



40th Year, 1971-2011

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

Club Board of Directors Meeting Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

October 2011 NEWSLETTER



"Legends Live" – Sweetest Day, Sat. Oct. 15

Santa Rosalia) to attend their fall Dinner Dance. It was a very nice event.

The new pastor (from Palermo, Sicilia) at **Holy Family Church in Detroit** has asked to make a presentation to our members. DIAC, along with the Santa Rosalia Club, will jointly sponsor this event on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at our hall. The date given at the September General Membership Meeting had to be changed.

Please see the Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events in the newsletter for future events.

Mark S. Grazioli, President

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October Membership Meeting Change

The October General Membership meeting has been rescheduled to **Sunday, October 30, at 6:30 pm**. The main banquet hall has an event on the regularly scheduled 4th Sunday. Please jot this date on your calendar and remind fellow member(s)

October Club Board Meeting Change

The October Club Board meeting has been rescheduled to **Monday, October 10, at 7:00 pm**. Board Members - Please jot this date on your calendar and remind fellow Board member(s). As a reminder, the Quarterly Financial Audit (QFA) will immediately follow the Board meeting - Trustees participation is required.

Message from the Club President



Florence took care of the last months Newsletter article, which was greatly appreciated. I am on the mend and feeling much better. It will just take some time. Speaking of time, it is now October and the leaves are beginning to turn. Soon it will be time to start raking and picking up leaves. The date of next General

Membership meeting is Sunday October 30, 2011. We had to move the meeting because the hall was rented for a wedding.

The **Downriver Italian American Club** has been in existence for forty years. As part of our 40th year celebration, we went to a Tiger baseball game and enjoyed lunch at Portofino followed by a boat ride on the Detroit River. Both events were successful. Speaking about the Tigers it should be an exciting October, with the Tigers in the playoffs.

Our participation in the 4th of July Parade went very well. We were joined by members of the **Downriver Santa Rosalia Club**, who brought along many of their member's children. I look forward to an even bigger turnout next year. I was also invited by **Joe Giammalva** (President of

"Legends Live" Sweetest Day Show



The **Downriver Italian-American Hall** will once again host the "Legends Live" on Saturday, October 15, 2011. This will be the **Celebrating Sweetest Day Show**, complete with dinner, featuring tributes to: **Tom Jones, Diana Ross, Bobby Vinton, John Denver and Michigan**

Funniest Comedian – Keith Ruff. 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 is contained 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

Pasta Event – October 19, 2011



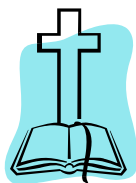
At our September Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner we served 533 dinners. Our next Spaghetti Lunch and

Dinner is scheduled for **Wednesday October 19, 2011**. We could use a few more volunteers. This is an excellent opportunity for new members to meet and make friends with Club members. Volunteers begin on Tuesday morning, starting at 8:30 am with the preparation of sauce and meatballs as well as set up. The men come in at 5 pm on Tuesday evening to pre-cook the pasta. On Wednesday, we start at 8:30 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. Since this will be our last Spaghetti Dinner for 2011, we expect carryout sauce and meatball sales to be brisk. It is also an opportunity for the members to stock up on our sauce and meatballs for the winter.

If you cannot work, another way to support our Spaghetti Dinners is to come yourself, as many of you do, or bring some family and friends.

Mark Grazioli

Club Memorial Mass - Nov. 6, 2011



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is Sunday, November 6, 2011. The 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 71 people attend Mass, and 75 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

Thank-you,

Florence (Sclafani) Coleman

Art and Craft Show - November 13



There will be an **Art and Craft Show** at the DIA Hall on Sunday, November 13, 2011. The chairperson is **Emalie Shifflett** and her helper(s). This will be the second such an event at the Hall. Food will be 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 for 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

"Legends Live" New Year's Eve Show



The **Downriver Italian-American Hall** will be hosting the "**Legends Live**" **New Year's Eve Rock & Roll Spectacular Show** on Saturday, December 31, 2011. Make an effort to attend this fine event and please advise your family and friends. Complete with dinner and featuring tributes to: **John Denver, Buddy Holly, Loretta Lynn, Johnny Rivers, Gene Pitney, Marty Robbins, Everly Brothers, Bobby Vinton, Patsy Cline, Roy Orbison**, and special guest **Linda Ronstadt**.

Details and flyer will be included in a future newsletter.

Holy Family Church Presentation

The Parish Council and the Congregation of the **Holy Family Church in Detroit** are excited to welcome **Father Giuseppe (Pino) Licciardi** as the new Pastor of the Holy Family Church. Father Pino is from the Archdiocese of Monreale, province of Palermo, Sicily.

The **Downriver Italian-American Club**, along with the **Downriver Santa Rosalia Club** will host a special social evening on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 7:00 pm, at the **DIAC Hall, 646 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192**. A brief history and the accomplishment of the Holy Family Church will be presented, as well as the introduction of Father Pino. Refreshment is provided after the presentation. The event is open to the general public.

Families wishing to donate dessert, please contact **Mark Grazioli (734)671-5884** or **Joe Giammalva (734)789-8440**, (after 7:00 pm).

We hope you (your family and friends) are able to join us for this special occasion and welcome Father Pino to the community.

Club 40th Anniversary Note

2011 marks the 40th Anniversary of the **Downriver Italian-American Club**. The Club was chartered in April of 1971. The first Board of Directors and Charter Members included the following: **Joseph Menna, Salvatore DiPasquale, Frank Bianchi, Antonio Palumbo, Vincent Concessi, Richard Ventura, Anthony Cottone, Frank Persichillo, Daniel D'Alosio, Anthony Pietrangelo, Angelo DiToro, Frank Simone, Angelo Giaimo, Lorenzo Sinome, Joe Gorgoni, Antonio Venture and Judge Gerald McNally.**

The Club has seen many changes over the years and has made a significant impact in the community. In the early years, we shared the Italian culture by sponsoring the festivals at the Yack Area and later by sponsoring a monthly Pasta Events. The club building and parking facility has expanded and remodeled over the years to meet the needs of the community. The Club (members) own and operate a modern banquet facility. We would never have accomplished all we have, if it weren't for the dedication of our members.

Public Square Rosary Crusade

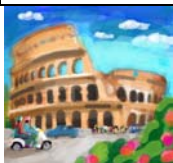


Please join the **2011 Public Square Rosary Crusade** in our local community. As we all know, the United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the **Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.**

Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 12:00 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at Southgate City Hall, 14480 Dix-Toledo Road (between Northline Rd and Eureka), at the Gazebo and Pavilion area (at front of the City Hall Building).

For further information, please contact **Maria Chirco** at (734)775-0478

Vacancy in the Club Board



There exists a vacancy for a Trustee in the Club Board due to a long term illness. The term expires on December 2012.

There are no alternate candidate(s) from the last election to fill this position. There is a need to fill this vacancy.

If you are interested in serving as a Trustee on the Club Board, please contact club president, **Mark Grazioli**, at (734) 671-5884.

Carmela Lynn Fillmore - Born 9/15/2011



Alfonso and Carmela Stralle proudly announce the birth of their first great-granddaughter, **Carmela Lynn Fillmore**, born on September 15, 2011. Carmela weighed in at 6 lbs and was 16 inches long. The proud parents are **Brett and Angela Fillmore.**

Congratulations to the Stralle and Fillmore families.

Sick and Good Will



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

Joe and Pearl Evola, Nick Caputo, Shirley Cavataio, Frank Giannotti, Faro Gaglio, Mike Palazzolo, Vito Trupiano Sr., Florence Costa, Leta Bommarito.

We wish good health 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.

Condolences to the family of **Frank P. Manzella** who passed away on September 22, 2011, at the age of 89. Condolences to the families of **Mary Giaimo, Sam and Fannie Randazzo, and Mamie Vitale.** Frank was a former member and was well known to everyone. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Fara DiMaria** on the death of her brother-in-law, **Salvatore DiMaria**, who passed away on August 6, 2011, at the age of 78, in Cinisi, Sicily.

Condolences to the family of **Bill and Shirley Cavataio** on the death of Shirley's brother-in-law, **Clarence Bryson**, who passed away on September 5, 2011, at the age of 81, in Dalton, Georgia.

Condolences to the family of **Angela Palazzolo** (of Rochester Hill, MI) on the death of her sister, **Letty Olender**, who passed away on September 1, 2011, at the age of 82, in Dallas Texas.

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members **Mimi Kerr, Elisa Norscia** and **Gianna Trupiano** for bringing dessert to the September 25th membership meeting. The dessert was very much appreciated.

Hermine Norscia, Carmela Stralle and Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale have volunteered to bring dessert to the October 30th membership meeting.

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 Berent (10/01)</i>	<i>James Gandol (10/18)</i>
<i>Charles Cosner, Jr. (10/2)</i>	<i>Hermine Norscia (10/18)</i>
<i>Angelo A. Giannotti (10/2)</i>	<i>Darlene Randazzo (10/18)</i>
<i>Wynnith Martino (10/2)</i>	<i>John Finazzo (10/19)</i>
<i>Bettina Vitale (10/2)</i>	<i>Dick Oslund (10/19)</i>
<i>Vivian Martino (10/3)</i>	<i>Frances Randazzo (10/19)</i>
<i>Travis Dick (10/7)</i>	<i>Lynn Hayward (10/21)</i>
<i>Catherine Kling (10/7)</i>	<i>Mary Giaimo (10/22)</i>
<i>Mike Palazzolo (10/7)</i>	<i>Maria Graziani (10/22)</i>
<i>Joan Luzac (10/9)</i>	<i>Karen Caputo (10/24)</i>
<i>James Bademian (10/10)</i>	<i>Giuseppe Giammalva (10/24)</i>
<i>Susan Conz (10/11)</i>	<i>BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25)</i>
<i>Josie Klube (10/11)</i>	<i>Rose Bozzo (10/26)</i>
<i>Gino Martino Jr. (10/11)</i>	<i>Rino Pagnucco (10/26)</i>
<i>Robert Franzese (10/13)</i>	<i>Michael McNally (10/27)</i>
<i>Daniele Graziani (10/17)</i>	<i>Marguerite Sclafani (10/29)</i>
<i>Mary Randazzo (10/17)</i>	<i>Rena DeMelis (10/27)</i>
<i>Marco Talluto (10/17)</i>	<i>Angela McCarty (10/31)</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 and Maria Giammalva (10/3)</i>	
<i>Lenny and Pina Milewski (10/3)</i>	
<i>Rino and Marie Pagnucco (10/3)</i>	
<i>John and Maryann Graziani (10/6)</i>	20 th
<i>Ted and Lena Brockway (10/7)</i>	
<i>Joseph and Josie Badalamenti (10/9)</i>	
<i>Henry and Teresa Le Sage (10/10)</i>	
<i>Joseph and Josie Palazzolo (10/11)</i>	
<i>Joseph and Sadie Kusic (10/14)</i>	
<i>Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14)</i>	
<i>Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)</i>	
<i>Tony and Miriam Lumia (10/19)</i>	

Thoughts for October

- ◆ God wisely designed the human body so that we can neither pat our backs nor kick ourselves too easily.
- ◆ The only sharp edged tool that gets sharper with use is the tongue.

- ◆ The person who is always finding fault, seldom finds anything else.
- ◆ We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails.
- ◆ Don't grumble because you don't have what you want; be thankful you don't get what you deserve.
- ◆ Happiness is found along the way, not at the end of the road.
- ◆ The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention.
- ◆ The world is full of beauty when your heart is filled with love.
- ◆ The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart.
- ◆ Cherish your own emotions, and never undervalue them.
- ◆ It's not the number of hours you put in, but what you put in the hours that count.

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

- Oct. 15, 2011** **"Legends Live" Sweetest Day Show.**
Nick Caputo, Tony Lumia.
- Nov. 2, 2011** **Holy Family Church Presentation.**
Downriver Italian-American Club &
Downriver Santa Rosalia Club
- Nov. 6, 2011** **Club Memorial Mass.**
Florence Coleman
- Nov. 13, 2011** **Arts and Craft Show.**
Emalie Shifflett and Helper(s)
- Dec. 10, 2011** **Member's Christmas Dinner Dance,**
Mary Cottone, Gianna Trupiano
- Dec. 11, 2010** **Member's Children Christmas Party**
Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan and Helper(s)
- Dec. 31, 2011** **"Legends Live" New Years Eve Show.**
Nick Caputo, Tony Lumia.
- Feb. 10, 2012** **"Legends Live" Valentine's Show.**
Mary Cottone, Diana Holmes.

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Downriver Italian-American Banquet Hall

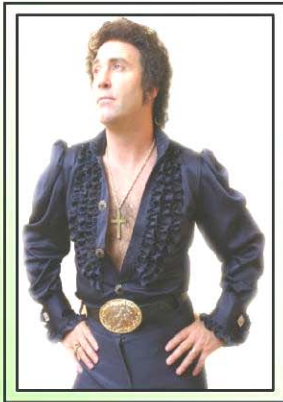
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Celebrating Sweetest Day

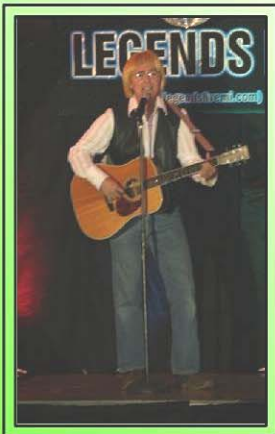
Saturday, October 15, 2011

Featuring:

Tom Jones



John Denver



LEGENDS LIVE

Michigan's #1 Tribute Show

Michigan's Funniest Comedian

Keith Ruff



Bobby Vinton



Diana Ross



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 / Jim Bademian 313-388-2264 / Tony Lumia 313-565-0671

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

The 3rd Annual

DIAC Memorial Mass/Luncheon

Sunday, November 6, 2011



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 6, 2011, at St. Patrick Catholic Church
This coupon and payment must be received **no later than Friday- October 28, 2011**

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 Second Annual **Art and Craft Show**

Sunday, November 13, 2011

DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN HALL



646 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192
(734)285-4044



Featuring Crafts and Vendors from Downriver Communities

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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



2011 Last Pasta Event

“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

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Wednesday, October 19, 2011	
	3 rd Wednesday of each Month



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

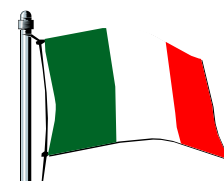
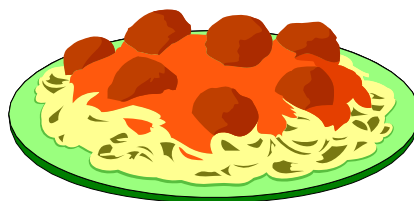
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7.50

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Sausage addition for \$1.50

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