



38th Year, 1971-2009

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

Board of Directors Meeting..... Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

October 2009 NEWSLETTER

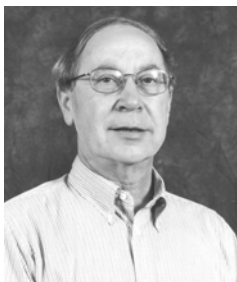


October Pasta Event - October 21, 2009

Shareholder's Meeting Notice

Just prior to the October membership meeting, the annual Shareholder's Meeting will be presented at 6:00 p.m. If you want to be informed on the performance of the Hall Business, please attend on time.

A Message from the Club President



I cannot believe summer weather is out and cool weather has set in. Summer seemed to have ended so abruptly. Not much left of our garden harvest this year. I made seeds of what I'll be planting next year - need to make certain I label each type of tomato, green beans zucchini, tortarello and eggplants

correctly.

The "Dancing with the Stars" event will have passed by the time you read this notice. Chairpersons **Phyllis Gandol** and **Janice Labadie** have indicated they have sold a good amount of tickets.

The next Pasta Event is on October 21st. Please come and help out on preparation day, Tuesday, and on serving day, Wednesday. Our past attendance is somewhat down, as expected from this poor economic condition we are experiencing in Michigan. Please remind your family and friends to come and enjoy a fine, homemade meal. The Club along with **St. Elizabeth Church** will co-sponsor a Pasta Event to be held on Wednesday, November 11. See related article.

Florence (Sclafani) Coleman is organizing our Club's first **Memorial Mass** set for November 8, 2009 at **St. Patrick Catholic Church**. See attached article and flyer in this newsletter. Please attend and give support to those that lost their loved ones over the years or anyone in your family.

The Club Hall Business will once again be holding a **Bridal Show** on November 15th. If you have a daughter, son, niece or grandchildren who are planning a wedding in the near future, please advise them to come.

A Member's Photo Gallery has been set up at the club website, where members can display photos of their important events. See related article.

A **Dues and Assessment Committee** has been formed to look at dues for club membership. See related article.

The **Toys for Tots** Christmas program will once again take place this year. A detailed article will be presented in a coming newsletter.

We hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health.

Frank Giannotti, Club President

Pasta Event - Wednesday Oct. 21, 2009



In September we served 612 Spaghetti Dinners. We continue to serve about the same number of dinners that we served in 2007. Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be **Wednesday October 21, 2009**. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and dinner is from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We continue to get sufficient volunteers to make the dinners a much-appreciated event in the community.

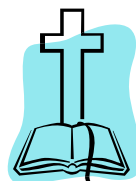
A few months ago, we were approached by members of **St. Elizabeth's Catholic Parish** in Wyandotte to help them with a fund raiser in November to repair the church roof. St. Elizabeth will provide some volunteers, but the **Downriver Italian American Club** will supply its expertise and additional volunteers to help out. The dinner is scheduled for Wednesday November 11, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to serve the community in Wyandotte.

If you cannot work, another way to support our Spaghetti Dinners is to come yourself (or as many of you do), bring friends and enjoy a fine meal.

Sincerely,

Mark Grazioli - Chairman #1

Club Memorial Mass - Nov. 8, 2009



The date for the Club's First **Memorial Mass** is Sunday, November 8, 2009. The mass will begin at 9:00 a.m. at **St. Patrick Catholic Church** on 135 Superior Blvd (Superior and 2nd Street), in Wyandotte, MI.

We hope to get as many family and friends of our deceased members to attend. Many were original members and founding fathers of our Club. They, along with many others, did a lot to get us where we are today, so we should not forget them. Please contact anyone you might know who has had a club member pass away; have them call me. We have 134 names on our memorial list. If you have any questions or want to make sure we have your relative listed, please call me at (734)281-7126. We will also be having a Brunch at the Club, following the Mass.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that I know how many will be attending Mass and the Brunch. The Church wants to know so they can reserve enough pews for our group. Our caterer needs to know how many people to prepare food for. The cost for the brunch: Adults: \$7:00, Children 7 - 10: \$4.00

See attached flyer in this newsletter.

Thank-you, **Florence (Sclafani) Coleman**

Member's Christmas Dinner



The chairperson(s) of the Member's Christmas Dinner are announcing this event will take place on **Saturday, December 12, 2009**. **Sadie Kusic**, along with **Leona Vizzini** are the chairpersons. The event is open to members and to a guest of a single member. A flyer is contained in this newsletter for further details.

Member's Photo Gallery on Website



The club website, www.diac.us has a new section that contains a photo gallery of member's picture events. There are currently a few entries to generate interest.

If you would like to have your pictures displayed in this gallery, send them to **Frank Giannotti** in either jpg digital format, or as a printed copy - so that it can be scanned into a digital image.

To access this section at the club website, click on EVENTS button at top of the page, then click on the MEMBER'S GALLERY button on the left side of the page. Then click on the PICTURES at the right side of the event you wish to view.

Bridal Show set for Nov. 15, 2009



The **DIAH Business Board** will once again sponsor a **Bridal Show** for Sunday, November 15, 2009 at the Hall. The event runs from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. The show will have models wearing wedding dresses and tuxedo menswear.

The event is sponsored by **DIAH Hall** and co-sponsored by: **Premier Bride, DJ & Music**, fashions by

One Stop Wedding Shop and by **Jim's Tuxedo**. There will be many wedding related prizes to be given away. There will be many vendors showing their services. If you know of anyone getting married in the near future, please advise them to this valuable event. The hall will be well decorated and hopefully result in future bookings.

Jeanne's Catering will provide a Taste Test Sampler.

Advance tickets are \$4.00 (\$5.00 at the door). For reservation and further information, please call **Diana Holmes**, at (734)285-4044.

Toys For Tots



Once again, the **Vitale family** of Woodhaven will have a **TOYS FOR TOTS** Christmas event at the DIA HALL on November 21, 2009. You can bring a new toy unwrapped to the Spaghetti Event on October 20 or 21 or to the general membership meeting on October 25 or any day **Diana Holmes** or **Mary Cottone** is in the office.

Last year, the family collected over 200 toys. Please help the unfortunate children enjoy a nice Christmas this year.

For further information, contact the DIA Hall, **Diana Holmes** or **Mary Cottone** at (734) 285-4044.

Dues and Assessment Committee

A **Dues and Assessment Committee** has been formed to review membership dues and assessment for the Club members, along with honorary members (those that have 25 years of membership). The committee is chaired by **Leslie Lupo**, along with committee members: **Frank Giannotti, George Lavine, Grace Pizzo and Vito A. Trupiano**.

Recommendations will be brought to the club Board and to the general membership later this year for approval.

Wedding Engagement

Frank and Liliana Giannotti proudly announce the wedding engagement of their daughter, **Carolina (Lina) Giannotti**, to **Nicholas (Nick) Rigney**. Nick is a mechanical engineer while Lina is an electrical engineer. They met while they were both doing work for General Motors. Nick is the son of **John and Camille Rigney** of Fort Gratiot, MI, near Port Huron. The wedding will take place sometime in the fall of 2010.

Congratulations to the Giannotti and the Rigney families.

A Message from Lil Agrusa

To All Club Members:

I'd like to express my sincere thanks for all the prayers, cards, and get-well wishes. They have been an enormous support through these last couple of months.

Sincerely,

Lil Agrusa

The Season Autumn

"I know the year is dying,
 Soon the summer will be dead.
 I can trace it in the flying
 Of the black crows overhead;
 I can hear it in the rustle
 Of the dead leaves as I pass,
 And the south wind's plaintive sighing
 Through the dry and withered grass.
 Ah, 'tis then I love to wander,
 Wander idly and alone,
 Listening to the solemn music
 Of sweet nature's undertone;
 Wrapt in thoughts I cannot utter,
 Dreams my tongue cannot express,
 Dreams that match the autumn's sadness
 In their longing tenderness."

- Poem Provided by MMF -

Menna Room Rental to Club Members

This information was discussed at a recent general membership meeting. The practice has been in affect for a number of years. The Club **Menna Room** can be rented to a club member without having the club chef provide the cooking. The food must be catered, and as long as the kitchen is not used.

For pricing and the various options, please contact the Hall Office – **Diana Holmes** or **Mary Cottone** at (734)285-4044.

Bus Trips on the Horizon



Niagara Fallsview Casino and Seneca Casino – Wednesday, October 28, 2009 – Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

Cost is \$135.00 per person, based on double occupancy.

Round trip transportation provided via Bianco deluxe highway motor coach. Equipped with reclining seats and restroom for your convenience.

This is a 2 Days/1 Night stay at the Sheraton on the Falls Hotel.

Niagara Fallsview Casino: The casino overlooks one of the most famous views in the world – The Niagara Falls. Everyone will receive \$10.00 in coins.

Seneca Casino: A Vegas style casino, features Morey's Sportsbar and Grille and Thunder Falls Buffet. Everyone will receive \$15.00 slot play and a \$5.00 food voucher.

The bus will leave early morning on Wednesday and will return at early evening on Thursday.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT:

Your tour will be taking you into Canada. US and Canadian passengers are required to present proof of citizenship. The following forms are acceptable:

- 1 – PASSPORT BOOK – Must be a valid passport.
- 2 – PASSPORT CARD – Valid for international travel by land or by sea. Not valid for international air travel.
- 3 – ENHANCED DRIVERS LICENSE - Valid for international travel by land or by sea. Not valid for international air travel.
- 4 – CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION accompanied by a valid passport. Aliens need valid passport and valid US Re-Entry Permit.

Please contact **Nancy DiPasquale** at (734) 282-1644. Mail your check (made out to: **Bianco Tours**) to:

Nancy DiPasquale
 13426 Mulberry
 Southgate, MI 48195-2499.

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized:
Lil Agrusa broke her ankle, **Catherine Mannino** broke her foot. **Joe Giammalva Sr.** had a serious work related accident. **Maria Sclafani, Miriam Lumia, Phyllis Cottone** and **Sam Vitale** were hospitalized.

Get Well Wishes to all our members who are not feeling well. Please advise **Grace Pizzo** (734)379-9491 of anyone is ill or hospitalized.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

<i>Kristy Dunn (10/01)</i>	<i>Marco Talluto (10/17)</i>
<i>Charles Cosner, Jr. (10/2)</i>	<i>James Gandol (10/18)</i>
<i>Angelo A. Giannotti (10/2)</i>	<i>Hermine Norscia (10/18)</i>
<i>Wynnith Martino (10/2)</i>	<i>Darlene Randazzo (10/18)</i>
<i>Bettina Vitale (10/2)</i>	<i>John Finazzo (10/19)</i>
<i>Vivian Martino (10/3)</i>	<i>Dick Oslund (10/19)</i>
<i>George Menna (10/4)</i>	<i>Frances Randazzo (10/19)</i>
<i>Joann Pagano (10/4)</i>	<i>Mary Giaimo (10/22)</i>
<i>Raymond Gonella (10/6)</i>	<i>Maria Graziani (10/22)</i>
<i>Travis Dick (10/7)</i>	<i>Karen Caputo (10/24)</i>
<i>Catherine Kling (10/7)</i>	<i>Phyllis Cottone (10/24)</i>
<i>Mike Palazzolo (10/7)</i>	<i>Giuseppe Giammalva (10/24)</i>
<i>Joan Luzac (10/9)</i>	<i>BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25)</i>
<i>James Bademian (10/10)</i>	<i>Anselm Scipione (10/25)</i>
<i>Susan Conz (10/11)</i>	<i>Rose Bozzo (10/26)</i>
<i>Josie Klube (10/11)</i>	<i>Rino Pagnucco (10/26)</i>
<i>Gino Martino Jr. (10/11)</i>	<i>Michael McNally (10/27)</i>
<i>Robert Franzese (10/13)</i>	<i>Marguerite Sclafani (10/29)</i>
<i>Daniele Graziani (10/17)</i>	<i>Rena DeMelis (10/27)</i>
<i>Mary Randazzo (10/17)</i>	<i>Angela McCarty (10/31)</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 anniversaries this month.

Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3)

Lenny and Pina Milewski (10/3)

Rino and Marie Pagnucco (10/3)

Ted and Lena Brockway (10/7)

James and Dolores DeMare (10/7)

Joseph and Josie Badalamenti (10/9)

Joseph and Penny Bardinelli (10/9)

Henry and Teresa Le Sage (10/10)

Joseph and Josie Palazzolo (10/11)

Joseph and Sadie Kusic (10/14)

Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14)

Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)

Tony and Miriam Lumia (10/19)

Salvatore and Caterina Abbulone (10/21)

October Season

"October gave a party;

The leaves by hundreds came-
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.

The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band."

-- George Cooper, *October's Party*--

A Message from Fay Palazzolo

Fay would like to thank **Patricia Graziani** and **Joyce Mitra** for bringing dessert to the September membership meeting. The dessert was very delicious.

Dolly Chirco, Theresa (Caparaotta) Herbert, Linda Kerr and Elisa Norscia have volunteered to bring dessert to the October membership meeting. If you would like to bring a dessert, please contact **Fay Palazzolo** at (734) 282-0539.

Consul Marco Nobili's Message on the Occasion of Columbus Day, 2009

When he left Europe 517 years ago, Cristoforo Colombo set sail on a voyage that changed the course of history. On Columbus Day we celebrate this journey of discovery and honor the Italian explorer that forged the destiny of the New World.

Since 1934, when Franklin Roosevelt first proclaimed the national holiday, America has observed Columbus Day to mark that moment when the Old World met the New. Together with our American friends, we honor the man

from Genova and the vision that carried him throughout his voyage. And, together we recognize today as well the unique contributions that people of Italian descent have made here in America for more than five centuries.

God bless Italy and the United States!

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Two Witches

There was a witch
The witch had an itch
The itch was so itchy it
Gave her a twitch.

Another witch
Admired the twitch
So she started twitching
Though she had no itch.

Now both of them twitch
So it is hard to tell which
Witch has the itch and
Which witch has the twitch.

-- Alexander Resnikoff --

Gli Uomini ...

1. Gli uomini sono come le Vacanze
Non durano mai abbastanza.
2. Gli uomini sono come le Banane.
Più invecchiano, meno sono sodi.
3. Gli uomini sono come il Tempo.
Non puoi fare niente per cambiarlo.
4. Gli uomini sono come il Caffè...
I migliori sono caldi, forti e ti tengono sveglia tutta la notte.
5. Gli uomini sono come il Computer.
Difficili da capire e costantemente senza 'abbastanza' memoria.
6. Gli uomini sono come la Pubblicità.
Mai credere a una parola di quello che dicono.
7. Gli uomini sono come il Conto in Banca
Senza denaro non generano interesse.
8. Gli uomini sono come il Popcorn.
Ti soddisfano, ma solo per poco.
9. Gli uomini sono come le Nevicate.
Non sai mai quando arrivano, quanti centimetri ti daranno o quanto tempo dureranno.

10. Gli uomini sono come le Fotocopiatrici.

Servono per la riproduzione.

11. Gli uomini sono come il Parcheggio.

Tutti i posti buoni sono occupati, gli altri sono disabili.

DIA Hall Banquet Facility

If you have a relative, such as a niece, nephew, or grandchildren who are getting married and looking for a nice place to hold a party - we will give them the same discount price as a club member. The Hall is willing to work very close with them. The Club does need the business. **DIA Hall** is a beautiful banquet facility and provides long lasting memories for those special occasions.

For further information, please call **Diana Holmes** or **Mary Cottone** at (734) 285-4044. We would like to book your party and give us an opportunity to serve you.

I Am Thankful ...

For the wife who says it's hot dogs tonight.

Because she is home with me, and not out with someone else.

For the husband who is on the sofa being a couch potato.

Because he is home with me and not out at the bars.

For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes.

Because it means she is at home, not on the streets.

For the taxes I pay.

Because it means I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party.

Because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug.

Because it means I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work.

Because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing.

Because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the government.

Because it means we have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot.

Because it means I am capable of walking and I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill.

Because it means I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church who sings off key.

Because it means I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing.

Because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day.

Because it means I have been capable of working hard.

For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours.

Because it means I am alive.

And finally, for too much e-mail

Means I have friends who are thinking of me.

Live well, laugh often, & love with all of your heart!

He Said to Me ... I Said to Him ...

He said to me - What have you been doing with all the grocery money I gave you?

I said to him - Turn sideways and look in the mirror!

He said to me - How many men does it take to change a roll of toilet paper?

I said to him - I don't know; it has never happened.

He said to me - Why is it difficult to find men who are sensitive, caring and good-looking?

I said to him - They already have boyfriends.

He said to me - What do you call a woman who knows where her husband is every night?

I said to him - A widow.

He said to me - Why are married women heavier than single women?

I said to him - Single women come home, see what's in the fridge and go to bed. Married women come home, see what's in bed and go to the fridge.



Calendar of Coming Club Events

Oct. 21, 2009 **October Pasta Event.**

Pasta Committee + Club Membership.

Nov. 8 2009 **Memorial Mass.**

Florence (Sclafani) Coleman & ???.

Nov. 11, 2009 **St. Elizabeth Pasta Event.**

Committee, Membership, St. Elizabeth.

Nov. 15 2009 **Bridal Show.**

DIA Hall

Dec. 12, 2009 **Member's Christmas Dinner Party.**

Sadie Kusic, Leona Vizzini.

Dec. 13, 2009 **Member's Children Christmas Party.**

Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan & Helper.

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DIA Newsletter, c/o Frank A. Giannotti

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The 1st Annual
**DIAC Memorial
Mass/Brunch**

Sunday, November 8, 2009



Presented by:
**The Downriver Italian-American
Club**

646 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Mass Service at:
St. Patrick Catholic Church
135 Superior Blvd. (Superior and 2nd Street)
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**Brunch at the DIAC Hall Immediately
Following the Mass**

Adults: \$7.00

Children (7 to 10 yrs old): \$4.00

Further information call: **Florence (Sclafani) Coleman (734)281-7126**

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I/We will be attending the **Memorial Mass/Brunch** on Sunday - November 8, 2009, at St. Patrick Catholic Church
This coupon and payment must be received **no later than Friday- October 28, 2009**

Name	Phone Number
No. Attending Mass: _____ Brunch: Adults: \$ 7.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____	
Children 7 -10 yrs of age: \$4.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____	
	Total: \$ _____

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

Return coupon and check to: Florence Coleman, 14157 Stratford, Riverview, MI 48193-7550

DIAC Member's Christmas Dinner

DIA Hall, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727

Saturday, December 12, 2009

Live Music Band by: The Blue Genes

Family Style Dinner by Chef Jeanne Liedel

6:30 pm Hors D'oeuvre, 7:30 pm Dinner



Hors D'oeuvre
 Cheese, Relish, Cracker Dish Centerpiece
Main Entrées:
 Wedding Soup
 Tossed Salad, Sliced Italian Bread /w Olive Oil
 Bowties with Pesto Sauce
 Herb Baked Chicken
 Italian Sausage with peppers and Onions
 Roast Pork /Aujus
 Oven Roasted Potatoes
 Mixed Vegetables
Dessert
 Sanders Cream Puff/Hot Fudge
 Beverage, Coffee or Tea
 Your Favorite Beverage
 Each Table with 2 crafts of wine

\$35.00 per member, \$40.00 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

22888 Coachlight Circle

Taylor, MI 48180-6398

For further information call: Leona Vizzini at (313) 383-4775

Sadie Kusic at (734) 374-1699



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I (We) will be attending the D.I.A.C. 2009 Members Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12, 2009. This ticket and payment must be received no later than November 30, 2009.

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

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



2009 Pasta Events

Choice of Spaghetti or Penne Pasta
Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

The Downriver Italian-American Club

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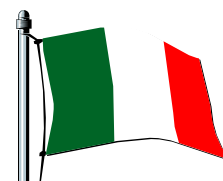
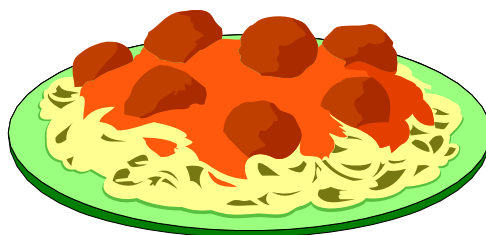
Wednesday, April 15, 2009	Wednesday, May 20 2009
Wednesday, June 17, 2009	Wednesday, July 15, 2009
Wednesday, August 19, 2009	Wednesday, September 16, 2009
Wednesday, October 21, 2009	Wednesday, November 11, 2009



Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Adults: \$7.00 (Same Low Price as Last Year)
Children 10 & Under: \$4.00
Sausage addition for \$1.50



Delicious Meat Sauce and Meatballs Available for Take-Home

Enjoy a Delicious Italian Home Cooked Meal
Public Welcome – Advise and Bring Your Friends
We Deliver Carry-Outs Orders of 8 or More Meals
During the Luncheon Period Only.



Banquet Hall Available for Public Rental