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The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

December 2009 NEWSLETTER

Board of Directors Meeting..... Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting ***** Cancelled *****



Buon Natale a Tutti – Merry Christmas to All

No Membership Meeting in December

There is no membership meeting in December due to the Christmas Holiday – the meetings will resume in January. We wish our members and their families the Very Best for the Holidays. Be safe, be healthy, and see you next year.

May you have the Spirit of Christmas, which is

Peace

the Gladness of Christmas, which is

Hope

the Warmth of Christmas, which is

Friendship

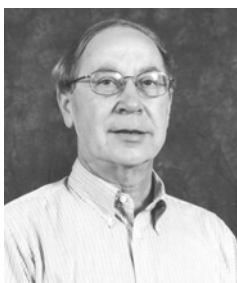
the Heart of Christmas, which is

Joy

the Blessing of Christmas, which is

Love

A Message from the Club President



It's hard to believe, but the Holiday Season is upon us. By now we should all had our fill of Thanksgiving leftover turkey, gravy, stuffing and mashed potatoes. It's time to celebrate Christmas and New Years.

The economic recession continues with job opportunities and recovery awaiting a comeback. For some, this makes the ability for basic necessities, financing their home and maintaining medical insurance an enormous task. We can only hope 2010 will bring improvement to our economy.

The **Memorial Mass and Brunch** of November 8th was a success. Over 100+ members were present at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Wyandotte. **Father Dan Nesbaum** officiated the Mass. The luncheon following was outstanding. Many thanks to **Florence Coleman** for chairing this first annual event.

The charitable **Pasta Event for St. Elizabeth "Raise the Roof"** on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 was also

successful. Many thanks to all our members (and those from the church parish) that helped during the two days. Hopefully enough revenue was generated to support the roof repair/replacement. Many thanks to the Pasta chairpersons, **Mark Grazioli, Tony Lumia, Jim Bademian**, and myself, for making the 2009 Pasta Events a truly successful fundraiser for the Club.

The Hall **Bridal Show** of November 15th was a beautiful event. Many local vendors were displaying their goods and services. Many future brides-to-be were there to see the latest trends in wedding details.

Once again the **Toys for Tots** Christmas program began on November 21st. If you wish to drop off an unwrapped toy for local needy children, please do so before December 5th.

In December we look forward to the **Member's Christmas Dinner** set for December 12. Hopefully you've made your reservation by now. The **Children's Christmas Party** is scheduled for December 13. Bring your kids and take lots of pictures of them with Santa.

As we approach the holiday season, we need to remember our troops that protect our freedom, our members that have passed away and the many neighbors and friends that are or will be suffering during these hard economic times.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may God Bless you and your families.

Frank A. Giannotti, Club President

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

To Our Membership and their Families!



Member's Christmas Dinner Dance



One last reminder, the Member's Christmas Dinner Dance has been set for Saturday, December 12, 2009. **Sadie Kusic**, along with **Leona Vizzini** are the chairpersons. This is a fine event with live music by the Blue Genes, a fine meal and lots of time to dance and socialize with friends. If you have not made your reservation, do so immediately. A coupon to be returned with monies can be found in the flyer of November 2009 newsletter.

Children's Christmas Party

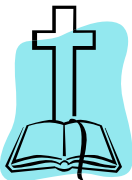


Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan will be chairing the **Children's Christmas Party** set for **Sunday, December 13, 2009**. **Santa Claus** has been booked and will be the special guest of honor. As in the past, this event is open to the DIAC members who have children that are 10 years and under.

Rosalie is looking for members who can donate cookies and other goodies. Deadline for reservation is December 1, 2009. Sarah Badalamenti will be helping out in this event.

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

Santa Rosalia Italian Mass at St. Stans



The **Downriver Santa Rosalia Club** is having an Italian Mass at **St. Stanislaus Church** on Sunday December 6, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

There will be food, refreshment and a raffle immediately following the mass (5:00 p.m.), at the **Downriver Italian-American Hall**, 646 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI. Please bring a dessert to share with those attending and an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots program.

For further information, please contact **Angela Palazzolo** at (734)282-5344 or **Josie Gaglio** at (734)246-2523.

Soup and Salad Luncheon



The Hall Board will be sponsoring a Winter **Luncheon** on Jan. 20, Feb. 24 and Mar. 17. The meal entries are: Chicken Noodle Soup, Minestrone Soup, Antipasto Salad along with a dessert. In March the meal is Corned Beef and cabbage. **Mary Cottone** is chairing this event. The food will be prepared by Club Chef **Jeanne Liedel**. Mary is looking for volunteers to help out.

Contact **Mary Cottone** at (734)285-1563 or (734)285-4044.

Toys for Tots



The family of **Joe and Anita Vitale** of Woodhaven are once again collecting toys for their Christmas tradition, **Toys for Tots**. If you would like to contribute, please bring an unwrapped toy to the Downriver Italian American Hall and drop it off into the large collection box near the front door – no later than Dec. 5, 2009. The toys will be donated to area needy children.

Happy Holidays to everyone from,

Joe, Anita and Mary-Beth Vitale

A Blood Drive in January

The American Red Cross will schedule a blood drive on January 6, 2010 at the hall, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm.. If you can give blood, please call **Mary Cottone** at (734)285-1563 or **Diana Holmes** at the Hall (734)285-4044 and they will confirm your appointment. Please advise your family and friends of this important life-giving donation.

Mary asked if Club members can bake and bring cookies – the club will provide orange juice. A minimum of 45 donors are needed to make this blood drive a go. God Bless You for your kind deed.

Gifts I'd Leave You

The gifts I'd leave beneath your tree,
Aren't those that you can touch nor see.
Not wrapped in Christmas tissue gay,
But gifts to bless you every day.

The gift of friendship, warm and true,
Is one that I would leave for you.
Good health and happiness and cheer,
To keep you smiling through the year.

The gift of peace that comes from God,
With prayer to guide each path you trod,
And when your heart has lost it's song,
The gift of hope to cheer you on.

These are the gifts I'd leave for you
To bring you joy your whole life through.

— Kay Hoffman —

Evelena Gaglio – Born June 6, 2009

Congratulations to the proud grandparents, **Faro and Rose Gaglio** on the birth of their 11th grandchild, **Evelena Gaglio** – born on June 6, 2009. Evelena weighed in at 6 pounds – 6 ounces and was 19 inches long. The proud parents are **Faro and Sarah Gaglio**.

Congratulations to the **Gaglio** families.

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized: **Lil Agrusa, Grace Asteriou, Pauline Barraco, Rosalie Giaimo, Ann Lepidi Sam Randazzo and Lisa Vespa.** Get Well Wishes to all our members who are not feeling well. Please advise **Grace Pizzo** (734)379-9491 of anyone who is ill.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

<i>Mary Wierzba (12/03)</i>	<i>Rosalie Aluia (12/18)</i>
<i>Gina Cosner (12/04)</i>	<i>Giuseppe Alastra (12/19)</i>
<i>Salvatore Vitale (12/05)</i>	<i>John Cadorin (12/19)</i>
<i>Bruce Yinger (12/05)</i>	<i>Paul Consiglio (12/19)</i>
<i>Roger Zampieri (12/05)</i>	<i>Kelli Fracassa (12/20)</i>
<i>Sylvia Vitale (12/06)</i>	<i>Angela Palazzolo (12/20)</i>
<i>David Webster (12/07)</i>	<i>Vivian Cacioppo (12/22)</i>
<i>Anna Crapanzano (12/08)</i>	<i>Shirley Cavataio (12/22)</i>
<i>Vincenza DiClaudio (12/11)</i>	<i>Salvatore Lentini (12/22)</i>
<i>Lina M. Giannotti (12/11)</i>	<i>Josephine Chimento (12/23)</i>
<i>Domenick Forte (12/14)</i>	<i>Carlo LoPiccolo (12/24)</i>
<i>Giovanna Vitale (12/14)</i>	<i>Nancy DiPasquale (12/26)</i>
<i>Aldo Gerbi (12/15)</i>	<i>George Lavine (12/26)</i>
<i>Richard Kaune (12/15)</i>	<i>Marian Maniaci (12/28)</i>
<i>Francesco DeMelis (12/16)</i>	<i>Algie Prato (12/28)</i>
<i>Julian LoRusso (12/16)</i>	<i>Steven Vitale (12/28)</i>
<i>Tom Talluto (12/17)</i>	<i>Robyn Vitale (12/30)</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.

Gregory and Sandra Saucier (12/19)
Don and Emilia (Mimi) Kerr (12/31)

A Message from Fay Palazzolo

Fay would like to thank **Shirley Cavataio, Theresa (Caparotta) LeSage, Nancy Marcantonio and Pina Milewski** for bringing dessert to the November membership meeting. The dessert was very delicious.

Phyllis Gandol, Mary Lavine and Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale have volunteered to bring dessert to the January 24th membership meeting. If you would like to bring a dessert, please contact **Fay Palazzolo** at (734) 282-0539.



On Christmas Time

How lovely 'tis to take this time
To greet our dearest friends,
To wish them health and happiness
Before the old year ends.

Darkness comes late afternoon
And winter lies ahead,
But friendship is a glowing fire
When all seems cold and dead.

Just as in some vacant barn,
Unnoticed in the night,
The whole of human history turns,
So we, too, make things right.

We must keep alive the flame
Though darkness grip the Earth;
For in the love we find in friends
Is our chance for rebirth.

Gender General Equations & Statistics

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

Man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.

To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that - is the beginning of a new argument.

There are 2 times when a man doesn't understand a woman: Before marriage and after marriage.

Messaggio: Consolato d'Italia - Detroit

Cari Connazionali,

All'approssimarsi delle festività natalizie è con piacere che formulo a tutti voi i miei migliori auguri.

L'anno che ci lasciamo alle spalle è stato ricco di avvenimenti: dall'accordo FIAT Chrysler, che ha rilanciato il ruolo della nostra presenza a Detroit, all'annuncio di una possibile chiusura del Consolato. Il terremoto in Abruzzo ha segnato profondamente questa nostra comunità, che si è immediatamente attivata per fornire

ogni possibile supporto alle popolazioni colpite da quella tragedia. Gli Italiani all'estero sono stati chiamati ad esprimersi in occasione del referendum; i connazionali di questa circoscrizione consolare possono contare -a partire dal 2009- su due nuovi Vice Consolati Onorari (a Nashville, TN e Indianapolis, IN) che vanno ad aggiungersi al Vice Consolato Onorario a Cleveland.

Ho avuto intensi e frequenti incontri con la comunità, raccogliendo segnali di sincero attaccamento alle proprie origini, nel desiderio di far rivivere le proprie tradizioni.

Nonostante i tagli alle disponibilità di bilancio le attività proposte e sostenute dal Consolato sono state numerose, e desidero ringraziare quanti hanno contribuito spontaneamente nella realizzazione delle attività in favore della comunità.

A tale proposito auspico per il 2010 si crei un nuovo, ancor più costruttivo clima di collaborazione tra i soggetti che a vario titolo rivestono ruoli di rappresentanza dei nostri connazionali, fondato sul rispetto e sulla effettiva legittimazione reciproca in modo da favorire il dialogo.

Desidero quindi rinnovarvi i più calorosi auguri di Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo anche a nome dell'intero Personale del Consolato

Il Console, Marco Nobili

Life's Precious Moments

If you planted hope today in any hopeless heart,
If someone's burden was lighter because you did your part,
If you caused a laugh that chased a tear away,
If tonight, your name is mentioned when someone kneels to pray,
Then your day was well spent.

The Art in Making Decisions

A married couple was celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. At the party everybody wanted to know how they managed to stay married so long in this day and age.

The husband responded "When we were first married we came to an agreement. I would make all the major decisions and my wife would make all the minor decisions. And in the 60 years of marriage, we never had to make a major decision."

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.

Festa di Natale

Natale è festa di gioia e pace,
ogni rancore si spegne o tace;
tutto si scorda, tutto si oblia,
deve esser giorno sol d'allegria.

Dunque scordatevi, o miei diletti,
le mie mancanze e i miei difetti.
Se io promettessi di essere buono,
mi neghereste forse il perdono?

Tace la mamma, tu, babbo, taci.
Son dunque assolto: che io vi baci!



Calendar of Coming Club Events

- Dec. 12, 2009 **Member's Christmas Dinner Party.**
Sadie Kusic, Leona Vizzini.
- Dec. 13, 2009 **Member's Children Christmas Party.**
Rosalie Karawan, Sarah Badalamenti.
- Jan. 20, 2010 **2010 Winter Buffet Luncheon.**
Mary Cottone, Helpers, DIA Hall Board.
- Feb. 24, 2010 **2010 Winter Buffet Luncheon.**
Mary Cottone, Helpers, DIA Hall Board.
- Mar. 17, 2010 **St. Patrick's Corned Beef Buffet Meal.**
Mary Cottone, Helpers, DIA Hall Board.
- Mar. 21, 2010 **St. Joseph Day Celebration.**
Coleman, Cosentino, DiPasquale,
and Pizzo families.

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