



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

April 2011 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, April 17, 2011, 6:30 p.m.



Club First Pasta Event - April 20, 2011

April Membership Meeting Change

The Board has rescheduled the April general membership meeting **to Sunday, April 17, 2011, at 6:30 pm**. Easter this year lands on the regularly scheduled membership meeting date. Please jot this date on your calendar and remind fellow member(s)

A Message from the Club President



It's now April and the robins have arrived. The cold weather lingers, but May is on the horizon. For some of us April brings the beginning of the golf season. The date of next General Membership meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday April 17, 2011, which is Palm Sunday.

The **Downriver Italian American Club** has been in existence for forty years. April is the month of our founding in 1971. Over the years, many families and individuals have contributed to our success. We started by renting halls to hold meetings and today the members completely own a beautiful banquet facility. We thank the many who worked so hard to give us what we have today.

To celebrate we have arranged to have at least three events for our members throughout the year. On June 16th we will be going to a Tiger baseball game. On August 24th we are planning on a boat ride with buffet lunch, on the Detroit River. On October 24th we are planning on a two day trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto Canada. Be sure to contact the chairpersons of these events so that you don't miss out on the fun!

Our **St. Joseph Celebration** in March was very well attended, with the proceeds going to charity. Thanks to all of the Club members who worked very hard to make this event a success. Our next charitable event will be the **Taste of Italy** in May.

Upcoming events in April and May include the following:

Spaghetti Dinner, Wednesday April 20, 2011.

Legends Live Show, Saturday April 30, 2011.

Taste of Italy, Wednesday May 11, 2011.

Spaghetti Dinner, Wednesday May 18, 2011.

The Club will again be sponsoring a **Golf Outing**. The date is Saturday July 23, 2011 at Westburn Golf Club in South Rockwood, Michigan. Gather some family and friends and come join us for a day of golf, followed by a dinner with a prize for everyone.

If you have not paid your 2011 dues, please do so now. **The deadline was March 31st.**

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

Club First Pasta Event - April 20, 2011



Our first Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner of the year will be held on Wednesday April 20, 2011. Last year, several members worked for the first time, including some new members. This is an excellent opportunity for new members to meet and make friends with Club members. Volunteers begin on Tuesday morning, starting at about 8-9 am with the preparation of sauce and meatballs as well as set-up. The men come in at 6 pm on Tuesday evening to pre-cook the pasta. On Wednesday we start about 8 am, with Lunch being served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Dinner from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If you cannot work, another way to support our Spaghetti Dinners is to attend the events yourself, as many of you do, and bring some friends.

Mark Grazioli

The "Legends Live" Spring Show



The **Downriver Italian-American Hall** will be hosting another "**Legends Live Show**" on Saturday, April 30, 2011. This will be the **Spring Show**, complete with dinner, featuring tributes to: **Frankie Valli (of the Four Seasons), Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Cal Roberts (of the Platters)** and our Detroit own, (local singer, comedian and TV Legend), **Johnny Ginger**. It's a wonderful combo of their oldies songs and performance, and a great opportunity to reflect on the moments in your life when they were a huge hit.

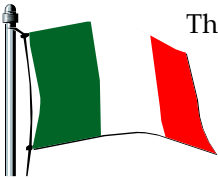
Nick Caputo, Tony Lumia and Jim Bademian are chairing this event. The event begins with a superb dinner. Tickets and table reservations are currently available. Tickets must be paid at time of reservation. A minimum of 8 people is required to reserve a table. All others will be seated where space is available.

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, **Jim Bademian** at (313)388-2264 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

A Taste of Italy – May 11, 2011



The 7th annual **Taste of Italy** event will be held at the **DIA Hall on Wednesday, May 11, 2011.** Serving begins at 6:00 p.m. The chairperson is **Tony Lumia.**

The event will feature sampling of Italian cuisines from various local businesses. The vendors will be providing their food specialties. The serving will be buffet style. See the flyer in this newsletter for further details. All proceeds to benefit the **Penrickton School for Blind Children.**

For ticket sales, contact **Diana Holmes** at the DIA Hall (734)285-4044 or **Tony Lumia** (313) 565-0671. This event is open to the public. Please attend and invite your family and friends.

Tiger Baseball Game, Thurs June 16th



The Club is planning on going to a Tiger Baseball game on Thursday June 16, 2011. The game starts at 1:05 pm and is against Cleveland. The Group Senior (over 60) price is \$25 per ticket. The package includes a Lower Baseline Box seat, and one soft drink

and hot dog for each person. Each person will be responsible for his or her own transportation. You can contact me at 734-671-5884 so that I can order the tickets and we can all sit together. Checks should be made out to **Mark Grazioli** and can be mailed to my address which is: **21934 Knudsen; Grosse Ile MI 48138-1345.** I will need your money by **Sunday April 17, 2011** (Palm Sunday), which is the date of the April General Membership meeting.

Mark Grazioli

Italian Club 40th Anniversary Events



Portofino Boat Ride – Wednesday, August 24, 2010. Wyandotte, MI

Enjoy an afternoon boat ride on the Detroit River. The event starts at 11:30 am returns at 3:00 pm. A lunch is provided at Portofino's. The boat has a capacity of 60 people.

Cost is \$25.00 per person. **Monies must be received no later than May 22, 2011.** Make check payable to DIAC and send it to Leslie Lupo. Make your reservation early.

Niagara Falls/Toronto Trip – Monday to Wednesday, October 24, 25, 26. Ontario Canada (U S passport, US passport card or an Enhanced Michigan Driver's license is required.)

This is a three-day/two-night event. The cost is \$310.00 per person (based on double occupancy). The trip includes a first night hotel stay at the Niagara Falls - Sheraton on the Falls. Dinner is provided at the Minolta Tower at the Falls. The bus will depart next morning for Niagara on the Lake for shopping and sightseeing (lunch is on your own). The bus will depart in the afternoon for Toronto and will stop at either the Sheraton Center or Harbour Castle for the night. The bus will depart Wednesday late afternoon for home. Our President has suggested that we visit Toronto's Italian District and have dinner or lunch.

Round Trip transportation provided via deluxe highway motor coach. Restroom equipped and reclining seats, via Bianco Tours. The bus will be departing the Hall early in the morning and returning in the evening.

A minimum of 45 attendees is required for this trip. **Monies must be received no later than May 22, 2011.**

For reservation and further information, please contact:

Leslie Lupo
459 Cedar St.
Wyandotte, MI 48192
(734) 282-1257

Congratulating New DIAC Members



Please welcome the following new member who recently joined The Downriver Italian-American Club:

Augustine Falzone of Taylor, MI., sponsored by **Leona Vizzini.**

Rainbow April

April arrives,
Rainbow April.
Blessing us with soft showers,
Warm misty rains, comforting carpets
Of lush green grass.

April reminds us that blue skies
Sunshine, laughter, and sweet
Songs of Love
Are sure to follow.
Beautiful rainbow April.

Chava Kaye, April 2011

Sick and Good Will



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

Mike Palazzolo, Vito Trupiano Sr., Mary Randazzo, Gloria Frassetto, Vincenzo Mannino and Don Kerr.

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.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

<i>Salvatore Curcuru (4/1)</i>	<i>Lia Giannotti (4/12)</i>
<i>Rosina Martino (4/01)</i>	<i>John Parisi (4/12)</i>
<i>Paola Ventimiglia (4/3)</i>	<i>Eugene Kling (4/13)</i>
<i>Angela Vassallo (4/5)</i>	<i>Vito Badalamente (4/17)</i>
<i>Linda Carrier (4/6)</i>	<i>Phillip Lupo (4/20)</i>
<i>Maria Giammalva (4/6)</i>	<i>Augustino Iacopelli (4/21)</i>
<i>Fannie Randazzo (4/7)</i>	<i>Josephine Palazzolo (4/21)</i>
<i>Nina Liberati (4/8)</i>	<i>Louise Myslisz (4/22)</i>
<i>Joseph Palazzolo (4/8)</i>	<i>Fred Marzano (4/23)</i>
<i>Grace Randazzo (4/8)</i>	<i>Angela Palazzolo (4/26)</i>
<i>Dora Agrusa (4/9)</i>	<i>Norman Tabaka Jr. (4/27)</i>
<i>Matteo Agrusa (4/9)</i>	<i>Joyce Mitra (4/29)</i>
<i>Mary Caparaotta (4/9)</i>	<i>Maria Vitale (4/29)</i>
<i>Giuseppe LaFata (4/9)</i>	<i>Theresa Herbert (4/30)</i>
<i>Lina Frassetto (4/10)</i>	<i>Joseph A. Pagano (4/30)</i>
<i>Janice Labadie (4/11)</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.

Phil and Sue Lupo (4/7) 55th
Gino and Wynnith Martino (4/8)
Augustino and Loni Iacopelli (4/14)
Giuseppe and Providence Evola (4/15)
John and Joan Cadorin (4/19) 61st
Sam and Fannie Randazzo (4/23)
Joseph and Nicolina Susin (4/23)
Bill and Pauline Barraco (4/24)
John and Anna Finazzo (4/24)
Jim and Shirley Bommarito (4/28)
Patrick and Patricia Mastrogiacomo (4/28)
Vincenzo and Catherine Mannino (4/29) 61st

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special Thank-You to club members, **Karen Caputo, Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale** and **Piera Vitale** for bringing dessert to the March membership meeting. The members enjoyed the sweet treat.

Liliana Giannotti, Linda Kerr and **Miriam Lumia** have volunteered to bring dessert to the April 17th meeting.

Poesia di Aprile

Aprile dolce dormire.
Chi tre volte on mangia,
Di cuore non ride

Poesia provided by Gaspare Misuraca

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

April 20, 2011 April – First Pasta Event.
Pasta Committee & Membership.

April 30, 2011 “Legends Live” Spring Show.
N. Caputo, T. Lumia, J. Bademian

May 11, 2011 Taste of Italy – Charity Event.
Tony & Miriam Lumia.

May 18, 2011 May Pasta Event.
Pasta Committee & Membership.

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2011 Pasta Events

“Downriver Best Kept Secret”[©]

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

The Downriver Italian-American Hall

646 Biddle Avenue (North of Goddard)
Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727

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Wednesday, April 20, 2011	Wednesday, May 18 2011
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Wednesday, July 20, 2011
Wednesday, August 17, 2011	Wednesday, September 21, 2011
Wednesday, October 19, 2011	3 rd Wednesday of each Month



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

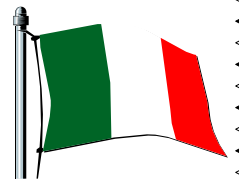
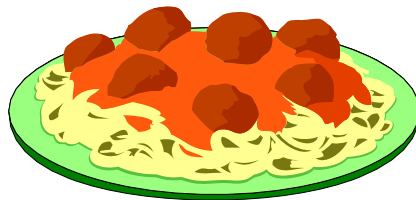
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7.50

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Sausage addition for \$1.50

Italian Cannoli Dessert Available.



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



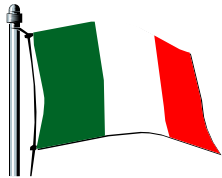
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"A TASTE OF ITALY"

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN HALL



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Featuring a Sampling of Italian Cuisine From:

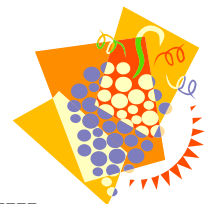
- * ANDIAMO'S DEARBORN
- * SAMMY'S CUCINA
- * FRATELLO'S RESTAURANT
- * FRANK'S RESTAURANT
- * JACK'S BAKERY
- * CARINO'S ITALIAN
- * JEANNE'S CATERING
- * LIBERATI'S DELI & BAKERY
- * SIBLEY GARDENS
- * SIMPLY ITALIAN
- * THE FISH MARKET
- * ROMAN VILLAGE/ ANTONIO'S RESTAURANT

*A sampling of wines from
DISCOUNT DRINKS of Wyandotte*



Serving at 6:00 p.m.

DONATIONS - \$ 35.00



TO BENEFIT THE PENRICKTON SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN

For more information and ticket sales - contact:

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

Tony Lumia - Chairperson - (313) 565-0671

PUBLIC WELCOME - BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Downriver Italian-American Banquet Hall

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PROUDLY PRESENTS

LEGENDS LIVE

Michigan's #1 Tribute Show

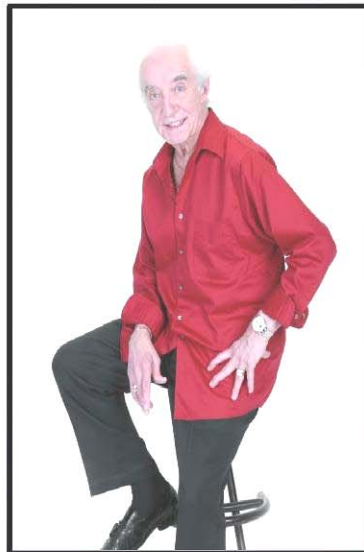


Saturday, April 30, 2011

Frankie Valli



**Voice Impersonator
Singer & Comedian
Detroit TV Legend
Johnny Ginger**



Ray Charles



Aretha Franklin



Cal Roberts



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