribution of Discount Card to Italians Residing in Foreign Countries.

This Consulate office has received from the Italian Foreign Ministry of Rome, the discount cards that can be consigned or sent to Italian citizens that make a written request.

The above mentioned cards permits the user to benefit from national dealers in the following sectors, while traveling in Italy, purchases on-line, restaurants, cultural and free time indicated in the "guide services" that will be consigned to you with the card.

The IT-CARD

- Can be released to Italian citizens who are registered and are residing in the district of this Consulate office.
- Requests can be made in person or via mail with a letter containing your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address, if available.
- You may personally consign this request or by mail with a self addressed and stamped envelope.

The ministry of Foreign Affairs and this Consulate Office are not responsible for the disservices that eventually may occur with usages of this card.

For the Consul

The Regent – V. Zeppa

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Alessio Nebiolo a Ann Arbor, MI

Il **Consolato d'Italia** in Detroit, é lieto di presentare il giovane ed affermato chitarrista, **Alessio Nebiolo**, che si esibirá, lunedì, 12 Novembre 2007, alle 8:00 pm, presso il Kerrytown Concert House al n. 415 N. 4th Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Diplomatosi al Conservatorio di Alessandria, Alessio Nebiolo ha partecipato a numerosi concorsi, vincendo ben dieci premi internazionali. Molto applaudito come solista in numerose sale da concerto in Europa e in Asia, Nebiolo ha tenuto inoltre concerti di duo, trio, quartetto e ottetto di chitarre. Il maestro ha al suo attivo la registrazione di due CD come solista e in duo chitarra-fisarmonica per l'etichetta francese "Arpeggio" nonché un CD "Live at Lucerne Festival." É responsabile della classe di chitarra presso il Conservatorio di Ginevra, in Svizzera. Lodato per l'abilità tecnica, l'energia e il vigore delle sue interpretazioni, il maestro Nebiolo é considerato un virtuoso della chitarra, lo strumento che Beethoven definì "orchestra in miniature."

Il programma del concerto prevede opere rinascimentali o barocche, ad esempio la Suite Espanola di G. Sanz, due opere classiche (Sonata di Paganini e Villalobos e Piazzola), e due opere moderne di B. Britten e di D. Bogdanovic.

L'ingresso é gratuito.

Ulteriori informazioni sono disponibili presso i sequenti recapiti:

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Mom's Lazy Thanksgiving

T'is the night before Thanksgiving
 And all through our house
 No turkey is baking; I feel like a louse,
 For I am all nestled, so snug in my bed;
 I'm not gettin' up and I'm not bakin' bread.
 No pies in my oven, no cranberry sauce
 Cuz I give the orders, and I am the boss.

When out in the kitchen, there arose such a clatter
 I almost got up to see what was the matter.
 As I drew in my head and was tossing around
 To the bed came my husband, he grimaced, he frowned.

And laying his finger aside of his nose,
 He scared me to death and I thought, "Here he goes!"
 He spoke not a word as he threw back my quilt
 And the look that he gave was intended to wilt.

So up to the ceiling my pillows he threw
 I knew I had had it, his face had turned blue.
 "You Prancer, you Dodger, you're lazy, you Vixen
 Out yonder in kitchen, Thanksgiving you're fixin."

But he heard me explain, with my face in a pout:
 "I'm JUST PLAIN TOO TIRED and we're EATING OUT."

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Thoughts for the Month

Sound travels slowly... Sometimes the things you say when your kids are teenagers don't reach them till they're in their 40's.

A man complained about having had two unhappy marriages. His first wife divorced him and his second wife wouldn't.

In order to see the Rainbow, you must first endure some Rain

Misers aren't much fun to live with, but they make great ancestors.

Wealthy people miss one of life's greatest thrills - Making the last car payment

When you see the handwriting on the wall, you can bet you're in a public restroom.

A Driving Moment

Driving through rural Ontario, I stopped at a roadside stand that sold fruit, vegetables and crafts. As I went to pay, I noticed the young woman behind the counter was painting a sign. "Why the new sign?" I asked.

"My boyfriend didn't approve of the old one," she said. When I glanced at what hung above the counter, I understood. It declared: "Local Honey, dates nuts!"

A Senior Moment

Every Saturday morning Grandpa Walter found himself babysitting his three grandchildren...all boys. The kids always wanted to play "cowboys," and Grandpa somehow always got coaxed into the game.

His daughter came to pick up the kids early one Saturday and witnessed Grandpa take a fake shot as Jeremy pointed his water pistol and yelled, "Bang!"

Grandpa slumped to the floor and stayed there motionless. The daughter rushed over to see if he was all right.

Grandpa opened one eye and whispered, "Sh-h-h, I always do this. It's the only chance I get to rest."

A Friendship Poem

Standing by,
 All the way.
 Here to help you through your day.

Holding you up,
 When you are weak,
 Helping you find what it is you seek.

Catching your tears,
 When you cry.
 Pulling you through when the tide is high.

Just being there,
 Through thick and thin,
 All just to say, you are my friend.

- Brittani Kokko -

Calendar of Coming Events

Dec. 14, 2007 **Member's Christmas Party**
 Sadie Kusic, Leona Vizzini.

Dec. 16, 2007 **Children's Christmas Party**
 Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan.

Dec. 31 **New Year's Eve Gala Event.**
 DIA Hall Board

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Member's Children Christmas Party



Sunday, December 16, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

This Party is for **Member's Children Only**. The child must be 10 years and under.

This year's party will again consist of fun hands-on activities for all the children and a pizza luncheon. Directly from the North Pole, Santa Claus will be the special guest. Moms and dads, don't forget to bring your camera and catch those special moment with Santa.

If you wish to donate cookies, please call Rosalie Vitale-Karawan. at (734)285-7406.

Return the coupon below to:

Rosalie Vitale-Karawan
17120 Kennebec
Riverview, MI 48193-7608

****This form must be received no later than December 1, 2007. This deadline must be strictly enforced to ensure your child will receive a gift.**

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Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ City _____

Print Child's Name	Age	Girl	Boy
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Mail to: Rosalie Vitale-Karawan, 17120 Kennebec, Riverview, MI 48193-7608

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DIAC Member's Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 14, 2007

Music by: DJ John Frasson

Family Style Dinner by Chef Jeanne Liedel

6:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour, 7:30 p.m. Dinner



Hors D'oeuvre

Cheese, Fruit, Cracker Dish Centerpiece

Main Entrées:

Italian Wedding Soup
Tossed Salad, Sliced Italian Bread /w Olive Oil
Linguini with Oil and Garlic
Herb Baked Chicken
Italian Sausage with peppers and Onions
Baked Roll Pork
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables

Dessert

Sander's Cream Puff with Hot Fudge
Beverage, Coffee or Tea
Each Table with 2 carafe of wine

\$25.00 per member, \$30.00 per guest of a single member

Reserved tables of 10 only. All other seated where available. Door Prizes

Tickets must be paid at time of reservation:

Make check or money order payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club**

Mail to: Sadie Kusic

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For further information call: Sadie Kusic at (734) 374-1699 or

Leona Vizzini at (313) 383-4775



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I (We) will be attending the D.I.A.C. 2007 Members Christmas Party on Friday, December 14, 2007.
This ticket and payment must be received no later than December 1, 2007.

Name: _____ Number of people Attending: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club.** Table No. _____

Mail this form and check to: Sadie Kusic ♣ 22888 Coachlight Circle ♣ Taylor, MI 48180-6398

----- Buon Natale ----- Merry Christmas ----- Buon Natale ----- Merry Christmas -----