



39th Year, 1971-2010



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

March 2010 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, March 28, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

"Bring in the Spring" Dinner – Mar. 27, 2010!

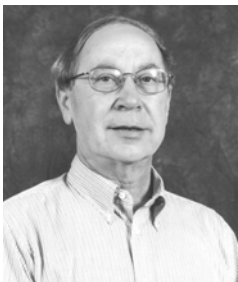
2010 Club Membership Dues

This is the last month for members to pay their 2010 membership dues. The dues are \$30.00 for a member who is single and \$60.00 for a married couple. The dues can be paid at the general membership meeting or you can mail a check or money order, payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**, to: **Leslie Lupo, 459 Cedar, Wyandotte, MI 48192-4301**. Your receipt and membership card(s) will be mailed with the upcoming newsletter. The deadline for dues is **March 31, 2010**.

For Honorary Members, the dues are \$15.00 for a member who is single and \$30.00 for a married couple. Members who pay dues will receive the newsletter mailed to their house. The deadline for dues is **March 31, 2010**.

The newsletter is available at the club website, www.diac.us. Members that have internet access can read and/or download the newsletter and thus save the club printing and postage cost. Advise **Frank Giannotti**.

A Message from the Club President



Here we are in late February with lots of snow on the ground. We've been fortunate these past two months that most of the heavy snow was to our south and traveled easterly towards the east coast states.

Our economy remains weak and our hall bookings continue to be low. Economic experts believe the recession is over and we are heading in the right direction. Jobs need to come back to turn this economy around. Do your part by buying American made products.

On March 17th, there will be a **St. Patrick Luncheon/Dinner event** at the hall. The meal is buffet style and will consist of corned beef and cabbage, along with coffee, and dessert. This will be the last of the Soup and Salad event. The event is chaired by **Mary Cottone** with meal prepared by **Jeanne Liedel**. Please come, invite your family and friends. See flyer in this newsletter.

The next club event is the **St. Joseph Celebration**. This is our 37th year and it's getting better each year. The event is

on March 21, 2010. All the profit goes to needy families and charitable organizations in our communities. See article and flyer in this newsletter

On March 27, the Hall Board will be hosting the "**Bring on the Spring" Dinner Show**, featuring famous past and current personalities of celebrities. Please make an extra effort to come and invite your family and friends.

The Hall Board and Jeanne Catering will be hosting a **Good Friday Fish Fry** on April 2 and an **Easter Brunch** on Easter Day, Sunday, April 4. Please make an effort to attend these two events. The events are open to the public – please advise your family and friends. See flyers in this newsletter for details.

Mark Grazioli would like to have a short pre-pasta meeting on March 28, (immediately following the general membership meeting), with members who will be helping with the pasta events this year. He will be discussing "what works" and areas for improvement. The pasta events are the major fundraisers the club has. Our pasta events are successful and the people in our communities are well aware of the great food we serve.

We hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health. God Bless you and your family. And please, support our fundraising events. **Frank A. Giannotti, Club President**

St. Joseph Day Celebration – Mar. 21



The 37th Annual St. Joseph Day Celebration - Sunday, March 21, 2010.

Pageant Admission: Free - 2:00 p.m.

Dinner follows the pageant.

Adults \$7.00 - Children (10 & under) \$3.50.

We will be celebrating St. Joseph Day on March 21st. As most of you know, this is a Sicilian custom passed down by our parents and grandparents. They set up an altar with statues of saints and opened their homes to friends and neighbors. After a short pageant, they had a meal and left a donation to help a needy family. We follow the same tradition, an altar is set up on our stage with statues brought in by members - candles, bread and fruit are placed on the altar. We serve a meal of pasta and beans. Each person is given a roll, grapefruit, an orange and a few homemade cookies. There is a short pageant and the blessing of the food

before we eat. We follow the tradition of our families as much as possible. We have held this event for the past 36 years. We have donated more than \$90,000.00 to needy families and organizations helping children. If you would like to help us in any way, please contact one of us. Invite your friends and family and help us celebrate our 37th year. This is a family event. If you are unable to attend, you may still make a donation. Make your check payable to **Downriver Italian American Club**, and please note at the bottom that it is for St. Joseph Celebration. Please call **Rose Vitale** (Cora St.) at (734) 282-2803 if you would like to bring cookies.

We would love to have you, your family and friends celebrate this event with us. Remember all donations go to helping the needy in this area.

Florence Coleman -- (734) 281-7126

Nancy Cosentino -- (313) 383-0350

Grace Pizzo -- (734) 379-9491

St. Pat's Corned Beef Luncheon/Dinner



The Hall Board will be sponsoring a **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon/Dinner** on March 17, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. The main meal is corned beef and cabbage. **Mary Cottone** is chairing this event. Club Chef **Jeanne Liedel** will prepare the meal.

Make your reservation by calling Mary or just show up at the door. This is a club fundraiser. Please show your support by attending and inviting your friends. A flyer appears in this newsletter. Contact **Mary Cottone** at (734)285-1563 or the Hall (734)285-4044.

"Bring in the Spring" Dinner Show

There will be a "**Bring in the Spring Dinner Show**" at the DIA Hall on Saturday, March 27, 2010. The show will host the personalities of celebrities like **Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Buddy Holly, Cal Roberts** (the Platters) and **Gene Pitney**. They will sing songs that made them famous. It will be like walking back in time and remembering the moments in your life when they were popular hits.

The chairpersons for this event are **Nick Caputo** and **Tony Lumia**. The show will begin with a fine buffet meal. See attached flyer for details. This is a fundraiser; please show your support by attending and inviting your friends.

Be sure to advise your family and friends. This will be a fun night. Ticket sales are going well. For ticket sales, contact **Nick Caputo** at (734)281-3556 or **Tony Lumia** at (313)565-0671. Please send your reservation to:

Nick Caputo

16400 Dix-Toledo Rd. Apt 401

Southgate, MI 48195-2992

A Message from Fay Palazzolo

Fay would like to thank **Karen Caputo, Edith Gendron and Miriam Lumia** for bringing dessert to the February membership meeting. The desserts were very delicious – had many compliments from the members.

Joyce Mitra, Elisa Norscia and Rose Vitale have volunteered to bring dessert to the March 28th membership meeting. If you would like to bring a dessert, please contact **Fay Palazzolo** at (734) 282-0539.

Evola/Leone Birth Announcement

This is a correction to the birth announcement that appeared in the February newsletter.

Joe and Pearl Evola proudly announces the birth of their two granddaughters. Both were born on January 8, 2010. **Sicilia Bella** was born to **Frank and Maddalena Leone**. **Francesca Lena** was born to **Carlo and Linda Evola**.

Congratulations to the Evola and Leone families.

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized: **Anthony Salvati, Giacinto (Larry) Simone, Miriam Lumia and Mary Randazzo**. **Angelo Giannotti Sr.** continues to recover at a nursing home.

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 **Rita Giannola** on the death of her husband, **Veto (Bill) Giannola**, who passed away on January 31, 2010 at the age of 90. Rita and Bill joined the club in June of 2001.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of our deceased members. May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

A Poem for March

The stormy March has come at last
With wind, and cloud, and changing skies;
I hear the rushing of the blast,
That through the snowy valley flies.

- William Cullen Bryant -

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

<i>Rosalie Giammalva (3/4)</i>	<i>Gaspare Misuraca (3/19)</i>
<i>Helen Grasso (3/4)</i>	<i>Joseph Susin (3/19)</i>
<i>Italia (Ann) Lepidi (3/4)</i>	<i>John Serafano (3/20)</i>
<i>James Jenson (3/5)</i>	<i>Edith Gendron (3/22)</i>
<i>Nancy Marcantonio (3/6)</i>	<i>Charlie Lupo (3/22)</i>
<i>Giovanni Ventura (3/6)</i>	<i>Joseph Bardinelli (3/24)</i>
<i>Margaret Trupiano (3/8)</i>	<i>Nick Caputo (3/24)</i>
<i>Stephanie Badalamenti (3/10)</i>	<i>Sal DiPasquale (3/24)</i>
<i>Josie Favazza (3/10)</i>	<i>Jason Karawan (3/24)</i>
<i>Giuseppe (Joe) Vitale (3/10)</i>	<i>Joe Chirco (3/25)</i>
<i>Rose Vitale (3/10)</i>	<i>Filicia Biundo (3/26)</i>
<i>Connie DeLiz (3/13)</i>	<i>Angelo Giannotti, Sr. (3/26)</i>
<i>Vincenzo Pizzo (3/13)</i>	<i>Caroline Barrett (3/27)</i>
<i>Danny Herbert (3/14)</i>	<i>Luigi Biundo (3/28)</i>
<i>Matteo Giaimo (3/15)</i>	<i>Delores DeJohn (3/28)</i>
<i>Joe Evola (3/16)</i>	<i>Florence Costa (3/29)</i>
<i>Anthony Vitale (3/17)</i>	<i>Gaetano A. Vitale (3/29)</i>
<i>Rose Donofrio (3/18)</i>	<i>Douglas Melzer (3/30)</i>
<i>Joseph Leone (3/19)</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.

<i>George and Rosemary Menna (3/3)</i>	
<i>Johnpaul and Liesa Finazzo (3/4)</i>	10 th
<i>Algie and Rose Prato (3/14)</i>	
<i>Sal and Nancy DiPasquale (3/22)</i>	35 th

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.

A Woman's Revenge

"Cash, check or charge?" the store clerk asked, after folding items the woman had purchased. As she fumbled for her wallet, the clerk noticed a remote control for a

television set in her purse. "So, do you always carry your TV remote?" the clerk asked. "No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me, so I figured this was the most legal evil thing I could do to him."

When Spring Arrives

When Spring arrives upon the scene
With grass and trees all turning green,
The birds then seem to take a cue
And build their nests all fresh and new.

The flowers soon awake once more
In shades of color at my door,
Spring just arrived this morning at dawn
On yonder hills and far beyond.

Spring never ceases to show her best
In pretty springtime color dress,
And never puts her time aside
Her loveliness to run and hide.

When as the worlds in slumber deep
Spring's beauty too shall fall asleep,
To usher in so sweet and fair
The sights and sounds of Summer rare.

-- Katherine Smith Matheny --

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

- March 17, 2010 ... St. Patrick's Corned Beef Buffet Meal.**
Mary Cottone, Helpers, DIA Hall Board.
- March 21, 2010 St. Joseph Day Celebration.**
F. Coleman, N. Cosentino and G. Pizzo families and club members.
- March 27, 2010 "Bring in the Spring Dinner Show."**
Nick Caputo, Tony Lumia.
- April 2, 2010 Good Friday Lent Fish Fry.**
Jeanne's Catering and DIA Hall.
- April 4, 2010 Easter Brunch.**
Jeanne's Catering and DIA Hall.
- April 21, 2010 April - First Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee + Membership.
- May 9, 2010 Mother's Day Luncheon.**
Jeanne's Catering and DIA Hall.

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St. Patrick's Day Luncheon And Dinner Event

Wednesday - March 17, 2010

Meal prepared by Hall Chef Jeanne Liedel

Buffet Meal from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



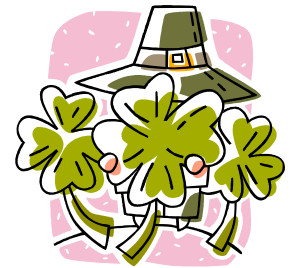
~ Menu ~

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Coffee or Tea

Dessert

Beverage Available



♣ **Open to the General Public** ♣

\$8.00 per Person

The last winter luncheon/dinner for the year

Show your Irish spirit by wearing a green attire

Bring your family and friends

For sales & information, please contact:

Diana Holmes or Mary Cottone – Hall Office at (734)285-4044

The Downriver Italian-American Banquet and Conference Center®

The 37th Annual

St. Joseph Day Celebration

Sunday, March 21, 2010



Presented by:

The Downriver Italian-American Club
646 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Pageant at 2:00 p.m. – Admission Free
Buffet Dinner following the Pageant

Adults: \$7.00

Children (10 yrs and under): \$3.50

All Donations given to charities.
Helping children and needy families in our
community.

This event is open to the public.
Invite your family and friends!

Tickets are available for purchase at the door.
For more information, call (734) 285-4044

May St. Joseph Bless You and Bring You Joy

Downriver Italian-American Banquet Hall

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Proudly Presents

Bring in the Spring Dinner Show

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Featuring:

LEGENDS LIVE

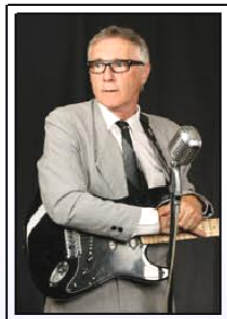
Michigan's #1 Tribute Show



Dean Martin



Frank Sinatra



Buddy Holly

Cal Roberts



Gene Pitney



Singing the hits of the Platters

TICKETS \$38.00 Includes Dinner & Show (Cash Bar) Beer \$2.00 / Well Mix Drinks \$3.00

DINNER @ 6:30 PM - SHOW @ 8:00 PM

For reservations or more information please call

D.I.A Banquet Hall 734-285-4044 / Nick Caputo 734-281-3556 / Tony Lumia 313-565-0671

Legends Live is produced by Empire Entertainment & JC Productions (www.legendslive.com)

Jeanne's Catering and the Downriver Italian-American Hall



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Wyandotte, MI 48192



Easter Lent Fish Fry

Good Friday, April 2, 2010

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Buffet Style, No Reservation, Open to Public, Invite your Friends

~ Menu ~

Beer Batter Cod

Lemon Pepper Pollack

Red Skin Potatoes - Vegetables

Cole Slaw - Roll and Butter

Dessert - Coffee

\$10.00 per person

Children (4 to 10 years) - \$7.00

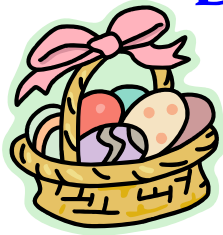
(Includes sales tax – Gratuity Optional)

Cash Bar Available – Carryout Available



For Further Information Contact:
DIA Hall, Diana Holmes (734) 285-4044
Jeanne's Catering (734)516-5948

**Jeanne's Catering and the
Downriver Italian-American Hall**



646 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, MI 48192



Easter Brunch

Sunday April 4, 2010

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Now Taking Reservations

Brunch Menu

Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Lyonnais Potatoes, Sausage
Caramel French Toast, Fruit Salad and Pastries

Soup and Salad Bar, Cheese and Cracker Display
Peel & Eat Shrimp, Vegetables & Relishes

Luncheon Menu

Steamed Vegetables, Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Penne Marinara, Bowtie with Fresh Pesto
Tender Beef Tips, Baked Ham, Fish Monterey
Roast Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions
Swedish Meatballs, Chicken Cacciatore, Roast Pork Loin

Dessert Table with Coffee

Cash Bar



Adults – \$17.00 in Advance / \$18.00 at the Door

Seniors (62+) – \$15.00 in Advance / \$16.00 at the Door

Children (4 to 10 Years) – \$8.00 in Advance / \$9.00 at the Door

Public Welcome - Bring Your Family and Friends

DIA Hall, Diana Holmes (734) 285-4044