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** IMPORTANT DATES **

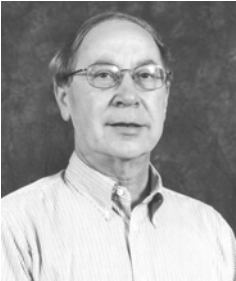
October 2010 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, 6:30 p.m.



Pasta Event – Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010

A Message from the Club President



The weather has begun to cool off, a sign that autumn is upon us. Soon you'll be raking the leaves and moving all your outdoor ornaments indoor for the year. I had a great garden this year, with Sicilian: tomatoes, eggplants, green beans squash and cucumbers. I also had a great harvest of white and dark figs.

Hoping the warmer weather returns so the rest may mature. Some members are preparing themselves for Florida. I received an email from my friend **Tom Talluto**, who lives in Cadillac, MI. He stated the trees have already started to change colors in his area. If you have the opportunity, take a drive along some country roads through middle and northern Michigan to view the beautiful fall colors and scenery.

The Hall bookings are beginning to pick up. Perhaps that is a sign that people (and businesses) are gaining confidence. All we need is a little push to rejuvenate our trust in the economy. Please keep the Hall in mind when your friends, family or business needs a banquet facility.

We had a good **Pasta Event** in September. We had a strong turnout of members that helped during the prep and the event days. Please advertise and bring your family and friends to a delicious Italian meal.

Coming events include the **October Pasta Event** set for October 20, 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

We've been advertising the "**Legends Live**" Dinner Show for quite some time now. The date is 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. Those that have reserved seats or tables, now is a good time to send your monies. Remember, this event is open to the public. Invite your family and friends. It will be a fun night out.

Once again, Florence Coleman will chair the **Memorial Mass**, set for on November 7. See related article and flyer in this newsletter.

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**

Nomination & Election Committee

At the September general membership meeting, the following individuals were nominated and accepted position to the **Nomination and Election Committee: Mary Cottone, Nancy Marcantonio, Pina Milewski, Rose Pagano and Grace Randazzo**. They will oversee the nomination process for Club Officers and the 4 Trustees at the October 24th general membership meeting.

The Club By-Laws states the following:

ARTICLE IV - OFFICER STATUS

Any member in good standing shall be eligible for office in the Club. Being deemed an honor, the position of any officer shall be non-salaried. New officers are elected at the November election membership meeting and their term of office shall start on January 1st. The Executive Committee, including only the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Financial Corresponding Secretary, shall not be of the immediate family (husband, wife, children, brother and sisters).

A Club Officer shall not serve concurrently as a Board member of the DIA Hall.

The term for Officer is 2 years. The four (4) Trustees position has a term of 4 years.

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.

Pasta Event – October 20, 2010



We served a total of 564 people at our Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner for September 2010. Again, the numbers are below 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. Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be Wednesday October 20, 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.

At the request of the Club Board, the names on the plaque in the entrance foyer honoring Spaghetti Dinner Workers were reviewed. There are currently 79 nametags on the plaque. Spouses are combined on one plate. A review of my attendance records (since 2006) has revealed 25 new plates need to be added. The following are the names that will be added: **Bill & Pauline Barraco, Maria Chirco, Nick & Karen Caputo, Jerry Conz, Lina Frassetto, Phyllis Gandol, Maria Horvath, Janice Labadie, George & Mary Lavine, Tony Lazzarino, Tony & Miriam Lumia, Charles & Leslie Lupo, Vince & Catherine Mannino, Rino Pagnucco, Fara Pizzo, Mary Randazzo, Angelo & Jeanette Schiraldi, Aaron Shifflet, Roger Shifflet, Damiano & Piera Vitale, Gaetano A. Vitale, Guy A. Vitale, Steven Vitale, Vincenzo Vitale and Roger Zampieri.** Please review the list. If anyone feels they have been left out, please contact me.

Mark Grazioli – Chairman

Legends Live Dinner Show

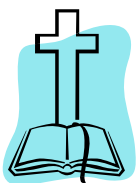
There will be a “Legends Live Dinner Show” at the DIA Hall on Saturday, November 6, 2010. The show will host the personalities of celebrities like **Gladys Knight, Elvis Presley, Rod Stewart, Marvin Gaye, Neil Diamond and MC Rockin’ Ronnie.** They will sing songs that made them famous. It will be like 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. If you have reserved a ticket or table and have not sent your monies in, please do so now, to:

Nick Caputo
16400 Dix-Toledo Rd. Apt 401
Southgate, MI 48195-2992

Club Memorial Mass - Nov. 7, 2010



The date for the Club’s Second **Memorial Mass** is Sunday, November 7, 2010. The

The Downriver Italian-American Hall - Banquet & Conference Center

Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. at **St. Patrick Catholic Church**, on 135 Superior Blvd (Superior and 2nd Street), in Wyandotte, MI.

We had such a great response to this event last year - we have decided to do it again. We had 98 people attend Mass, and 102 attended the luncheon. We hope to get as many, or more, (family and friends of our deceased members) as we had last year. **You do not have to be a club member to attend.** If you are unable to attend Mass, PLEASE come and join us for lunch at approximately 12:30 p.m. Many of our deceased members were founding members of our Club. They, along with many others, did a lot to get us where we are today. We should not forget them. We always make time to attend the funeral of family and friends; and just the same, we are gathering to remember dear members of our Club. We have 149 deceased members on our list.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that I know how many will be attending Mass and the luncheon. 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.

If you have any questions or want to make sure we have your relative listed, please call me **Florence (Sclafani) Coleman** at (734)281-7126. Please see attached flyer for reservation form. The cost for the luncheon: Adults: \$10:00, Children 7 - 10: \$6:00

See attached flyer in this newsletter.

Thank-you,

Florence (Sclafani) Coleman

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 needs your help on the day of the event and if anyone can bake anything for the bake sale, to call her. The proceeds from the bake sale will go towards the club.

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

Sick and Good Will



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

Ted Brockway, Vincenza (Vinnie) DiClaudio, Gloria Frassetto Violet Jensen and Rose Lupo.

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

Condolences to the family of **Robert and Jacqueline Jagiello** on the death of Jacqueline's dad, **Jim Morrin**, who passed away on September 5, 2010, at the age of 82. Jim and his late wife, Mary, were club members since June, 1978. They were both active in our club during festivals at Yack Arena, then later with our pasta events. Jim attended many club functions and was well known by many. He will always be remembered.

Condolences to the family of **Anthony Salvati** who passed away on September 19, 2010, at the age of 78. Anthony was an honorary member that joined the club in July, 1971. He and his late wife, Sarah, were very active in the club in the early years. He was son-in-law to the late **Frank Persichillo**, of Frank's Restaurant in downtown Wyandotte.

Condolences to the family of **Vito Trupiano Sr.** on the death of his brother, **Giuseppe Trupiano**, who passed away on August 12, 2010 at the age of 82, in California. Condolences to the nephew **Nino (Gianna) Trupiano**.

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.

Adriana Grace Vitale - Born 9/12/2010

Damiano and Piera Vitale proudly announce the birth of their first granddaughter, **Adriana Grace Vitale**, born on September 12, 2010. Adriana weighed in at 8 lbs-10 ounces and was 21 inches long. The proud parents are **Gaetano (Guy) and Rose Vitale** (of Windsor). The proud aunt/uncles are **Rosalia (Lia) and Angelo Giannotti**; and **Salvatore (Salvo) Vitale**. The proud cousin is **Nicholas F. Giannotti**.

Congratulations to the Vitale and Giannotti families.

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) 40th
Lenny and Pina Milewski (10/3)
Rino and Marie Pagnucco (10/3)
John and Maryann Graziani (10/6)
Ted and Lena Brockway (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)

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>Wynnth 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>Travis Dick (10/7)</i>	<i>Mary Giaimo (10/22)</i>
<i>Catherine Kling (10/7)</i>	<i>Maria Graziani (10/22)</i>
<i>Mike Palazzolo (10/7)</i>	<i>Karen Caputo (10/24)</i>
<i>Joan Luzac (10/9)</i>	<i>Giuseppe Giammalva (10/24)</i>
<i>James Bademian (10/10)</i>	<i>Betty Jean Ferraiuolo (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>

A Message from Fay Palazzolo

Fay would like to thank **Miriam Lumia, Jeanette Schiraldi** and **Elisa Norscia** for bringing dessert to the September membership meeting. The desserts were all very delicious.

Florence Coleman, Linda Kerr and **Hermine Norscia** have volunteered to bring dessert to the October 24th 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 Hall 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 Gift of Time

Don't put off till tomorrow
 What could be done today.
 Don't let excuses stop you
 As you go on your way.

For tomorrow is a mystery,
 Today is close at hand.
 Reach out to someone who's in need,
 Tell them you understand.

Show someone that you really care,
 Give a hug or two.
 Let someone hear three little words –
 A simple "I love you."

Listen to what others say,
 Truly lend them an ear,
 Ease a worry, lift a care
 Or quiet someone's fears.

Spend time with someone who's alone –
 What they'd give for company –
 And give time to the children,
 Not forever will they be.

So many things we all could do
 If we'd simply take the time
 To love and laugh and listen
 And to others just be kind.

Don't put off till tomorrow
 What could be done today.
 The gift of time so precious
 As you go on your way.

George's Physical

70-year old George went for his annual physical. All of his tests came back with normal results. Dr. Smith said, "George, everything looks great physically. How are you doing mentally and emotionally? Are you at peace with yourself, and do you have a good relationship with your God?"

George replied, "God and me are tight. He knows I have poor eyesight, so he's fixed it so that when I get up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom (poof!) the light goes on when I pee, and then (poof!) the light goes off when I'm done."

"Wow," commented Dr. Smith, "that's incredible!"

A little later in the day, Dr. Smith called George's wife. "Thelma," he said, "George is just fine. Physically he's great. But I had to call because I'm in awe of his relationship with God. Is it true that he gets up during the night and (poof!) the light goes on in the bathroom, and then (poof!) the light goes off?"

Thelma exclaimed, "That old fool! He's peeing in the refrigerator again!"

Autumn Storehouse

I like to take October days
 And store them in my mind,
 To warm me during Winter's reign
 When nature proves unkind.

Then I remember sunshine,
 The Autumn rich with gold,
 And tawny fields a-flower
 With wonders quite untold.

My thoughts will ease the moments
 When in reverie I dwell,
 And linger for the present
 In some bright majestic dell.

Virginia Borman-Grimmer

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

- 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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Downriver Italian-American Banquet Hall

646 Biddle Ave. Wyandotte, MI 48192

Saturday, November 6, 2010

Featuring:

LEGENDS LIVE

Michigan's #1 Tribute Show

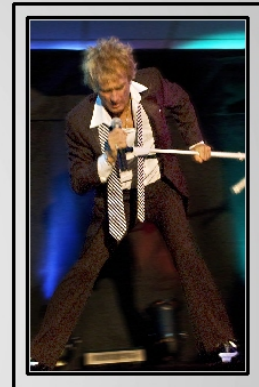
Gladys Knight



"The King"
Elvis



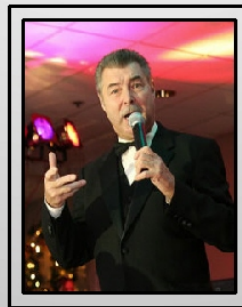
Rod Stewart



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

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 (www.legendslive.com)

The 2nd Annual
DIAC Memorial
Mass/Luncheon
 Sunday, November 7, 2010



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 10:00 a.m.
 Luncheon at the DIAC Hall Immediately
 Following the Mass

Adults: \$10.00
 Children (7 to 10 yrs old): \$6.00

If you are unable to attend the Mass, then please join us for the luncheon.

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

I/We will be attending the **Memorial Mass/Luncheon** on Sunday - November 7, 2010, at St. Patrick Catholic Church
 This coupon and payment must be received **no later than Friday- October 29, 2010**

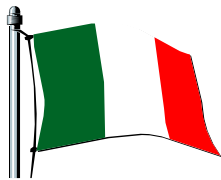
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Name	Phone Number
No. Attending Mass: _____ Luncheon: Adults: \$ 10.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____	
Children 7 -10 yrs of age: \$6.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____	
Total: \$ _____	

Make check payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club**
 Return coupon and check to: Florence Coleman, 14157 Stratford, Riverview, MI 48193-7550

The First Annual Art and Craft Show Sunday, November 14, 2010

DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN HALL



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Featuring Crafts and Vendors from Downriver Communities

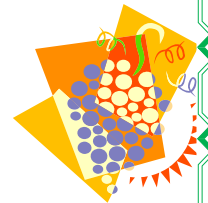
- * LIGHTED GLASS BLOCKS
- * GOLD CANYON CANDLES
- * AVON
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- * COOKIE LEE JEWELRY
- * RAG DOLLS & DOLL CLOTHS
- * POPCORN SHIRTS
- * ACRYLIC PAINTED BOTTLES & PICTURES
- * BASKETS
- * CROCHET BLANKETS/TOWELS
- * CHARACTER MAGNETS
- * CELEBRATING HOMES
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- * HAIR ACCESSORIES & TUTUS FOR LITTLE GIRLS
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- * MICHE INTERCHANGEABLE BAGS
- * USED BOOKS
- * AND MORE CRAFT/VENDORS

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE - SO COME AND SEE IT ALL



Doors open from 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM

ADMISSION IS FREE



For Further Information or Table Reservation, contact

Emalie Shifflett - Chairperson - (734)284-6671 or

Diana Holmes- DIA HALL OFFICE - (734)285-4044

PUBLIC WELCOME - BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



2010 Pasta Events

“Downriver’s 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, October 20, 2010	*** Wednesday, November 17, 2010 ***
3 rd Wednesday of each Month	3 rd Wednesday of each Month



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

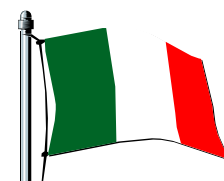
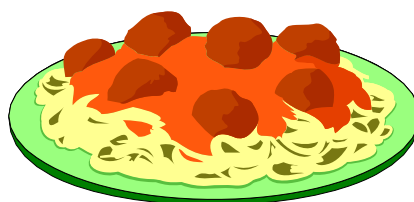
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7.50

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Sausage addition for \$1.50

Italian Cannoli Dessert for \$1.25



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