



39th Year, 1971-2010

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

January 2011 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, 6:30 p.m.



Buon Anno - Happy New Year, 2011!

It's A New Year!

*May your New Year be the best you've ever had,
and may you have many more New Years
that are even better!
A Safe and Happy 2011*

2011 Club Membership Dues

The 2011 membership dues are now payable. 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: **Frank A. Giannotti, 14823 Williamsburg Blvd., Riverview, MI 48193-7703**. Your receipt and membership card(s) will be mailed with the upcoming newsletter, the month after we process your dues. The deadline for dues is **March 31, 2011**.

For Honorary Members, the dues are \$15.00 for a single member 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, 2011**.

The newsletter is available at the club website, www.diac.us. Members that have internet access can read and download the newsletter, while saving in printing and postage cost. Let **Frank Giannotti** know if you wish to be notified when the newsletter is on the web.

Attached with this newsletter is an invoice to be returned with your dues.

A Message from the Club President



Welcome to 2011. I am honored to again be given an opportunity to be your Club President for the next two years. The Club Board will be much the same with several members switching positions. First, I would like to thank the three members that have left the Board (**George Lavine, Janice Labadie and Faye Palazzolo**) for their service. Next, I would like to welcome

the new Board members, **Florence Coleman, Charlie Lupo and Rose Pagano**. Upcoming events in January and February include the following:

Presidential Ball (open to the public) Saturday, January 22, 2011. **Legends Live Valentine Show** (open to the public) Saturday, February 12, 2011.

At the Presidential Ball, we have invited **Judge Christopher Dingell** to again give the oath of office to our 2011-2012 Club Officers. We have also invited the Italian Consulate **Marco Nobili**, who attended the last Presidential Ball in 2009 and the Mayor of Wyandotte, **Joseph Peterson**. This will provide an opportunity to meet and speak with these gentlemen. The band at the Presidential Ball will be the **Blue Genes**, from Windsor.

The **Legends Live** shows this last year were well received by the public and very successful. I expect the **Legend Live Valentine Show** in February to be the same. It is also my understanding that we will again be doing a "**Taste of Italy**" event in May.

Frank Giannotti did a fantastic job these past two years as your President. He will again be the Financial Corresponding Secretary, with primary responsibilities for the Newsletter and the collection of dues. Thanks Frank, for a job well done.

Next I would like to thank the Hall Board, **Nino Trupiano, Nick Caputo, Mary Cottone, Rocky Kaune, Tony Lumia and Tony Pietrangelo**, for their efforts last year and I look forward to working with them the next two years.

As we enter into the year 2011, I would like to wish all the Club members a happy and prosperous New Year and may God Bless you and your families.

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

DIAC 2011 Honorary Member

The following Club members have attained twenty-five (25) consecutive years in the Downriver Italian-American Club and are eligible to the position of "**Honorary Member**." In accordance to the By-Laws, Article I-Membership, Section 2-C, such member(s) shall have all the rights enjoyed by a Regular Member, but shall pay reduced dues.

Palazzolo) for their service. Next, I would like to welcome

The following member, in good-standing since 1986, qualify to the status of "Honorary Member."

John and Anna Finazzo
Gloria Frassetto
Faro and Rose Gaglio
Mary Giaimo
Emanuele and Marian Maniaci
Vivian Martino
Cora Muffi

2011 Club Officers and Trustees

The Club Officers and Trustees are as follows:

President: **Mark S. Grazioli**
 Vice President: **Florence Coleman**
 Secretary: **Linda Kerr**
 Fin. Corres. Secretary: **Frank A. Giannotti**
 Treasurer: **Guy A. Vitale**
 Assist Treasurer: **Leslie Lupo**
 Inside Guard: **Rose Pagano**
 Outside Guard: **Damiano Vitale**
 Guide: **Grace Pizzo**

Trustees: **Jim M. Bademian** **Vivian Palazzolo**
Sadie Kusic **Alfonso Stralle**
Charles Lupo **Vito A. Trupiano**
Mike T. Palazzolo **Leona Vizzini**

Please congratulate the above Officers and Trustees and thank them for their leadership in guiding the Club through the coming years.

DIAC Certificate of Deposit News

During the month of January, the Club Treasurer, **Guy A. Vitale**, will be mailing the interest earned on the DIAC Bond Certificate for the year 2010. If you do not receive your letter by the end of January, please contact Guy at (734) 281-6554.

DIAC Presidential Ball



The **2011 Presidential Ball** will be held on **Saturday, January 22, 2011**, in the main Banquet Hall. The chairpersons for this event are **Frank and Lilians Giannotti**, along with **Tony and Miriam Lumia**. See the attached flyer for further details. We need the membership support in making this event a success. The event **is open to the public**. Please advise your friends early and mark this event on your calendar. Reserve

your table early for those good seats. We want to make this a sellout event.

For further information, please contact **Frank Giannotti** at (734) 283-7394 or **Tony Lumia** at (313) 565-0671.

Legends Live Valentine Dinner Show

The **Downriver Italian-American Hall** will once again host the "Legends Live" on Saturday, February 12, 2011. This will be the **Valentine Show**, complete with dinner, featuring tributes to: **Patsy Kline, the Everly Brothers, Roy Orbison, Johnny Mathis and Gene Pitney**. It's a wonderful combo of their oldies songs and performance. A great opportunity to reflect on the moments in your life when they were a huge hit.

Nick Caputo and **Tony Lumia** are chairing this event. The event begins with a superb dinner. Tickets and table reservations are currently available. A flyer will appear in this newsletter.

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, or **Tony Lumia** (313)565-0671 or by calling the Hall office. (734)285-4044.

Please send your reservation to:

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

St. Joseph Day Celebration - Mar. 20



The **37th Annual St. Joseph Day Celebration - Sunday, March 20, 2011.**

Pageant Admission Free - 2:00 p.m. - Dinner follows the pageant.

Adults \$7.00 - Children 10 and under \$3.50.

We will be celebrating St. Joseph Day on March 20th. 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 35 years. We have donated nearly \$92,000.00 All

donations made are given to needy families and organizations helping children. If you would like to make cookies, or help us in any way, please contact one of us. Invite your friends and family and help us celebrate our 35th 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

Notice of Appreciation



The **Downriver Italian-American Club**, including its Officers and the general membership, wish to extend sincere gratitude for the hard work, dedication and direction to the **DIA Hall Inc.** Board: Chairman **Nino Trupiano**; Vice Chairman **Tony Pietrangelo**; Secretary **Rocky Kaune**; Treasurer **Mary Cottone**; and Directors **Nick Caputo** and **Tony Lumia**. Their effort is greatly appreciated at operating the Hall Business on a day-to-day basis. Best Wishes for a brighter 2011.

Many Thanks to the Hall Coordinator **Diana Holmes**.

Thanks to our Club Chef **Jeanne Liedel**, who has done an excellent job at meeting the catering needs of the Hall.

Menna Room Rental to Club 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:

Bill Barraco, Jim Gandol, Nancy Kaune, Ann Lepidi, Vince & Catherine Mannino, Mike T. Palazzolo, Vito Trupiano Sr. and Mary Wierzba.

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 **Jack and Josie Favazza** on the death of Josie's father, **Joe Trupiano**, who passed away on December 7, 2010 at the age of 88.

Condolences to the family of **Nancy Marcantonio** on the death of her former husband, **Umberto Marcantonio**, who passed away on December 19, 2010, at the age of 84.

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>Nancy Cosentino (1/1)</i>	<i>Angela Scott (1/14)</i>
<i>Anthony V. Vitale (1/2)</i>	<i>Marie Vitale (1/14)</i>
<i>Emma Checchio (1/4)</i>	<i>Grace Pizzo (1/16)</i>
<i>Pat Mastrogiacomo (1/4)</i>	<i>Vincenzo Mannino (1/20)</i>
<i>Gianna Trupiano (1/4)</i>	<i>Rose Pagano (1/20)</i>
<i>Frank Giannotti (1/5)</i>	<i>Mark Grazioli (1/22)</i>
<i>Sam Randazzo (1/5)</i>	<i>Salvatore Randazzo (1/22)</i>
<i>Jack Favazza (1/6)</i>	<i>Joyce Pietrangelo (1/23)</i>
<i>Miriam Lumia (1/6)</i>	<i>Leta Bommarito (1/24)</i>
<i>Nino Vitale (1/6)</i>	<i>Peter Badalamente (1/25)</i>
<i>Johnpaul Finazzo (1/9)</i>	<i>Marty Shimkus (1/25)</i>
<i>Frank Pizzo (1/11)</i>	<i>Rita (Trupiano) Dauss (1/27)</i>
<i>Penny Bardinelli (1/13)</i>	<i>Nino Trupiano (1/28)</i>
<i>Lilla Vitale (1/13)</i>	<i>Catherine Bagnasco (1/30)</i>
<i>Pierina Franzese (1/14)</i>	<i>Giacinto Simone (1/30)</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.

Vincenzo and Lilla Vitale (1/4)
Frank and Barbara Bianchi (1/9)
Fioravante and Hermine Norscia (1/12)
Larry and Joan Luzac (1/20)

A Special Thank-You to Our Members

A special Thank-You to club members, **Nancy Cosentino, Miriam Lumia** and **Rosalie Shimkus**, for bringing dessert to the November membership meeting. The members enjoyed the sweet treat.

Shirley Cavataio, Mary Lavine and **Joyce Mitra** have volunteered to bring dessert to the January 23rd 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.

Lift Your Spirit

A friend is someone we turn to
When our spirits need a lift.

A friend is someone we treasure
For our friendship is a gift.

A friend is someone who fills our lives
With beauty, joy, and grace.
And makes the world we live in
A better and happier place.

Thanks for the gift of your friendship
I hope this lifts your spirit.

Author Unknown

A Senior Moment

An elderly widow and widower were dating for about five years. The man finally decided to ask her to marry. She immediately said "yes".

The next morning when he awoke, he couldn't remember what her answer was! "Was she happy? I think so, wait, no, she looked at me in a funny manner..."

After about an hour of trying to remember to no avail, he got on the telephone and gave her a call.

Embarrassed, he admitted that he didn't remember her answer to the marriage proposal. "Oh", she said, "I'm so glad you called. I remembered saying 'yes' to someone, but I couldn't remember who it was!"

Four Things

These things are beautiful beyond belief:

The pleasant weakness that comes after pain,

The radiant greenness that comes after rain,

The deepened faith that follows after grief,

And the awakening to love again.

Author unknown

The Moods Of A Woman



An angel of truth and a dream of fiction,
A woman is a bundle of contradiction,
She's afraid of a wasp, will scream at a mouse,
But will tackle a stranger alone in the house.
Sour as vinegar, sweet as a rose,
She'll kiss you one minute, then turn up her nose,
She'll win you in rage, enchant you in silk,
She'll be stronger than brandy, milder than milk,
At times she'll be vengeful, merry and sad,
She'll hate you like poison, and love you like mad.

Five Tips for a Woman

1. It is important that a man helps you around the house and has a job.
2. It is important that a man makes you laugh.
3. It is important to find a man you can count on and doesn't lie to you.
4. It is important that a man loves you and spoils you.
5. It is important that these four men don't know each other.

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

- Jan. 22, 2011** **Presidential Ball**
Frank Giannotti, Tony Lumia
- Feb. 12, 2011** **"Legends Live" Valentine Show.**
Nick Caputo, Tony Lumia
- Mar. 20, 2011** **St. Joseph Day Celebration.**
F. Coleman, N. Cosentino and G. Pizzo and members.
- May 11, 2011** **Taste of Italy – Charity Event.**
Tony & Miriam Lumia (313) 565-0671.

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Valentines Show

Saturday February 12th, 2011

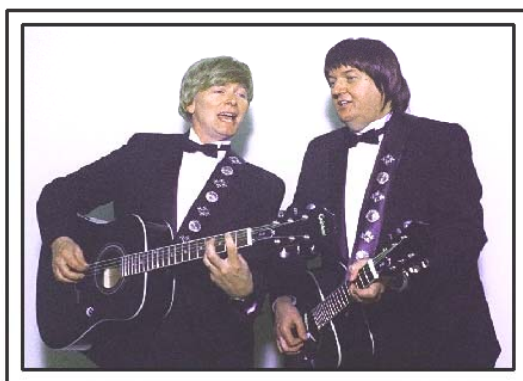
Featuring

LEGENDS LIVE

Michigan's #1 Tribute Show



Patsy Cline



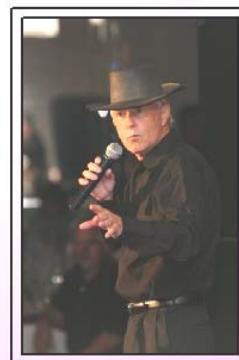
Everly Brothers



Roy Orbison



Johnny Mathis



Gene Pitney

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

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Presents

2011 Presidential Ball

Saturday, January 22, 2011

Music by *The Blue Genes from Windsor*

Hors D'oeuvre/Cocktails begins at 5:30 pm

Cheese, Fruits, Sausage, Shrimp Cocktail

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Family Style Dinner by Jeanne Liedel

~ Main Entrée ~

Relish Tray

Wedding Soup

Salad with House Dressing

Linguini with Club Sauce

Stuffed Chicken Breast

Pork Loin Siciliano

Roasted Potatoes

Sautéed Green Beans with Almonds

Coffee, Tea, Rolls, Butter

Napoleon Dessert

Carafe of Wine Available

Tickets: \$35.00 per person

Event is Open to the Public. Invite your Family and Friends

Tickets must be paid at the time of reservation

Reserved tables of 10 only, all others seated where available

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Make checks payable to: Downriver Italian-American Club

Further information: **Frank Giannotti, (734)283-7394**

Tony Lumia, (313)565-0671

DIA HALL – Diana Holmes, (734)285-4044



I/We will be attending the **2011 Presidential Ball** event on **Saturday, January 22, 2011**

This ticket and payment must be received **no later than Wednesday, January 12, 2011**

Name _____ Number of People attending _____

Address: _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

City: _____ ZIP _____ Telephone: _____

Make checks payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club**

Mail coupon and payment to: **Frank Giannotti, 14823 Williamsburg Blvd., Riverview, MI 48193-7703**

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