



40th Year, 1971-2011



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

December 2011 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... *** CANCELLED ***

Buon Natale a Tutti – Merry Christmas to All

No Membership Meeting in December

The membership meeting for December has been cancelled due to the holidays. The next meeting will be on January 22, 2012. We wish our members and their families the **Very Best for the Holidays**. Be safe, be healthy, and see you next year.

It's Christmas, it's Christmas

Each merry bell chimes

A time for remembering

Old friends and old times

A time for warm greetings

Old ties to renew

And a time for good wishes

For good folks like you!

Merry Christmas

Message from the Club President



I can't believe we are entering the month of December. Well others have had snow, so far we have not. Maybe we will luck out this year.

On November 2, 2011, the new pastor (**Padre Pino**, from Palermo, Sicilia) at Holy Family Church in Detroit made a presentation to our members and members of the

Santa Rosalia Club. We along with the Santa Rosalia Club sponsored this event. It was a success with about 85-90 people from the downriver area in attendance. The Santa Rosalia Club sent a letter thanking us for our support. On Sunday November 20th **Father Giuseppe Licciardi** was installed by **Bishop Hanchon** as the new pastor. The church has not had a pastor for six years. At the last minute we were notified that the Santa Rosalia Club had rented a bus, so that people could attend the High Mass. Thirty-eight members from both Clubs attended the Mass. It was very nice.

The Hall Board has not renewed **Jeanne's Catering** contract, which expires on January 15, 2012 and has hired a caterer out of **Dearborn (Park Place)**. My position on this matter is that this is the responsibility of the Hall Board. I was provided an opportunity to express my opinion, but it was their decision. I would like to thank **Jeanne Liedel** who has been our caterer for ten years.

Events for December are as follows:

Members Christmas Dance Saturday December 10, 2011.

Member's Children Christmas Party Sunday December 11, 2011.

Legends Live New Year's Eve Show Saturday December 31, 2011.

I would like to wish all of the Club members a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To Our Members and their Families!



Member's Christmas Party



One last reminder, the **Member's Christmas Dinner Dance** is on **Saturday, December 10, 2011**. **Mary Cottone**, and **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



Another last minute reminder, **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 was included in the November 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 (singer and comedian) that includes **Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Lou Rawls and Barry Manilow** and special Detroit own TV legend, **Johnny Ginger**.

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 **Mary Cottone** at (734)285-1563 (home) (313)689-5313 (cell), or **Diana Holmes** by calling the **Hall Office**. (734)285-4044. Please send your reservation to:

Mary Cottone
c/o Downriver Italian-American Hall
646 Biddle Avenue
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Congratulating New DIAC Members



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

Phillip H. Mendis of Southgate, MI., sponsored by **Frank Giannotti**.

Dennis M. and Alice J. (Damman) Patton, Sr. of Belleville, MI., sponsored by **Fred Marzano**.

Giuseppe Pracilio of Wyandotte, MI., sponsored by **Frank Giannotti**

Valenzio C. DeMelis - Born 11/11/2011



Francesco and Rena DeMelis proudly announce the birth of their second child, **Valenzio Carmen DeMelis**, born on November 11, 2011. Valenzio weighed in at 6 lbs - 7 oz. and was 18 inches long. Older sister, **Carina**, is so proud of her new brother. Congratulations goes out to

Valenzio's grandmother, **Maria Horvath** – who is so excited in seeing the family grow.

Congratulations to the DeMelis and Horvath families.

Sick and Good Will



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

Mike Palazzolo, Faro Gaglio, Florence Coleman, Josie Klube and Sue Lupo. **Nick Caputo** is recovering from a hip surgery.

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 relatives of the **Oslund** family on the death of **Richard (Dick) Oslund**, who passed away on November 5, 2011, at the age of 91. His wife, **Yolanda Oslund**, preceded his death on August 20, 2011, at the age of 96.

Dick and Yolanda were very active in the club. They joined the club in 1972, Both were very active during the early events, including the festivals at Yack Area. Years later, Dick became the Hall Manager, a sole person who took care of booking the hall events, doing table setups and any maintenance he could do. He was a great person and a devoted club member. He was known as Mr. DIAC, for he did it all. The Club owes a lot of gratitude to this great man, and to Yolanda, in supporting him.

Condolences to the **Zampieri** family on the death of **Roger Zampieri**, who passed away on November 25, 2011, at the age of 87. Condolences to his loving companion, **Darlene**. Roger worked at the Pasta Events during the past several years. We will all miss him.

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members **Theresa Herbert, Teresa LeSage and Miriam Lumia** for bringing dessert to the November 27th membership meeting. The dessert was very much appreciated.

Phyllis Gandol, Mary Lavine and Rosemary Prato have volunteered to bring dessert to the January 22nd 2012 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>Jonathan Beret (12/02)</i>	<i>Tom Talluto (12/17)</i>
<i>Mary Wierzba (12/03)</i>	<i>Giuseppe Alastra (12/19)</i>
<i>Gina Cosner (12/04)</i>	<i>John Cadorin (12/19)</i>
<i>Bruce Yinger (12/05)</i>	<i>Paul Consiglio (12/19)</i>
<i>Roger Zampieri (12/05)</i>	<i>Angela Palazzolo (12/20)</i>
<i>Sylvia Vitale (12/06)</i>	<i>Vivian Cacioppo (12/22)</i>
<i>Vincenza DiClaudio (12/11)</i>	<i>Shirley Cavataio (12/22)</i>
<i>Lina M. Rigney (12/11)</i>	<i>Nancy DiPasquale (12/26)</i>
<i>Domenick Forte (12/14)</i>	<i>George Lavine (12/26)</i>
<i>Giovanna Vitale (12/14)</i>	<i>Marian Maniaci (12/28)</i>
<i>Richard Kaune (12/15)</i>	<i>Steven Vitale (12/28)</i>
<i>Francesco DeMelis (12/16)</i>	<i>Robyn Vitale (12/30)</i>
<i>Julian LoRusso (12/16)</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.

Don and Emilia (Mimi) Kerr (12/31)

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.



This special Christmas wish

That comes with love to you
Brings warm and heartfelt thanks
For all the thoughtful things you do.

It also comes to let you know
You mean more each day
To everyone your lives have touched
In such a loving way.

A Little Mixed Up

*Just a line to say I'm living,
That I'm NOT among the dead;
Though I'm getting more forgetful,
And more 'mixed up' in the head.
For sometimes I can't remember,
When I stand at foot of stair,
If I must go up for something,
Or I've just come down from there.
And before the frig', so often,
My poor mind is filled with doubt,
Have I just put food away, or
Have I come to take some out.
And there's times when it is dark out,
With my night cap on my head,
I don't know if I'm retiring
Or just getting out of bed.
So, if it's my turn to write you,
There's no need in getting sore,
I may think that I have written,
And don't want to be a bore.
So, remember - I do love you,
And I wish that you were here;
But now, it's nearly mail time,
So, I must say, "Good-bye, dear."
There I stood beside the mailbox,
With a face so very red,
Instead of mailing you my letter,
I had opened it instead.*

Newsletter Articles

If you have news of interest and would like to share the information with Club members, mail the information to **Frank A. Giannotti, D.I.A.C. Newsletter, 14823 Williamsburg Blvd, Riverview, MI 48193-7703**. The information must be received by the 20th of the month, to be included in the next newsletter.

A Baby's Prayer

Dear Lord, I am so newly come
I do not know my name.
I do not even know yet, Lord
If I am glad I came.
Grant me time to grow in love,
Rejoice that I am here;
Bless those who make me warm and dry,
Lord, keep my family near.

— Unknown —

On Christmas Time

How lovely 'tis to take this time
To greet our dearest friends,
To wish them health and happiness
Before the old year ends.
Darkness comes late afternoon
And winter lies ahead,
But friendship is a glowing fire
When all seems cold and dead.
Just as in some vacant barn,
Unnoticed in the night,
The whole of human history turns,
So we, too, make things right.
We must keep alive the flame
Though darkness grip the Earth;
For in the love we find in friends
Is our chance for rebirth.

A Senior Moment

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang.

Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

- 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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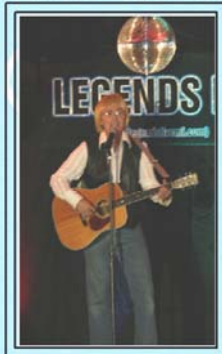
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NEW YEARS EVE ROCK & ROLL SPECTACULAR

John Denver

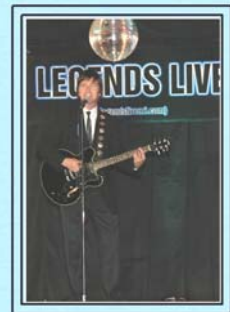


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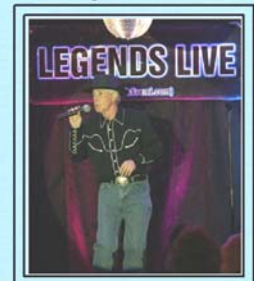
Johnny Rivers



Buddy Holly Loretta Lynn



Marty Robbins



Gene Pitney



Bobby Vinton Patsy Cline



Roy Orbison



Everly Brothers



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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Valentines Show

Friday, February 10th, 2012

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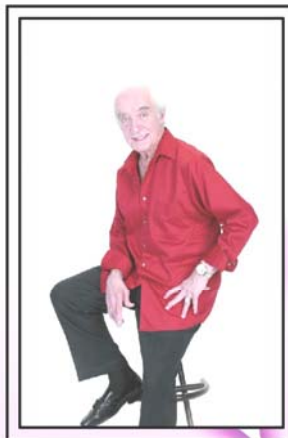


Voice Impersonator Singer and Comedian

Frank Sinatra



*Detroit TV Legend
Johnny Ginger*



Lou Rawls



Barry Manilow



TICKETS \$40.00 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 Diana or Mary at the
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