



41st Year, 1971-2012

# The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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## \*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*

## September 2012 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting ..... Tuesday, September 11, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, September 30, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

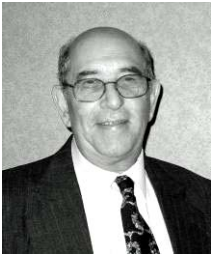


## “Legends Live” – Sweetest Day, Sat. Oct. 13

### Sept. Membership Meeting Change

The general membership meeting for September **has been re-scheduled to Sunday, September 30, 2012, at 6:30 pm.** This change will allow a guest speaker to address the club membership. Please jot this date on your calendar and remind fellow member(s).

### Message from the Club President



Well, summer which has been really hot and is coming to an end. I am looking forward to a wonderful cool Michigan fall. Spaghetti Dinners have been going very well. We served 514, 596 and 538 dinners in the months of June, July and September. We hosted an Italian Junior League Baseball team

(Lazio Italy), that was competing in a baseball tournament in Taylor, Michigan at the August dinner. Several other events took place during the summer. Our **Annual Golf Outing** chaired by **Gaetano A. Vitale** was larger than last year. The **Club Picnic** chaired by **Tony Lumia and Sam Pizzo** was very successful. A committee of volunteers helped with the many details. The **Tiger Baseball Outing** game had a small group, but the Tigers rewarded us with an exciting win in the 11th inning. The **Detroit River Boat Cruise** went well. Those that attended would like the boat to go south next year, into Lake Erie.

Thanks to the many volunteers that continue to help at the Spaghetti Dinners. The next Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday September 19th.

On behalf of the Club, I wish to extend my condolences to the families of **Leta Bommarito** and **Bill Cavataio**, who passed away this summer. Also, our prayers are with the families of loved ones that are hospitalized or ill, in particular **Fred Marzano**.

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

### Selection of Nomination Committee



It's that time of year for the club election process. The Club will be seeking 3-5 candidates for nomination to the

**Nomination and Election Committee**, from the membership who are present at the September General Membership meeting. If you wish to be considered and cannot be present at the meeting, you may write a letter (to the Club President) stating your desire to be nominated and be willing to accept the position in the committee. You may mail the letter to the President or you may have a friend bring the letter to the meeting.

The nomination for Officers and Trustees will proceed in October, with elections in November.

### Election Year for Club Officers



It's that time of year for the club election process.

The nominations of club officers for 2013-2014 will include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide and 4 Trustees. The nominations will proceed at the October membership meeting, with elections at the November meeting.

### Shareholder's Meeting - Oct. 28, 2012



The annual DIA Hall Business Board shareholders meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 28, 2012** beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Business Board will be discussing Hall operations and income for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2011 and ending on March 31, 2012. Jot this information on your calendar.

### Pasta Event - September 19, 2012



The August Pasta luncheon and dinner served 538 paid dinners and 17 promotional luncheons for the Italian Junior League baseball team, from the city of Nettuno, in the region of Lazio, Italy. The next Pasta Event is scheduled for **Wednesday September 19, 2012**. We had a smaller turnout of volunteers and this is an excellent opportunity for those members who were unable to help in the past. This will allow new members to meet and make friends with those who participate

month after month. We sure can use your help on prep day Tuesday and the serving on Wednesday. Please support your club by either helping or being a customer. And, don't forget to invite relatives family and friends.

### "Legends Live" Show on October 13

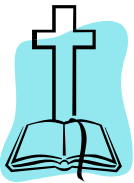


The Downriver Italian-American Hall will be hosting the "Legends Live" Show on **Saturday, October 13, 2012**. Make an effort to attend this fine event and please advise your family and friends. Complete with dinner and featuring tributes to: **Rod Stewart, Tim McGraw, Willie Nelson, Full Throttle Trio**, with MC & Comedian **Keith Lenart**.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person with dinner at 6:30 PM and Show at 8:00 PM. There will be a cash bar. For reservations or more information, please contact **Diana Holmes or Mary Cottone** at the DIAH Banquet Hall, (734)285-4944 or via email, [www.diahall10@yahoo.com](mailto:www.diahall10@yahoo.com)

A flyer is included in this newsletter.

### Club Memorial Mass - Nov. 4, 2012



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is **Sunday, November 4, 2012**. The church location and time of Mass is unknown at this time. An update will be provided in the October newsletter.

There was a great response to this event last year. Many people attend Mass, and many 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. A flyer will appear in the October newsletter.

Thank-you,

**Florence (Sclafani) Coleman**

### Art and Craft Show - November 11



We will be having the 3rd Annual **Craft/Vendor Show** on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. If you know of a crafter/vendor, please forward them my phone number (734-284-6671) and I will get them a table. Tables are \$35.00 each and I still have 30 tables available at this time. Please keep in mind that I will need help with this event. I will have a signup sheet going around at the September meeting for available shifts. I also need baked goods for the bake sale (No Cupcakes) so if you can help, please give me a call or sign up at the meeting. This year I would also like to have a table with some nice knick knacks or household items that are still in really good condition that you no longer use. Please give me a call if you are willing to help with this table. Thank You, **Emalie Shifflett**

### Report on Independence Day Parade



I would like to thank the members that came to the Wyandotte 4th of July parade. We were about 20 people and two cars three Italian Motor Bikes. I wish more came to ride on the flat bed trailer. After the parade we came back to the hall for pizza and drinks I hope to see more members at the 2013 Parade.

**Mary Cottone.**

**Parade Committee Chairperson.**

### Club Picnic Report



The Club picnic was a success - the weather cooperated, the food was great. This year, the picnic was held at the Club property. The event was well received. Many thanks to **Tony and Miriam Lumia** along with Sam and Grace Pizzo. The meal was just outstanding. The members all had a great time. A special thanks to those that helped in the background. The use of the Club location with the use of the Menna Room may be repeated next year.

#### THE BOCCE GAME RESULTS:

The teams of men and women bocce were randomly selected. Amazing how you can support the team's effort. After a few rounds of competition, a team emerges as victorious and great honor is bestowed to them with a medallion to be remembered the occasion.

First place medallions went to the following teams:

**Men's Team Champion: Jim Bademian, Don Kerr, George Lavine and Henry LeSage.**

**Women's Team Champion: Phyllis Gandol, Theresa Herbert, Mary Lavine and Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale.**

Congratulations to the winners and to all the participants. A memorable certificate will be issued at the September membership meeting. . View the activity pictures at the club website, [www.diac.us](http://www.diac.us).



Men's 2012 Bocce Champion: George Lavine, Henry LeSage, Jim Bademian, and Don Kerr.



Women's 2012 Bocce Champions: Mary Lavine, Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale, Theresa Herbert and Phyllis Gandol.

**Report on the Golf Outing**



On July 21st, the DIAC held it's annual Golf Outing at Westburn Golf and Country Club in South Rockwood. It was a PERFECT weather day – the best we have ever had for the outing. There were a total of 11 groups that participated in the outing. Lunch was grilled by **Vince and Dominic Vitale** and dinner was catered by **Park Place Caterer**. Special thanks go to **Michelle Ebert, Angela Gaglio and Julia**

**Gaglio** for getting all the golfers registered, awarding prizes and doing raffle.

Many thanks go to the sponsors for their donations in making this another successful outing. A big thank-you to the sponsors:

CDM, Barton Malow, Adamo Demolition, Blue Ribbon Contracting, Michigan CAT, GV Cement, Leidal & Hart, Midwest Steel, Strata Millwork, Nelson Millwork, CL Reickhoff, Schreiber Corp, CEI Michigan, CASS, DC Byers, Madison Heights Glass, Modern Mirror, Contract Glaziers, Madias Brothers Painting, John A. Papalas, Seaway Painting, Oakland Plumbing, Western Mechanical, Great Lakes Mechanical, PACE Mechanical, Ventcon, John Darr Mechanical, Mechanical Insulation, Progressive Mechanical, Motor City Electric, Conti Electric, Slifco Electric, Good Shepherd Credit Union, Gandol Doors Inc. and the DIAC Hall.

We look forward to an outing again next year with everyone's participation.

**Gaetano A. Vitale, Golf Outing Chairperson**

**Joe Agrusa - 4 Generation Photo**

Joe Agrusa sent us the following photo to show the four family generation.



Joe Agrusa, holding baby Leah Estereicher, Stephanie (Agrusa) Estereicher, and Jerry Agrusa (son).

**Sick and Good Will**



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

**Fred Marzano, Faro Gaglio, Joe Agrusa (Trenton), Joyce Mitra, Mike T. Palazzolo.**

We wish good health to all our members who are not feeling well – especially those who are living alone and those living in assisted living. Please advise **Grace Pizzo**



(734) 379-9491 if you know of a member who is ill or if there is a death in their family.

Condolences to the family of **Shirley Cavataio**, on the death of her husband, **William (Bill) Cavataio**, who passed away on July 2, 2012, at the age of 77. Condolences to family of, **Josephine (Pina) and Lenny Milewski**. Bill and Shirley joined DIAC on October, 1997. They were very active in our club, including all club functions and Pasta events over the years. The club website has many photos of Bill operating the dish washing machine during pasta events. This went on until Bill became ill. We will all miss our friend, Bill Cavataio.

Condolences to the family of **Diana Holmes**, on the death of her husband, **Arthur Holmes**, who passed away on June 15, 2012, at the age of 76. Diana is our Hall receptionist. We are all saddened by her loss. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Leta M. Bommarito** who passed away on July 23, 2012, at the age of 90. Condolences to her brother, **Bill and Pauline Borraco**. Leta and her late husband **Carl Bommarito** joined the club in March, 1974. They were both very active in the club during the Yack Arena festivals, Club events and participation. During the past few years, you would see Leta place table covers in the large banquet hall for the pasta events. She dressed up so lovely everywhere you see her. We will sadly miss Leta and her spirits. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Jim and Shirley Bommarito**, on the death of their son, **Nunzio James Bommarito**, who passed away on July 29, 2012, at the age of 56. Condolences to the families of **Josephine Klube** and **Rose Lupo**. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Mary Wierzba** on the death of her brother, **John Salvani** who passed away on August 15, 2012 at the age of 88. Additionally, Mary's other sister, **Louise Salvani** also passed away on August 15, 2012 at the age of 71. May they both rest in peace.

### A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members **Maria Graziani, Mimi Kerr and Carmela Stralle** for bringing dessert to the June 24<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. The sweet desserts were very much appreciated and delicious.

**Theresa Herbert, Linda Kerr and Teresa LaSage** have volunteered to bring dessert to the **September 30<sup>th</sup>** membership meeting.

### Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

<i>Joseph Bozzo (9/2)</i>	<i>Sherran Scafani (9/18)</i>
<i>Leonard Milewski (9/3)</i>	<i>Michael T Palazzolo (9/19)</i>
<i>Emanuele Maniaci (9/4)</i>	<i>Roger L. Shifflett (9/19)</i>
<i>Vincenzo Vitale (9/4)</i>	<i>Mary Cottone (9/20)</i>
<i>Diana Parisi (9/5)</i>	<i>Rose Gaglio (9/20)</i>
<i>Leonard Zerilli (9/5)</i>	<i>Johnny Mitra (9/20)</i>
<i>Linda Kerr (9/7)</i>	<i>David Zahara (9/20)</i>
<i>Gaetano (Guy) Chirco (9/8)</i>	<i>Larry Luzac (9/21)</i>
<i>Phyllis Gandol (9/8)</i>	<i>Kelli McNally (9/22)</i>
<i>Tamara Kaune (9/9)</i>	<i>Fara Vitale (9/22)</i>
<i>Anthony Scafani (9/10)</i>	<i>Kenneth Scott (9/23)</i>
<i>Theresa Simone (9/11)</i>	<i>Pauline Barraco (9/24)</i>
<i>Giuseppe (Joe) Agrusa (9/13)</i>	<i>Rocky Kaune (9/24)</i>
<i>Margaret Passalacqua (9/14)</i>	<i>Juliann Bademian (9/26)</i>
<i>Daniela LaFata (9/15)</i>	<i>Nicolina Susin (9/26)</i>
<i>Sadie Kusic (9/16)</i>	<i>Gene Hammel (9/30)</i>
<i>Lena Menna (9/16)</i>	<i>Robert Jagiello (9/30)</i>
<i>Valerie Yinger (9/17)</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 anniversary.

*George and Mary Lavine (9/3)*  
*Leonard and Rose Zerilli (9/3)*  
*Damiano and Piera Vitale (9/6)*  
*Anthony and Rosalie Lazzarino (9/10)*  
*Francesco and Rena DeMelis (9/17)*  
*Raymond and Michelle Lucarelli (9/17)*  
*James and Phyllis Gandol (9/20)*  
*David and Rose Zahara (9/22)*  
*Giorlando and Rosalie Giammalva (9/24)*  
*John and Diana Parisi (9/26)*  
*Giacinto and Theresa Simone (9/28)*  
*Roger and Emalie Shifflett (9/29)*

### 7 Belle Logiche

- Fai pace con il tuo passato, così non rovinerà il tuo presente.*
- Quello che gli altri pensano di te non ti riguarda.*
- Il tempo guarisce quasi tutto, dai al tempo del tempo.*

4. *Nessuno é la ragione della tua felicità  
eccetto te stesso.*
5. *Non paragonare la tua vita  
a quelle degli altri, non hai idea di cosa  
é fatto il loro viaggio.*
6. *Smettila di pensare troppo,  
va bene non sapere tutte le risposte.*
7. *Sorridi,  
Non possiedi tutti i problemi nel mondo.*

Article Provided by MMF

### Starfish Swirling

September sings of summer, gone, and autumn yet-to-be.

September sings a simple song of melody and harmony,

And starfish swirling in sand and sea.



Chava Kaye, September 2012

Photo credit: Veronika Kaye, Summer 2012

### Autumn Equinox

Fall for 2012 begins in the Northern Hemisphere on September 22, 10:49 A.M. EDT.

The first day of fall is known as the autumnal equinox.

*It is the summer's great last heat,  
It is the fall's first chill: They meet.  
–Sarah Morgan Bryan Piatt*

The word equinox comes from the Latin words for equal night. The fall and spring equinoxes are the only days of the year in which the Sun crosses the celestial equator. From here on out, the temperatures begin to drop and the days start to get shorter. In many regions of North America, the landscape silently explodes with vibrant colors of red, yellow, and orange. The leaves begin to drop off the trees, providing endless hours of jumping into leaf piles for kids and raking them back up for parents! Baseball season hits the homestretch, while

football season is just warming up. Temperatures begin to drop, nights begin to get longer, and all the woodland critters are storing up for the long haul of winter.

Autumn Folklore and Verse

*Autumn days come quickly, like the running of a hound  
on the moor. - Irish proverb*

*Of autumn's wine, now drink your fill; the frost's on the  
pumpkin, and snow's on the hill. - The Old Farmer's  
Almanac, 1993*

*Autumn has caught us in our summer wear. - Philip  
Larkin, British poet (1922-1986)*

A Fantastic Fall Photo



### Each New Day ☞

This is the beginning of a new day.  
God has given me this day to use as I will.  
I can waste it or use it for some good purpose.  
But what I do with this day is important because  
I have exchanged a day of my life for it.  
When Tomorrow comes, Today will be gone forever.  
I hope I will not regret the price I have paid for it.

### National Grandparent's Day



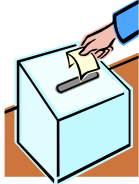
National Grandparent's Day is first Sunday after Labor Day.

It is only right and fitting that one day of the year is set aside to honor grandparents. It is time to celebrate those special people who are always there with a hug, a kiss, a cookie, something special, or take us somewhere.

**National Grandparent's Day** originated in 1978. **President Jimmy Carter** declared it to be the first Sunday after Labor Day.

If you can, enjoy the day with your grandparents or your grandchildren. That is the most precious gift. If you can't see them, call them. When you call, make sure you have the time for a long conversation. Remember, grandparent always ask about you and listen intently to everything you have to say. They are never rushed or in a hurry. They are there just for you. And you are just there for your grandchildren. Enjoy this wonderful day!

### Suggestions from the Membership



A few social activities for consideration. If there was a Knitting Night, or a Rosary Night at the club, would you be interested in attending? Do you have any other suggestion(s) for the membership?. We value your input. Let us know and we'll

spread the word and help organize. Give your suggestion to any of the Club officers,

### 10 Things Women Understand

1. Why it's good to have five pairs of black shoes.
2. The difference between cream, ivory, and off-white.
3. Crying can be fun.
4. FAT CLOTHES.
5. A salad, diet drink, and a hot fudge sundae make a balanced lunch.
6. Discovering a designer dress on the clearance rack can be considered a "peak life experience".
7. The inaccuracy of every bathroom scale ever made.
8. A good man might be hard to find, but a good hairdresser is next to impossible.
9. Why a phone call between two women never lasts under ten minutes.
10. And the number one thing that only women understand: OTHER WOMEN!

### 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. **DIA Hall** is the perfect dining place to host any of your events

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.

### Secrets to a Great Relationship

1. It is important to find a man, who works around the house, occasionally cooks and cleans, and who has a job.
2. It is important to find a man who makes you laugh.
3. It is important to find a man who is dependable.
4. It is important that these three men never meet.

### Thoughts for September

"Don't frown, because you never know who's falling in love with your smile!"

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them"

It takes a minute to have a crush on someone, an hour to like someone, and a day to love someone- but it takes a lifetime to forget someone."

### Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

**Sept. 19, 2012** ..... **September Pasta Event.**

Pasta Committee & Membership.

**Oct. 13, 2012** ..... **"Legends Live" Fall Dinner Show.**

Mary Cottone, Diana Holmes.

**Oct. 17, 2012** ..... **October Pasta Event.**

Pasta Committee & Membership.

**Nov. 4, 2012** ..... **Memorial Mass.**

Florence Coleman & Membership.

**Nov. 11, 2012** ..... **Arts & Craft Show.**

Emily Shifflett & Membership.

**Dec. 15, 2012** ..... **Member's Christmas Party.**

**Dec. 31, 2012** ..... **"Legends Live" New Year's Eve Party.**

Tony Lumia, Nino Trupiano

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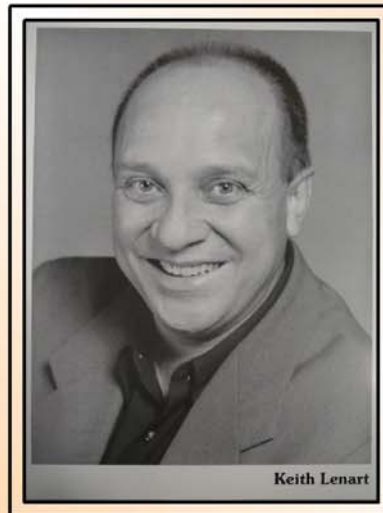
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Willie Nelson



## Saturday, October 13, 2012

TICKETS \$40.00 Includes Dinner & Show  
DINNER @ 6:30 PM - SHOW @ 8:00 PM  
Cash Bar - Drink Specials

For reservations or more information please call Diana or Mary at the  
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# 2012 Pasta Events

## “Downriver Best Kept Secret”<sup>©</sup>

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

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Wednesday, September 19, 2012	Wednesday, October 17, 2012
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each Month



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

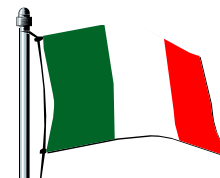
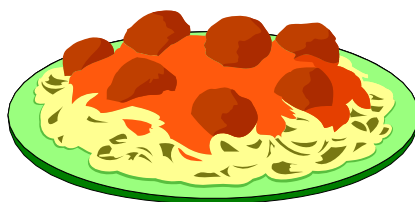
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$8.00

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Italian Sausage for \$1.50

Italian Cannoli Dessert for \$1.25



### 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.



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