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The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

October 2012 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting..... ***Sunday, October 28, 2012, 6:00 p.m.



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

Oct. Membership Meeting Change

The general membership meeting for October **has been re-scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm**. This change will allow the **Annual Shareholder’s** meeting to take place. All club members are welcome to participate and view this past year’s Hall performance. The regular membership meeting will start immediately thereafter.

Message from the Club President



As I sit down to write my article for the October Newsletter, most all of the trees are still green. The weather has just turned chilly and I expect to see many leaves on the ground very soon. For me that will mean lots of work, but I do enjoy the fall and I do enjoy picking up the leaves.

We served 511 people at our September Spaghetti Dinner. There will be only one more Spaghetti Dinner on October 17. In addition, there will be a **Legends Live Show** on Saturday October 13th. We will again have a **Legends Live Show** on New Year’s Eve. Last year’s show was very successful thanks to **Mary Cottone** and **Diana Holmes**. We all need to support these events, which generate significant income for the Club. October will be the month in which we accept nominations for Club Officers. If you are interested just have a friend nominate you for one of the offices.

On behalf of the Club, I wish to extend my condolences to the family of **Fred Marzano** who passed away in the month of September. Fred was very active in our Club as well as at least four other Italian Clubs in the Metro Detroit area. Also, our prayers are with the families of loved ones that are hospitalized or ill.

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

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

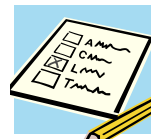
be discussing Hall operations and income for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2012 and ending on March 31, 2012. **Nino Trupiano** will provide a slide presentation of the income and expenses relating of the past fiscal year, and show comparisons to the previous fiscal periods. He will also discuss business planning for the current year. The meeting is open to the shareholders, which includes current members of the Downriver Italian-American Club.

The Board operates the DIA Hall on a voluntary basis. It manages the hall business on a day-to-day basis. The Board of Directors are nominated and approved by the DIAC Club Board. Each Director has a term of office and they nominate themselves for the various offices.

Members on the Hall Board are: **Nino Trupiano** (Chairman), **Tony Pietrangelo** (Vice Chairman), **Rocky Kaune** (Secretary), **Mary Cottone** (Treasurer), **Tony Lumia** (Director) and newly appointed **Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo** (Director).

Please thank and congratulate these individuals for their hard work and guidance in supporting the DIAC organization.

Selection of Nomination Committee



Due to the one week delay of the membership meeting in September, (and to the fact the newsletter had to be published on time), the committee members are not know at this time - the

November newsletter will provide their names.

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 2011-2012 will include: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard,**

Outside Guard, Guide and 4 Trustees. The nominations will proceed in October with election in November.

Pasta Event - October 17, 2012



The September Pasta Event served 511 meals. An unusual high volume of carry-outs occurred that day. Expectation for more inside dining attendees did not pan out. We had to shift the sauce and meatballs preparation to the prior day to accommodate the funeral of a loved club member.

We continue to seek new volunteers to help out during the food prep day and the day of the event. This is a great opportunity for new members to join in and support the fundraising effort.

Please support your club by either helping, dining with us or being your family and friends.

"Legends Live" Show on October 13

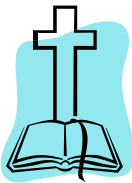


The Downriver Italian-American Hall will be hosting the "Legends Live" Show on **Saturday, October 13, 2012**. Make an effort to attend this fine event and please advise your family and friends. Complete with dinner and featuring

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 p.m., with the program starting at 8:00 p.m. Cash bar is provided. For reservations or more information, please contact **Diana Holmes** or **Mary Cottone** at the DIAH Banquet Hall, (734)285-4044 or via email, www.diahall10@yahoo.com

Club Memorial Mass - Nov. 4, 2012



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is **Sunday, November 4, 2012**. 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.

Last year the attendance was down quite a bit. We had 69 attend Mass and 68 attended the luncheon at the Club. The first year 99 attended Mass and 102 people attend the luncheon. I would love to see attendance close to the first event. This year we had quite a few membership deaths, including:

Donald Capezza – January 2, 2012
Grace Randazzo – April 9, 2012
Marie C. Vitale – April 17, 2012
Loni Iacopelli – May 26, 2012
William (Bill) Cavataio – July 2, 2012
Leta M. Bommarito – July 23, 2012
Fred Marzano – September 15, 2012

Rosalie (Tocco) Lopetrone – September 17, 2012

Last year another organization had an event that many of our members attend. If that again happens, please think of coming to ours this year. I will check next year with members to see if there is another event elsewhere.

If you are unable to attend Mass, but would like to come to the Luncheon, that is fine. It will be at the Club at approximately 12:00 noon. I made a mistake at the Board Meeting and said "We are having the funeral at St. Pats". It brought a little chuckle from the members... **we are having a funeral**, a mass one, for all our GREAT members who have gone before us. We always make time to attend funerals for those we care about. Lets do it this year, as if all those people were there in church lined up in the isle. To date, we have 157 deceased on our Memorial Sheet.

Please send in the form at the bottom of the flyer as soon as you can. I have to let the caterer know. The number I give him is the number we pay for. We make no profit on this event. I also have to let St. Pats know, so they can reserve the seats up front for our Club.

If you have any questions please call me, Florence (Sclafani) Coleman, at 734-281-7126.

Thank-you,

Florence (Sclafani) Coleman

Art and Craft Show - November 11



We will be having the 3rd Annual Arts & **Craft/Vendor Show** on Sunday, November 11th, 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. Thank You, **Emalie Shifflett**

Domenic G. Vitale - Born 9/7/2012



Damiano and Piera Vitale proudly announce the birth of their new grandson, **Domenic Giacomo Vitale**, born on September 7, 2012. Domenic weighed in at 7 lbs - 13 oz. and was 21 inches long. Older sister, **Adriana** is so

proud of her new brother. Congratulations to the parents, **Gaetano (Guy) D. and Rose Vitale**, of Windsor, Canada
Congratulations to the Vitale families.

Sick and Good Will



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

Faro Gaglio, Mike T. Palazzolo, Joe Kusic, Pina Milewski, Shirley Cavataio.

We wish good health to all our members who are not feeling well – especially those 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 **Stella Marzano**, on the death of her husband, **Fred Marzano**, who passed away on September 15, 2012, at the age of 74. Condolences to family of **Sam and Grace Pizzo**. Condolences to cousins: **Mary Cottone, Rose Gaglio, Nancy Marcantonio, Faye Palazzolo and Angie Palazzolo**. Fred and Stella joined DIAC on February, 1975. Both Fred and Stella were very active in our club, including all club functions, the Italian festivals and Pasta events, over the many years. The club website has many photos of Fred helping during pasta events and during club sponsored events. It is so sad of the tragic event that made him ill and later took his life. **We will all miss our friend Fred Marzano!** May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Rosalie Lopetrone**, who passed away on September 17, 2012, at the age of 96. Rosalie has been a club member since March, 1979 – a 33 year member. She was active in the club in the early years. She kept her membership to receive updates of club members. God Bless her. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Vincenzo and Catherine Mannino**, on the death of Catherine's sister, **Phyllis Grace Russo**, who passed away on September 20, 2012, at the age of 82. Condolences to the family of **Patrick and Nina McMahan**. May she rest in peace.

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members **Theresa Herbert, Linda Kerr and Teresa LaSage** for bringing dessert to the June 24th membership meeting. The sweet desserts were very much appreciated and delicious.

The volunteers for the October membership meeting are unknown at this time.

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>Charles Cosner, Jr. (10/2)</i>	<i>James Gandol (10/18)</i>
<i>Wynnith Martino (10/2)</i>	<i>Hermine Norscia (10/18)</i>
<i>Bettina Vitale (10/2)</i>	<i>Darlene Randazzo (10/18)</i>
<i>Vivian Martino (10/3)</i>	<i>John Finazzo (10/19)</i>
<i>Travis Dick (10/7)</i>	<i>Frances Randazzo (10/19)</i>
<i>Mike Palazzolo (10/7)</i>	<i>Mary Giaimo (10/22)</i>
<i>Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8)</i>	<i>Maria Graziani (10/22)</i>
<i>Joan Luzac (10/9)</i>	<i>Giuseppe Giammalva (10/24)</i>
<i>James Bademian (10/10)</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 (10/30)</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 anniversary.

<i>Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3)</i>	
<i>Lenny and Pina Milewski (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>	50 th
<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>	55 th
<i>Rino and Marie Pagnucco (10/31)</i>	20 th

The Circle of Friendship

The Circle of friendship is:
A place of warmth and caring.
Where people come together,
for listening and sharing.
A place of kindness and trust.
Of tears and laughter too;
I'm glad to share that circle
With a special friend like you.

- Beth Stuckwisch -

Medicare Pays for Flue Shots

As you plan your schedule this fall, should getting a flu shot be a part of it?

Influenza or “flu” is a respiratory disease caused by a virus. It is spread through droplets of moisture released into the air when an infected person talks, sneezes or coughs.

Flu symptoms include fever, chills, headaches, exhaustion, loss of appetite, a dry cough and aches and pains.

The flu can be dangerous, especially for the elderly, because it can lead to complications such as pneumonia or bronchitis.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the flu claims an estimated 10,000-40,000 lives each year. The majority of these deaths are among people over 65 – almost all of whom have not been immunized.

Who’s at Risk?

You are at high risk for catching the flu if you:

- Are over the age of 50.
- Have a long-term illness, such as lung, heart or kidney disease and diabetes.
- Are taking certain medication.
- Are a health care worker

Flu season will be well under way by November. Since it takes at least 30 days to develop immunity, October is the best time to get a flu shot.

Medicare covers payment for annual flu vaccinations.

Columbus Day in United States



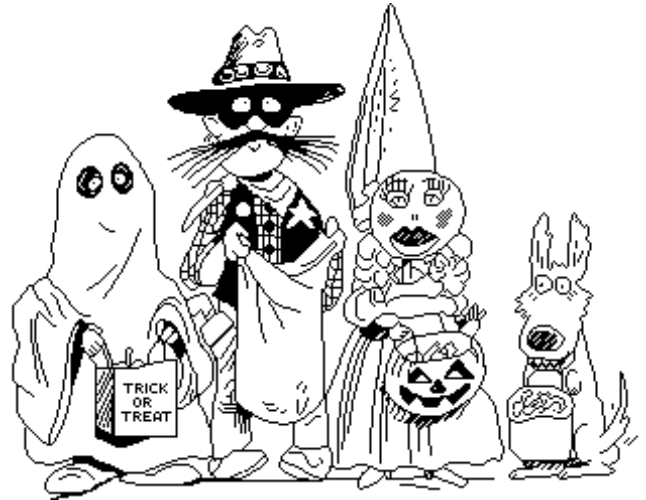
Columbus Day, which is annually on the second Monday of October, remembers Christopher Columbus' arrival to the Americas on October 12, 1492. This brought the discovery of a new continent. The holiday is celebrated on Monday, October 8th this year.

Humor for the Month

The room was full of pregnant women and their partners, and the Lamaze class was in full swing. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly, along with informing the men how to give the necessary assurances at this stage of the plan.

The teacher then announced, “Ladies, exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. And, gentlemen, it wouldn’t hurt you to take the time to go walking with your partner!” The room really got quiet.

Finally, a man in the middle of the group raised his hand. “Yes?” replied the teacher. “Is it all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?”



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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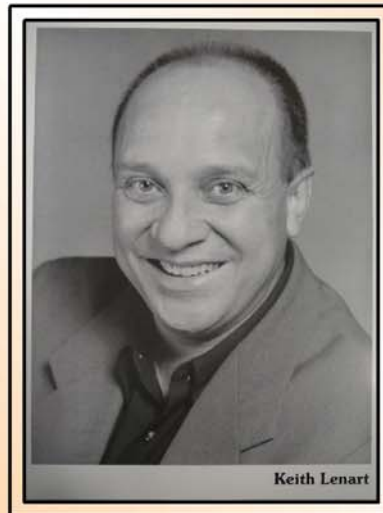
Rod Stewart



Full Throttle



MC & Comedian
Keith Lenart



Tim McGraw



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
D.I.A Banquet Hall 734-285-4044 or email www.diahall10@yahoo.com

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The Fourth Annual

DIAC Memorial Mass/Luncheon

Sunday, November 4, 2012



Presented by:

The Downriver Italian-American Club

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Wyandotte, MI 48192 Tel. (734)285-4044

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 at (734)281-7126**

I/We will be attending the **Memorial Mass/Luncheon** on Sunday - November 4, 2012, at St. Patrick Catholic Church
This coupon and payment must be received **no later than Friday- October 26, 2012**

_____ 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 your check to: Florence Coleman, 14157 Stratford, Riverview, MI 48193-7550

The Third Annual **Art and Craft Show**

Sunday, November 11, 2012

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 - * PETOSKEY STONE JEWELRY
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 - * RUBBER STAMPING AND SCRAP-BOOKING
 - * TUPPERWARE
 - * CELEBRATING HOMES
 - * COOKIE LEE
 - * CROCHET TOWELS, WASH CLOTH, POT SCRUBBERS, BAG HOLDERS AND TOYS
 - * PAMPER CHEF
 - * POPCORN TOPS/FLEECE BLANKET, EMBROIDERED TOWELS, HAND SEWN ITEMS
 - * RAG DOLLS
 - * SCENTSY CANDLES
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE -
- SO COME AND SEE IT ALL-



Doors open from 10:00 AM to 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

2012 Last Pasta Event

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Wednesday, October 17, 2012



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

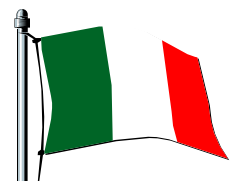
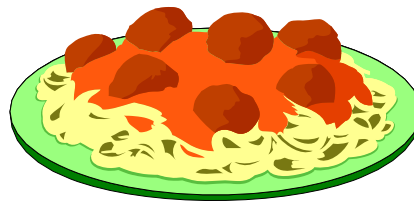
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$8.00

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Italian Sausage for \$1.50

Italian Cannoli Dessert for \$1.25



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