



40th Year, 1971-2011

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

November 2011 NEWSLETTER



Arts and Craft Show - Sunday, November 13

Message from the Club President



Now that the Spaghetti Dinners have ended, we will all have more time for our families. November starts the holiday season with Thanksgiving followed by Christmas and New Year. We served a total of 3,632 meals at our spaghetti Dinners in 2011. **The Legends Live** show on October 15th was very successful.

On November 2, 2011, the new pastor (from Palermo, Sicilia) at Holy Family Church in Detroit will be making a presentation to our members and members of the Santa Rosalia Club. This is a jointly sponsored event.

The Club **Memorial Mass** will be on November 6, 2011 and the **Arts and Crafts Show** will be on November 13, 2011. Please come and support these events.

In the meantime, Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your families.

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

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

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!



Member's Christmas Dinner Dance



The Member's Christmas Dinner Dance has been set for **Saturday, December 10, 2011**. **Mary Cottone**, along with **Gianna Trupiano** 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.

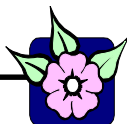
Children's Christmas Party



Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan will be chairing the **Children's Christmas Party** set for **Sunday, December 11, 2011**. **Santa Claus** has been booked and will be the special guest of honor. As in the past, this event is open to children of DIAC members and grandchildren of members, who are 10 years and under. There is an \$8.00 fee for grandchildren to cover the expenses. This allows for a larger group to participate.

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.



"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**. See the attached flyer for further information.

Nick Caputo and **Tony Lumia** are chairing this event. The event begins with a superb dinner. Tickets and table reservations are currently available. Reserve your favorite table location.

Be sure to advise your family and friends. **The Event is open to the public.** This will be a fun night. For ticket sales, please contact **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

"Legends Live" 2012 Valentine Show



The Downriver Italian-American Hall will be hosting the "Legends Live" Valentine Show on Friday, February 10, 2012. **Mary Cottone** and **Diana Holmes** are chairing this event. The event begins with a superb dinner. Tickets and table reservations will soon be available.

Make an effort to attend this fine event and please advise your family and friends. Voice impersonator singers and comedians include those of: **Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Lou Rawls and Barry Manilow** and special Detroit own TV legend, **Johnny Ginger**.

Details and flyer will be included in a future newsletter.

2011 Pasta Events in Summary



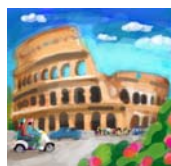
At our October Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner, we served 512 meals. This was our last Spaghetti Dinner for the year. The weather was terrible. It rained all day Wednesday and it was cold. Despite the weather conditions, we had more than enough volunteers. Also, many of our regular customers

braved the weather to make it a success. When you consider, we served 486 meals in July that's pretty good. At this point, we have only ten quarts of sauce left to sell at our next General Membership meeting. The total number of meals served this year was 3,632.

Thanks to all of the members that worked at the Spaghetti Dinner and we will see you in April 2012.

Mark Grazioli – Lead Chairperson

Vacancy in the Club Board



There exists a vacancy for a Trustee in the Club Board. 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.

Matthew D. Giannotti – Born 10/12/2011



Angelo and Rosalia (Lia) Giannotti proudly announce the birth of their second son, **Matthew Dominic Giannotti**, born on October 12, 2011, at 11:16 am. Matthew weighed in at 7 lbs. - 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Older brother, **Nicholas Giannotti**, is so proud

of the new addition to the family. Congratulations to the aunts and uncles, **Lina and Nick Rigney. Gaetano and Rose Vitale** (and cousin **Adriana**), and **Salvo Vitale**. The proud grandparents are **Frank and Liliana Giannotti** and **Damiano and Piera Vitale**.

Congratulations to the Giannotti and Vitale families.

Sick and Good Will



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

Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale and **Sue Lupo** who underwent eye cataract surgery, **Mark Grazioli** (who underwent additional medical testing), **Jim Bademian** (who fell off a ladder with serious injuries). **Connie DeLiz** and **Sam Randazzo** (of 15th Street) were hospitalized.

We wish good health to all our members who are not feeling well. Please advise **Grace Pizzo** (734)379-9491 if you know of a club member who is ill or if there is a death in the family.

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members **Hermine Norscia, Carmela Stralle** and **Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale** for bringing dessert to the October 30th membership meeting. The dessert was very much appreciated.

Theresa Herbert, Teresa LeSage and **Miriam Lumia** have volunteered to bring dessert to the November 27th 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>Dolly Chirco (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>Cora Muffi (11/7)</i>	<i>Angelo Schiraldi (11/22)</i>
<i>Emilia Gonella (11/9)</i>	<i>Patrick McMahon (11/24)</i>
<i>Angelo Norscia (11/11)</i>	<i>Fioravante Norscia (11/25)</i>
<i>Joanne Cuva (11/12)</i>	<i>MaryJane Grazioli (11/27)</i>
<i>Providence Evola (11/12)</i>	<i>Piera Vitale (11/27)</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.

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<i>Marco and Theresa Talluto (11/3)</i>
<i>Norman and Colleen Tabaka (11/7)</i>
<i>Guy A. and Maria Vitale (11/10)</i>
<i>Anthony and Sherran Sclafani (11/13)</i>
<i>Robert and Susie Coch (11/21)</i>
<i>Joseph and Sharon Pagano (11/22)</i>
<i>Frank and Nina Liberati (11/25)</i>
<i>Don and Nancy Capezza (11/27)</i>
<i>Bruce and Valarie Yinger (11/28)</i>
<i>Angelo and Rosalie Giaimo (11/29)</i>

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 Club 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.

Mom's Lazy Thanksgiving

T'is the night before Thanksgiving
And all through our house
No turkey is baking; I feel like a louse,
For I am all nestled, so snug in my bed;
I'm not gettin' up and I'm not bakin' bread.
No pies in my oven, no cranberry sauce
Cuz I give the orders, and I am the boss.

When out in the kitchen, there arose such a clatter
I almost got up to see what was the matter.
As I drew in my head and was tossing around
To the bed came my husband, he grimaced, he frowned.

And laying his finger aside of his nose,
He scared me to death and I thought, "Here he goes!"
He spoke not a word as he threw back my quilt
And the look that he gave was intended to wilt.

So up to the ceiling my pillows he threw
I knew I had had it, his face had turned blue.
"You Prancer, you Dodger, you're lazy, you Vixen
Out yonder in kitchen, Thanksgiving you're fixin'."

But he heard me explain, with my face in a pout:
"I'm JUST PLAIN TOO TIRED and we're EATING OUT."

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Coping with Stress

- 1. Concentrate on the Present.**
Don't brood about the past or worry about things you cannot control.
- 2. Try to manage problems one at a time.**
Don't lump your problems together; it can make them seem overwhelming.
- 3. Don't suffer in silence.**
Talk things over with a trusted friend, co-worker or relative.
- 4. Seek Solutions.**
Use your resources and the advice of others to figure out how to work things out.
- 5. Occupy yourself and your mind.**
Social activities can help relax you during a time of stress.

6. Plan and Prioritize.

Stay in control of your time by deciding what task is most important and do it that first.

7. Exercise every day.

Go for a walk and concentrate on your surroundings instead of your problems.

8. Maintain a daily routine.

A familiar pattern of activities can decrease stress and increase a sense of security.

9. Avoid taking your problems to bed.

Use relaxation techniques at bedtime so you can get a good night's sleep.

10. Talk to your health care provider.

He/She can help you find the right agency or person(s) to assist you in coping with stress.

Article provided by Maria Chirco

The Night After Thanksgiving

'Twas the night after Thanksgiving

But I just couldn't sleep

I tried counting backwards,

I tried counting sheep

The leftovers beckoned ---

The dark meat and white,

But I fought the temptation

With all of my might

Tossing and turning with anticipation...

The thought of a snack became infatuation...

So I raced to the kitchen and flung open the door,

And gazed at the fridge full of goodies galore

I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,

Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling so plump and so round,

Till all of a sudden, I rose off the ground!!

I crashed through the ceiling,

Floating into the sky...

With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie,

But I managed to yell as I soared past the trees...

HAPPY EATING TO ALL!!!

PASS THE CRANBERRIES PLEASE!!

A Senior Moment

Every Saturday morning Grandpa Walter found himself babysitting his three grandchildren...all boys. The kids always wanted to play "cowboys," and Grandpa somehow always got coaxed into the game.

His daughter came to pick up the kids early one Saturday and witnessed Grandpa take a fake shot as Jeremy pointed his water pistol and yelled, "Bang!"

Grandpa slumped to the floor and stayed there motionless. The daughter rushed over to see if he was all right.

Grandpa opened one eye and whispered, "Sh-h-h, I always do this. It's the only chance I get to rest."

Men, Wise Up!

If a woman tells you she's twenty and looks sixteen, she's twelve. If she tells you she's twenty-six and looks twenty-six, she's darn near forty.

Contacting the DIA Hall During an Emergency

Members who wish to contact the Hall during an emergency situation, (when the Hall is not staffed), please contact **Mary Cottone** at (313)689-5313 (cell); **Nino Trupiano** at (734)837-6959 (cell) or **Mark Grazioli** at (734)787-0666 (cell).

They will forward the information to the Hall Secretary/ Receptionist, **Diana Holmes**, the next day. Diana will contact the people and check the Hall for availability. Please provide as much lead time as possible. The Hall telephone number is (734)285-4044.

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

Nov. 6, 2011 **Club Memorial Mass.**
Florence Coleman

Nov. 13, 2011 **Arts and Craft Show.**
Emalie Shifflett and Helpers

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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The Second Annual **Art and Craft Show**

Sunday, November 13, 2011

DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN HALL



646 Biddle Avenue
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(734)285-4044



Featuring Crafts and Vendors from Downriver Communities

- * LIGHTED GLASS BLOCKS
 - * GOLD CANYON CANDLES
 - * RUBBER STAMPS/SCRAPBOOKING
 - * TUPPERWARE
 - * AVON
 - * MUSICAL PERSONALIZED CD'S & DVD'S
 - * COOKIE LEE JEWELRY
 - * LIA SOPHIA JEWELRY
 - * CHOCOLATE ITEMS/JERKY
 - * POPCORN SHIRTS
 - * RAG DOLLS
 - * BABY BLANKETS, BIBS, APRONS
& BURP CLOTHES
 - * SILK FLOWERS & BASKETS
 - * CROCHET BLANKETS/TOWELS
 - * CHARACTER MAGNETS
 - * LONGABERGER
 - * 31 PRODUCTS
 - * PETOSKEY STONE JEWELRY
 - * CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS
 - * PILLOW CASES W/CUSTOM
EMBROIDERY
 - * PAMPER CHEF
 - * SCENTSY CANDLES
 - * MICHE INTERCHANGEABLE BAGS
 - * KNITTED HATS/SCARFS
 - * WREATHS, ORNAMENTS, SWAGS,
CHRISTMAS TREES
 - * AND MORE CRAFT/VENDORS
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE - SO COME AND SEE IT ALL



Doors open from 10:00 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 Member's Christmas Party

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

Saturday, December 10, 2011

Live Music Band by: The Blue Genes

Family Style Dinner by Chef Jeanne Liedel

5:00 pm Hors D'oeuvre, 6:00 pm Dinner



Hors D'oeuvre
Calimari & Italian Bruschetta
Main Entrées:
Wedding Soup with Pasta
Tossed Salad, Italian Bread /w Olive Oil
Breaded Tenderloin Siciliano
Oven Baked Chicken
Mostaccioli with House (Club) Sauce
Santa Anna Potatoes
California Mix Vegetables
Dessert
Tiramisu Dessert Cake
Beverage, Coffee or Tea
Your Favorite Beverage

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: Mary Cottone
478 Mulberry
Wyandotte, MI 48192-4352



For further information call: Mary Cottone at (734) 285-1563
Gianna Trupiano at (734) 284-9590

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I (We) will be attending the DIAC 2011 Member's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10, 2011.
This coupon and payment must be received no later than November 30, 2011.

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: Mary Cottone ♣ 478 Mulberry ♣ Wyandotte, MI 48192-4352

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 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

This Party is for **Member's Children and their grandchildren**. The child must be 10 years and under. The event is free to children of DIAC member and \$8.00 for grand-children of a member, to cover the cost of a gift, luncheon and games.

This year's party will again consist of fun hands-on activities for all the children and a pizza and beverage luncheon. Directly from the North Pole, Santa Claus will be the special guest. Mom, Dad and Grandparents, don't forget to bring your camera and catch those special moments with Santa and other children, and yourself on Santa's lap.

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

Mail the coupon below to:



Rosalie Karawan
17120 Kennebec
Riverview, MI 48193-7608



****This form must be received no later than December 1, 2011 This deadline must be enforced to ensure the child will receive a gift and availability of food.**

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Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ City _____

No. of Children _____ No. of Grandchildren: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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

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NEW YEARS EVE ROCK & ROLL SPECTACULAR

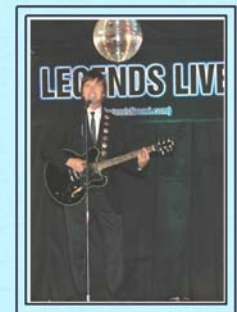
John Denver



Featuring:



Johnny Rivers



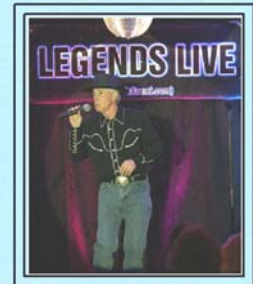
Gene Pitney



Buddy Holly Loretta Lynn



Marty Robbins



Everly Brothers



Bobby Vinton Patsy Cline



Roy Orbison



Special Guest Linda Ronstadt

TICKETS \$55.00 Includes Dinner, Show & Champagne Toast

DINNER @ 6:30 PM - SHOW @ 8:00 PM (Cash Bar) Beer \$2.00 / Well Mix Drinks \$3.00

For reservations or more information please call D.I.A Banquet Hall 734-285-4044

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