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** IMPORTANT DATES **

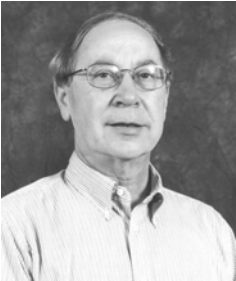
September 2010 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, 6:30 p.m.



Pasta Event - Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010

A Message from the Club President



As the summer winds down, I'm hoping you all had a very nice summer doing your favorite activities. For some days the heat was too unbearable. And before you know it, the year will soon come to an end.

For me, I had a few significant events this year, the death of my father, **Angelo Giannotti**, and the wedding of my daughter **Lina Giannotti** to **Nick Rigney**. My grandson, **Nicholas Giannotti**, turned 1 year old on August 27th. Therefore, there has been both sadness and joy in my life.

The pasta events went well during the past 2 months, thanks to the **Club Members** that helped out. Many thanks to the chairpeople of this event. The Golf Outing was another successful event. Many thanks to **Gaetano A. Vitale** for organizing this great fundraiser. The Club members marched very proudly in the July 4th Wyandotte Independence Day parade. Many thanks to **Mary Cottone** for organizing this annual event. Many thanks to **Mike** and **Vivian Palazzolo** for chairing another successful club picnic. It was a perfect day and all went well. I want to recognize these fine members who are leaders and have dedicated a lot of their time to the club.

Other activities were completed, such as the yellow car park striping in the parking lot, along with bi-weekly grass cutting, and the weed cleaning all around the property. Not to mention the table setups for the hall events. I want to recognize the following members for their effort in making things happen. **Nick Caputo, Sam Pizzo, Rocky Kaune, Mary Cottone, Steve Vitale**, and my two brother-in-laws recently visiting from Italy, **Domenico Vaccaro** and **Antonio Vaccaro**.

Club Treasurer, **Guy A. Vitale**, made the last mortgage payment for the Club Renovation in July. We should be thankful, this will no longer be draining our finances.

Coming events include the **September Pasta Event** set for September 15, 2010. I hope to see the familiar faces, and new faces. We definitely need your help. We will continue the pasta event into November. The profit from

this last event will defray the cost of roof repairs over the kitchen area. Thanks in advance to all the members who will be helping during the two days. The pasta events are a major fundraiser for the Club

The "**Legends Live**" Dinner Show is set for November 6, 2010. **Nick Caputo** and **Tony Lumia** are chairing this event. We hope to have a big audience. If you have not purchased your tickets, please do so now. Remember, this event is open to the public. Invite your family and friends. It will be a fun night out.

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**

Selection of Nomination Committee

It's that time of year for the club election process. The Club will be seeking 3-5 candidates for nomination to the **Nomination and Election Committee**, from the membership who are present at the September General Membership meeting. If you wish to be considered and cannot be present at the meeting, you may write a letter (to the Club President) stating your desire to be nominated and be willing to accept the position in the committee. You may mail the letter to the President or you may have a friend bring the letter to the meeting.

The nomination for Officers and Trustees will proceed in October, with elections in November.

Shareholder's Meeting - Sept. 26, 2010

The annual DIA Hall Business Board shareholders meeting will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Business Board will be discussing Hall operations and income for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2009 and ending on March 31, 2010. **Nino Trupiano** will provide a slide presentation of the income and expenses relating of the past fiscal year, and show comparisons to the previous fiscal periods. They will also discuss business planning for the current year. The meeting is open to the shareholders, which includes current members of the Downriver Italian-American Club.

The Board operates the DIA Hall on a voluntary basis. It manages the hall business on a day-to-day basis. The

Board of Directors are nominated and approved by the DIAC Club Board. Each Director has a term of office and they nominate each other for the various offices.

Members on the Hall Board are: **Nino Trupiano** (Chairman), **Tony Pietrangelo** (Vice Chairman), **Rocky Kaune** (Secretary), **Mary Cottone** (Treasurer), **Tony Lumia** (Director) and **Nick Caputo** (Director).

Please thank and congratulate these individuals for their hard work and guidance in supporting the DIAC organization.

Election Year for Club Officers

It's that time of year for the club election process.

The nominations of club officers for 2011-2012 will include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide and 4 Trustees. The nominations will proceed in October with election in November.

Last Mortgage Payment

The Club made the last mortgage payment in early July for the Club building renovation that began in 1991. The renovation included the Menna Room and office areas, the front lobby and entrance. Mostly everything up to the doors of the main banquet room. The blue carpeting, ceiling, heating and cooling and building decorations were redone.

Club members should be very proud of this accomplishment where mortgage payments were made from the many club events, especially the pasta events, over the past 19 years. **Congratulations to all!**

Pasta Event – September 15, 2010



Our Spaghetti Lunch and Dinners for June, July and August were 527, 628, and 611 respectively. This is about 14% less than last year. We do need to encourage our friends, families and neighbors to attend these events, which are open to the public. Many times it just takes a reminder that the Spaghetti Dinners are always on the third Wednesday of the month. As always, thank you to the many Club members that volunteered their time and talent. Sales of Sauce, Meat Balls and Cannoli continue to do well. At the August dinner we sold 220 Cannoli. Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be Wednesday September 15, 2010. 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.

Because of some needed roof repairs, we will again be doing a dinner in November. If you cannot work, another way to support our Spaghetti Dinners is to come yourself or as many of you do bring some friends.

Mark Grazioli – Chairman

Legends Live Dinner Show

There will be a “**Legends Live Dinner Show**” at the DIA Hall on Saturday, November 6, 2010. The show will host the personalities of celebrities like **Gladys Knight, Elvis Presley, Rod Stewart, Marvin Gaye, Neil Diamond** and **MC Rockin’ Ronnie**. 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.

Be sure to advise your family and friends. **The event is open to the public.** This will be a fun night. Tickets are now available by calling **Nick Caputo** at (734)281-3556, **Tony Lumia** (313)565-0671 or by calling the Hall office. (734)285-4044. Please send your reservation monies to:

Nick Caputo

16400 Dix-Toledo Rd. Apt 401

Southgate, MI 48195-2992

Art and Craft Show

There will be an Art and Craft Show at the DIA Hall on November 14, 2010. The chairperson is **Emalie Shifflett** and her helper(s). This will be a first of having such an event at our Hall. There will be food provided during the show. **There is no admission to the event. The event is open to the public.**

Emalie is asking the club members if they can donate sweet desserts, like cookies, cakes and pies to sell at the event. This activity is a fundraiser, which the club desperately needs.

Come join us for some great Christmas shopping. There will be some great exciting gifts for all ages (infants to seniors). If you would like to reserve a table, please contact Emalie Shifflett at (734)284-6671

Report on Independence Day Parade



Thanks to everyone for showing for the Fourth of July Parade in Wyandotte. We were about 30 members, along with grandchildren. A big thank-you to **Tony Lumia's** son for the use of the truck and flatbed trailer. We decorated the trailer with items found in storage and

put them to good use. After the parade, pizza and beverage was served to those marching in the parade. Hope to see more members next year. What a great time we all had.

Mary Cottone.

Club Picnic Report



The Club picnic was a success - the weather cooperated, the food was great. Many thanks for those who brought in the dessert to share with the membership. The event was well received. Many thanks to **Vivian and Mike Palazzolo** and to the Board Members who made sure all the needed items were available. A discussion was held that perhaps next year the picnic will be at the Club.

THE BOCCE GAME RESULTS:

The teams of men and women bocce were randomly selected. Amazing how you can support the team's effort. After 2 rounds of competition, a team emerges as victorious and great honor is bestowed upon them with a medallion to be remembered for years to come.

First place medallions went to the following teams:

Men's Team: **Jim Bademian, Dan Herbert and Mark Grazioli.**

Women's Team: **Miriam Lumia, Shirley Cavataio, and Jeanette Schiraldi.**

Congratulations to the winners and to all the participants. A memorable certificate will be issued to the winners at the September membership meeting.

Report on the Golf Outing



The Club's Golf Outing of July 24, 2010 was again very successful. There was a total of 48 golfers, compared to 36 for last year. Chairman **Gaetano A Vitale** enlisted the help of many of our younger members. There were 25 sign sponsors, which included the following:

Complete Document Management (CDM), Barton Malow, Adamo Demolition, Merlyn Contractors, Michigan Cat, GV Cement, Leidal & Hart Masonry, Midwest Steel, Trend Millwork, CL Rieckhoff, DC Byers, Madison Heights Glass, Contract Glaziers Inc, US Builders Group, Future Maintenance, Seaway Painting, Great Lakes Mechanical, Ventcon, Gallagher Kaiser, RL Bondie, Progressive Mechanical, Ryan Group, Hatzel & Buhler, Motor City Electric and Superior Electric.

The committee consisted of **Gaetano Vitale** (chair), **Mark Grazioli** and **Tony Lumia**. Members that helped at the golf course included **Vince Vitale, Damiano Vitale (cooks), Lia Maloney, Robin Davis, Nina Badalamenti, and Jacqueline Ventimiglia**

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized:

Jim Morrin, Ted Brockway, Gloria Frassetto and Vince Mannino were hospitalized.

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

Condolences to the family of **Frank Pizzo** on the death of his wife, **Fara Pizzo**, who passed away on June 28, 2010, at the age of 80. Frank and Fara were club members since January 1979. Fara was very active in the club, including helping at the pasta events and both club functions.

Condolences to the family of **Emilia Gonella** on the death of her husband, **Raymond Gonella**, who passed away on July 1, 2010, at the age of 73. Emilia and Ray were club members since February 1981. Both were very active in our club, including the festivals at Yack Arena, the pasta events and club functions.

Condolences to the family of **Vito Trupiano** on the death of his wife, **Margaret Trupiano**, who passed away on July 16, 2010, at the age of 89. Condolences to **Nino and Gianna Trupiano**, along with brothers/sisters: **Sam (Frances) Randazzo, Nancy Passalacqua, Maria (Marco) Randazzo and Rose Pagano.** Condolences to the grandchildren: **Vito Trupiano, Rita (Stephen) Dauss and Luisa (Mike) Dunlap.**

Vito and Margaret were club members since September 1979. Both were very active in our club, including the festivals at Yack Arena, the pasta events and both attended many of the club functions.

Condolences to the families of **Frank and Liliana Giannotti** and **Maria (Gaetano) Chirco** on the death of their father **Angelo Giannotti** who passed away on July 24, 2010, at the age of 87. Condolences to the grandchildren: **Angelo (Lia) Giannotti, Angela (Giacomo) Palazzolo, Lina (Nick) Rigney.** Angelo and his late wife, Lina, joined the club in April 1975. They were very active in the club, including working the festivals at the Yack Arena, the pasta events and attending many club functions.

Condolences to the family of **Pietro and Filocia Biundo** on the death of Filocia's mother, **Girolama Leone**, that passed away on August 1, 2010, at the age of 89.

Condolences to the family of **Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale** (of St. Johns St., Wyandotte) on the death of Giovanna's mother, **Rosa Cusumano**, that passed away on August 17, 2010, at the age of 89.

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.

Delmazio Faro Galio – Born 8/27/2010

Mary Cottone sent the following birth information.

Faro and Rose Gaglio proudly announces the birth of their 12th grandchild, **Delmazio Faro Gaglio**, born on August 27, 2010. Delmazio weighed in at 4 lbs-12 ounces. The proud parents are **Faro and Sara Gaglio**. The proud sister is **Evelena**.

Congratulations to the Gaglio families.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

<i>Joseph Bozzo (9/2)</i>	<i>Sadie Kusic (9/16)</i>
<i>Leonard Milewski (9/3)</i>	<i>Lena Menna (9/16)</i>
<i>Emanuele Maniaci (9/4)</i>	<i>Valerie Yinger (9/17)</i>
<i>Vincenzo Vitale (9/4)</i>	<i>Sherran Sclafani (9/18)</i>
<i>Diana Parisi (9/5)</i>	<i>Michael T Palazzolo (9/19)</i>
<i>Leonard Zerilli (9/5)</i>	<i>Roger L. Shifflett (9/19)</i>
<i>Pietro Biundo (9/6)</i>	<i>Mary Cottone (9/20)</i>
<i>Rosemary Menna (9/6)</i>	<i>Rose Gaglio (9/20)</i>
<i>Linda Kerr (9/7)</i>	<i>Johnny Mitra (9/20)</i>
<i>Gaetano (Guy) Chirco (9/8)</i>	<i>Larry Luzac (9/21)</i>
<i>Phyllis Gandol (9/8)</i>	<i>Kelli McNally (9/22)</i>
<i>Patricia Olevnik (9/8)</i>	<i>Fara Vitale (9/22)</i>
<i>Tamara Kaune (9/9)</i>	<i>Kenneth Scott (9/23)</i>
<i>Anthony Sclafani (9/10)</i>	<i>Pauline Barraco (9/24)</i>
<i>Theresa Simone (9/11)</i>	<i>Rocky Kaune (9/24)</i>
<i>Giuseppe (Joe) Agrusa (9/13)</i>	<i>Juliann Bademian (9/26)</i>
<i>Margaret Passalacqua (9/14)</i>	<i>Nicolina Susin (9/26)</i>
<i>Margaret Kling (9/15)</i>	<i>Robert Jagiello (9/30)</i>
<i>Daniela Labara (9/15)</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>Giuseppe (Joe) and Josie Vitale (9/1)</i>	
<i>Stephen and Rita Dauss (9/3)</i>	5 th
<i>George and Mary Lavine (9/3)</i>	50 th
<i>Leonard and Rose Zerilli (9/3)</i>	55 th
<i>Damiano and Piera Vitale (9/6)</i>	
<i>Vincenzo and Angela Pizzo (9/7)</i>	
<i>Anthony and Rosalie Lazzarino (9/10)</i>	
<i>Salvatore and Apollonia Lentini (9/13)</i>	
<i>Francesco and Rena DeMelis (9/17)</i>	5 th
<i>Raymond and Michelle Lucarelli (9/17)</i>	15 th
<i>James and Phyllis Gandol (9/20)</i>	

<i>Angelo and Rosalia (Lia) Giannotti (9/22)</i>	4 th
<i>Giorlando and Rosalie Giammalva (9/24)</i>	
<i>John and Diana Parisi (9/26)</i>	40 th
<i>James and Violet Jenson (9/27)</i>	
<i>Giacinto and Theresa Simone (9/28)</i>	
<i>Roger and Emalie Shifflett (9/29)</i>	

Farewell to Summer

Summer will soon be leaving
And will have to say farewell;
She must gather her Summer flowers
And the green from the grassy dell.

I shall miss the song of the robins
With babies chirping in the nest,
And the scurrying of the animals
Gathering food for their Winter's rest.

The sun perhaps won't shine so bright
When Autumn knocks at our door.
The nights will be a little darker
As fireflies shall dance no more.

I'll no longer smell the perfumed roses
I'll just have to reminisce
About the beauty of the summertime
And the wonders that I'll miss.

-- Shirley Hile Powell --

A Message from Fay Palazzolo

Fay would like to thank **Mimi Kerr, Mary Randazzo, Gianna Trupiano and Rose Zerilli** for bringing dessert to the June membership meeting. The desserts were all very delicious.

Miriam Lumia, Jeanette Schiraldi and Elisa Norscia have volunteered to bring dessert to the September 26th membership meeting. If you would like to bring a dessert, please contact **Fay Palazzolo** at (734) 282-0539.

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 in your life.

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.

The Last Days of Summer

During the last days of Summer
When the earth is dry and still,
Winds blows the first fallen leaves
Across the wooded hills.

The rose that brought such pleasure
Now bids a fond farewell
As she sheds her velvety petals
Across the grassy dell.

I must say goodbye to the Summer skies
And to the fields of goldenrods.
I'll miss the daisies that line the hill
With their slow and gentle nods.

Season come and seasons go
And I know that Summer must surrender
To the beauty of the Autumn
That will fill the earth with splendor.

-- Shirley Hile Powell --

The Treasure of Time

- ❖ To realize the value of ten years: Ask a newly divorced couple.
- ❖ To realize the value of four years: Ask a graduate.
- ❖ To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed a final exam.
- ❖ To realize the value of nine months: Ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.
- ❖ To realize the value of one month: Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby .
- ❖ To realize the value of one week: Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.
- ❖ To realize the value of one minute: Ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane.
- ❖ To realize the value of one second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have.

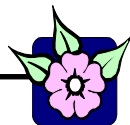
The 3 Ls of Life

Live Well

Love Much

Laugh Often

Outdoor sign at the house of Jack and Angela Palazzolo, Southgate, MI.



Thoughts for September

"Don't frown, because you never know who's falling in love with your smile!"

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them"

It takes a minute to have a crush on someone, an hour to like someone, and a day to love someone- but it takes a lifetime to forget someone."

A Prayer for Husbands and Wives

Prayer for Husbands:

Dear God, Keep our wives from shopping sprees and protect them from bargains they do not need and bargains they cannot afford. Lead them not into temptation, for they know NOT what they do!

Prayer for Wives:

Almighty Father, Keep our husbands from looking at other women and comparing them to us. Save them from making fools of themselves in cafés and nightclubs. Above all, please do NOT forgive their trespasses for they know EXACTLY what they do!

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

- Sept. 15, 2010 September Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- Oct.. 20, 2010 October Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- Nov. 6, 2010 "Legends Live" Dinner Show.**
Nick Caputo & Tony Lumia
- Nov. 7, 2010 Club Memorial Mass.**
Florence Coleman
- Nov. 14, 2010 Arts and Craft Show.**
Emalie Shifflett
- Nov. 17, 2010 November Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- Dec. 11, 2010 Member's Christmas Dinner Dance**
Miriam Lumia, Mary Cottone
- Dec. 12, 2010 Member's Children Christmas Party**
Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan and Helper(s)

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Saturday, November 6, 2010

Featuring:

LEGENDS LIVE

Michigan's #1 Tribute Show

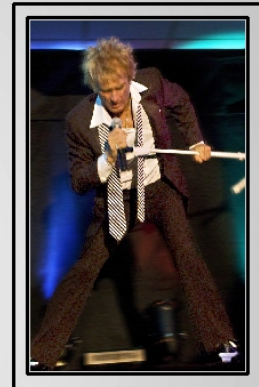
Gladys Knight



"The King"
Elvis



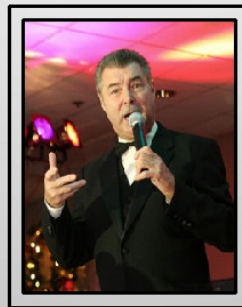
Rod Stewart



Marvin Gaye



MC Rockin Ronnie



Neil Diamond



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

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

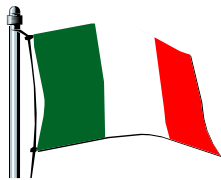
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Emalie Shifflett - Chairperson - (734)284-6671 or
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2010 Pasta Events

“Downriver Best Kept Secret”[©]

Choice of Spaghetti and/or Penne Pasta with House Sauce
Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

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Wednesday, August 18, 2010	Wednesday, September 15, 2010
Wednesday, October 20, 2010	*** Wednesday, November 17, 2010 ***
	3 rd Wednesday of each Month



Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

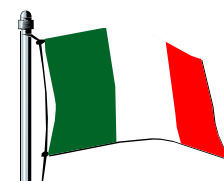
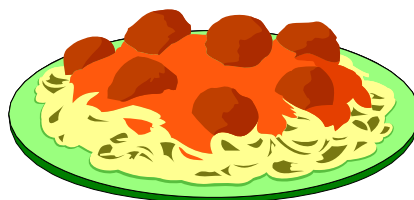
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7.50

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Sausage addition for \$1.50

Italian Cannoli Dessert for \$1.25



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