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# The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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## \*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*

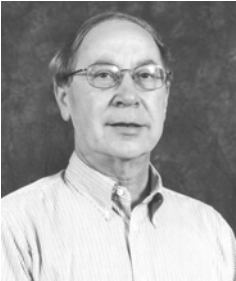
## November 2010 NEWSLETTER

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



## "Legends Live" Dinner Show, Nov. 6, 2010

### A Message from the Club President



The weather continues to be cool, and it will just get colder. It's a good time to bring the outdoor ornaments inside and cover up the air conditioning unit. And for those of us with tropical and European fruit trees, work will be required to cover or keep them away from the damaging frost. It is hard to believe

that we are already into November, the beginning of the holiday season. The stores have already put out their Christmas displays! To those members who are planning to stay in Florida this winter, please keep us in mind.

The Hall bookings are beginning to pick up – a good sign the economy is making a comeback. Please keep our Hall in mind when you have an event and promote our Hall to family and friends.

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

Coming events include the **November Pasta Event** set for November 17, 2010. I hope to see the familiar faces and new faces. We definitely need your help. The profit from this last event will help 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.

Hopefully you had an opportunity to attend the **"Legends Live"** Dinner Show and the **Memorial Mass**. Thanks go out to the chairpersons for making it happen.

Try to attend the **Arts and Craft Show** on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Included with this newsletter are articles and flyers for the **Adult Christmas Party**, as well as the **Children's Christmas Party**.

I want to congratulate the newly elected Club Officers and Trustees who will be operating the club for the next two years. Economic times remain tough and we must do all we can to make the club healthy and the Hall business prosper.

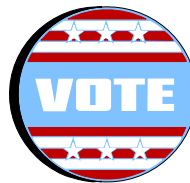
I hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health. God Bless you and your family. And please, support our fundraising events. **Frank A. Giannotti, Club President**

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Our Father, fill our hearts, we pray,  
With gratitude Thanksgiving Day;  
For food and raiment Thou dost give,  
That we in comfort here may live!



### Nomination & Election Committee News



The **Nomination and Election Committee** ran the nomination process for the 2011-2012 Club officers at the October General Membership meeting. Nominees for each Office and Trustee positions ran un-opposed and are therefore elected to their respective office position by acclamation. The officers are:

- President – Mark Grazioli**
- Vice President – Florence Coleman**
- Recording Secretary – Linda Kerr**
- Financial Corresponding Secretary – Frank Giannotti**
- Treasurer – Guy A. Vitale**
- Assistant Treasurer – Leslie Lupo**
- Inside Guard – Rose Pagano**
- Outside Guard – Damiano Vitale**
- Guide – Grace Pizzo**

The new Elected Trustees are:

**Sadie Kusic, Vivian Palazzolo, Vito Trupiano and Leona Vizzini.** These officers have a 4-year term limit. The vacant two year Trustee position is filled by **Charlie Lupo**.

The existing Trustees are:

**Jim Bademian, Mike T. Palazzolo and Alfonso Stralle.** These Trustee's terms expire in 2012.

We would like to thank the existing officers and trustees for their leadership and guidance during the past two years. Many thanks to **Liliana Giannotti** who was the special first lady behind the scenes the past two years.

A special thank-you and a job well done by the Nomination and Election Committee for running the nomination process. The committee members included: **Grace Randazzo (Chairman)**, **Shirley Cavataio**, **Mary Cottone**, **Nancy Marcantonio**, **Pina Milewski** and **Rose Pagano**.

### Member's Christmas Dinner Dance



The Member's Christmas Dinner Dance has been set for Saturday, December 11, 2010. **Miriam Lumia**, along with **Mary Cottone** 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. You may purchase individual tickets or reserve for a table for 10 people. Tickets will soon be available. Make your reservation early for the good table seating. The event is open to member's family and their friends (16 years and older). A flyer is contained in this newsletter.

### Children's Christmas Party



**Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan** will be chairing the **Children's Christmas Party** set for **Sunday, December 12, 2010**. **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, 2010. A flyer with a return coupon is included in this newsletter.

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

### Pasta Event – November 17, 2010



We served a total of 548 meals at the October Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner. 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. This will be the last Pasta Event for the year. Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be Wednesday November 17,

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.

The Club will proceed with the engraving new workers to the Spaghetti Hall of Fame plaque.

**Mark Grazioli – Chairman**

### 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. Food and beverages will be available.

Emalie needs your help on the day of the event. If anyone is willing to bake something for the bake sale, please 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

### A Poem for November

From gold to gray  
Our mild, sweet day  
Of Indian summer fades too soon;  
But tenderly  
Above the sea  
Hangs, white and calm, the November moon.

- John Greenleaf Whittier -

### Menna Room Rental to Club Members



Information about Menna Room rental has been discussed at several membership meetings. The policy has been changed to meet the needs of the members. 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 the kitchen is not to be used for cooking or heating the food.

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

### Sick and Good Will



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

**Algie Prato** (the husband of **Rose Prato**) is seriously ill, and **Ted Brockway** is home recuperating. A special hello goes out to our

members who are in nursing homes, **Florence Costa** and **Violet Jenson**.

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 **OR if there is a death in the family. Please notify the Hall Office regarding a death in the family (734)285-4044. This is a minimum for the Club to spread the news to the membership.**

Condolences to the family of **Tony and Robin Vitale** on the death of their son, **Thomas K. Ascitutto**, who passed away on October 14, 2010, at the age of 31. Condolences to the grandmother, **Rose Vitale** (on Cora Street).

Condolences to the family of **Randall and Paula Rice** on the death of Randy's father, **William Rice**, who passed away on October 6, 2010, at the age of 81.

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.

### Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

|                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>Dolly Chirco (11/1)</i>      | <i>Katherine Finazzo (11/13)</i>   |
| <i>Violet Jenson (11/1)</i>     | <i>Faro Gaglio (11/13)</i>         |
| <i>Mary Lavine (11/1)</i>       | <i>Jack Palazzolo (11/15)</i>      |
| <i>Sam Palamara (11/1)</i>      | <i>Robert Coch (11/16)</i>         |
| <i>Marco Vitale (11/1)</i>      | <i>Vincetta Smith (11/18)</i>      |
| <i>Angelina Carlone (11/2)</i>  | <i>Jacqueline Jagiello (11/19)</i> |
| <i>Rosalie Martino (11/2)</i>   | <i>Angelo Giaimo (11/21)</i>       |
| <i>Marlene Erno (11/4)</i>      | <i>Angelo Schiraldi (11/22)</i>    |
| <i>Cora Muffi (11/7)</i>        | <i>Patrick McMahon (11/24)</i>     |
| <i>Emilia Gonella (11/9)</i>    | <i>Fioravante Norscia (11/25)</i>  |
| <i>Angelo Norscia (11/11)</i>   | <i>MaryJane Grazioli (11/27)</i>   |
| <i>Joanne Cuva (11/12)</i>      | <i>Piera Vitale (11/27)</i>        |
| <i>Providence Evola (11/12)</i> | <i>Gertrude Ventura (11/29)</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.

*Marco and Theresa Talluto (11/3)*  
*Norman and Colleen Tabaka (11/7)*  
*Guy A. and Maria Vitale (11/10)*  
*Anthony and Sherran Sclafani (11/13)*  
*Salvatore and Katherine Finazzo (11/18)*  
*Robert and Susie Coch (11/21)*  
*Joseph and Sharon Pagano (11/22)*  
*Frank and Nina Liberati (11/25)*  
*Don and Nancy Capezza (11/27)*

*Aldo and Rose Gerbi (11/28)*  
*Bruce and Valarie Yinger (11/28)*  
*Angelo and Rosalie Giaimo (11/29)*

### A Special Thank-You to our Members

A special thank-you to club members: **Florence Coleman**, **Linda Kerr** and **Hermine Norscia** for bringing dessert to the October membership meeting. The desserts were all very delicious following the pizza snack.

**Nancy Cosentino**, **Miriam Lumia** and **Rosalie Shimkus** have volunteered to bring dessert to the November 28<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

### 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.

### A Thanksgiving Blessing

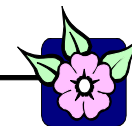
**THANKSGIVING** is giving thanks for all that is necessary and dear to us – food, clothing, shelter, family, friends, beauties of nature, a profession in which we can be of service to our friends and a free country where we can worship God as we please.

**THANKSGIVING** is the delight we feel in a baby's grasp as he clings to an outstretched finger; the tender look in his mother's eyes as she watches him.

**THANKSGIVING** is the joy of a family outing in one of God's beauty spots; helping small children to appreciate beauties of nature in sea, mountain or forest. It is also the spreading of food prepared by loving hands and enjoyed because of healthy appetites and grateful hearts.

**THANKSGIVING** is gratitude for neighbors who lovingly come to our aid in time of trouble or sorrow and who join with us in rejoicing in our happier moments.

**THANKSGIVING** is saying a big "thank you" to God for all favors He has given us.



## A Halloween Moment

A cabbie picks up a nun. She gets into the cab, and notices that the very handsome cab driver won't stop staring at her. She asks him why he is staring.

He replies: "I have a question to ask you but I don't want to offend you."

She answers, "My son, you cannot offend me. When you're as old as I am and have been a nun as long as I have, you get a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive."

"Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me."

She responds, "Well, let's see what we can do about that: #1, you have to be single and #2, you must be Catholic."

The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, I'm single and Catholic!"

"OK" the nun says. "Pull into the next alley."

The nun fulfills his fantasy, with a kiss that would make a hooker blush.

But when they get back on the road, the cab driver starts crying.

"My dear child," says the nun, "why are you crying?"

"Forgive me but I've sinned. I lied and I must confess, I'm married and I'm Jewish."

The nun says, "That's OK."

"My name is Kevin and I'm going to a Halloween party."

## ... And That's How the Fight Started

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her somewhere expensive...

So, I took her to a gas station.....

And that's how the fight started....

I tried to talk my wife into buying a case of Miller Light for \$14.95. Instead, she bought a jar of cold cream for \$7.95.

I told her the beer would make her look better at night than the cold cream.

And that's how the fight started....

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age.

I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home.

I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'.

So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair.

She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application. When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office.

She said, 'You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability, too!'

And that's how the fight started....

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked, 'Do you know her?'

'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife, 'Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

And that's how the fight started....

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first.

I'll have the strip steak, medium rare, please.'

He said, 'Aren't you worried about the mad cow?'

'Nah, she can order for herself.'

And that's how the fight started....

## Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

**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** ..... **Adult Christmas Party**  
Miriam Lumia, Mary Cottone

**Dec. 12, 2010** ..... **Member's Children Christmas Party**  
Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan and Helper(s)

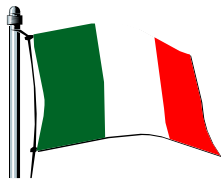
**Jan. 22, 2011** ..... **Presidential Ball**  
Family of Frank Giannotti, Tony Lumia

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# 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

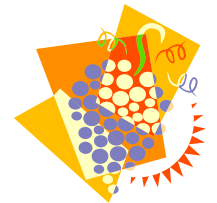
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- \* CROCHET BLANKETS/TOWELS
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- \* CELEBRATING HOMES
- \* TUPPERWARE
- \* HAIR ACCESSORIES & TUTUS FOR LITTLE GIRLS
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- \* MICHE INTERCHANGEABLE 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**

# DIAC Adult Christmas Party

Downriver Italian-American Hall, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727

## Saturday, December 11, 2010

Live Music Band by: The Blue Genes

Family Style Dinner by Chef Jeanne Liedel

6:00 pm Hors D'oeuvre, 7:00 pm Dinner



**Hors D'oeuvre**  
 Cheese, Relish, Cracker Dish Centerpiece

**Main Entrées:**  
 Wedding Soup  
 Tossed Salad, Italian Bread /w Olive Oil  
 Tortellini with Pesto Sauce  
 Roasted Chicken  
 Italian Sausage with peppers and Onions  
 Beef Sirloin Tips  
 Santa Anna Potatoes  
 Mixed Vegetables

**Dessert**  
 Cheese Cake with Strawberries  
 Beverage, Coffee or Tea  
 Your Favorite Beverage  
 Each Table with 2 carafe of wine

Invitation to Family and Friends

\$30.00 per Adult (16 years and Older)

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: Miriam Lumia  
 2428 Geneva  
 Dearborn, MI 48124-2558



For further information call: Miriam Lumia at (313) 565-0671

Mary Cottone at (734) 285-1563

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I (We) will be attending the DIAC 2010 Adult Christmas Party on Saturday, December 11, 2010.  
This coupon and payment must be received no later than November 30, 2010.

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: Miriam Lumia ♣ 2428 Geneva ♣ Dearborn, MI 48124-2558

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

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## Member's Children Christmas Party

Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.



This Party is for **Member's Children Only**. The child must be 10 years and under.

This year's party will again consist of fun hands-on activities for all the children and a pizza luncheon. Directly from the North Pole, Santa Claus will be the special guest. Moms and dads, don't forget to bring your camera and catch those special moment with Santa.

**If you wish to donate cookies, please call Rosalie Vitale-Karawan at (734)285-7406.**

Return the coupon below to:

Rosalie Vitale-Karawan  
17120 Kennebec  
Riverview, MI 48193-7608

**\*\*This form must be received no later than December 1, 2010 This deadline must be strictly enforced to ensure your child will receive a gift.**

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Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

| Print Child's Name | Age   | Girl  | Boy   |
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Mail to: Rosalie Vitale-Karawan, 17120 Kennebec, Riverview, MI 48193-7608

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# 2010 Last Pasta Event

“Downriver’s Best Kept Secret”<sup>©</sup>

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

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### Wednesday, November 17, 2010

(Our Last Pasta Event for the Year)

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

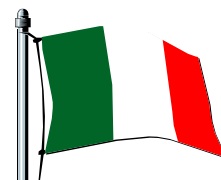
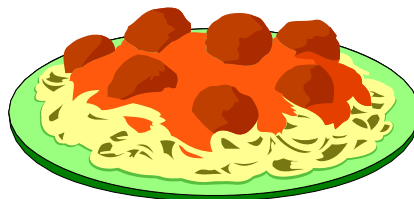
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7.50

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Sausage addition for \$1.50

Italian Cannoli Dessert for \$1.25



**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 Your Needs**

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