



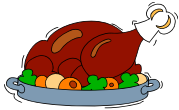
The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

November 2012 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, November 25, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

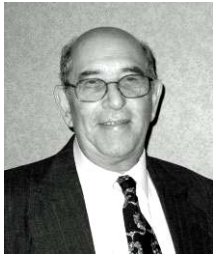


Happy Thanksgiving, November 22, 2012

November Board Meeting Change

The DIAC Board meeting for November **has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 7:00 pm.** DIAC Board Members, please jot this date on your calendar and remind fellow Board member(s).

Message from the Club President



Hello November, lots of leaves, cold windy days, Lions football and a sad ending to great season by the Tigers. November is the month we remember our deceased family members, Club members and other friends. A **Memorial Mass** followed by Brunch will be held on Sunday November

4th.

We served 541 people at our **October Spaghetti Dinner**. Thanks to the many volunteers that make the Spaghetti Dinners such a great success in the Downriver community. **Emilie Shifflet** has been working very hard to make the Sunday, November 11th **Arts and Crafts Show** another success. Currently there will be 38 vendors in attendance. There is no entrance fee, so come on down and enjoy. We will be serving Club meatball sandwiches. We will again have a **Legends Live Show** on New Year's Eve. Last year's show was very successful thanks to **Mary Cottone, Tony Lumia and Diana Holmes**. We all need to support these events, which generate significant income for the Club. **Mark S. Grazioli, Club President**

DIAC Bond Drive

DIAC members who wish to purchase a Club Bond can contact **Mark Grazioli at (734)671-5884**. The bond matures in 5 years and has the following annual interest rates.

\$1,000 - \$4,999 – 2.5%

\$5,000 - \$9,999 – 3.0%

\$10,000 and up – 3.5%

The deadline for this Bond drive is November 15, 2012.

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!



Nomination & Election Committee News



The **Nomination and Election Committee** ran the nomination process for the 2013-2014 Club officers at the October General Membership meeting. Nominees for each Office and Trustee positions ran un-opposed and are therefore elected to their respective office position by acclamation. The officers are:

President – Charles Lupo

Vice President – Florence Coleman

Recording Secretary – (vacant)

Financial Corresponding Secretary – Frank Giannotti

Treasurer – (vacant)

Assistant Treasurer – (vacant)

Inside Guard – Rose Pagano

Outside Guard – Damiano Vitale

Guide – Grace Pizzo

The new Elected Trustees are:

Jim Bademian, Mark Grazioli, Alice Patton and Dennis Patton. These officers have a 4-year term.

The existing (non-elected) Trustees are:

Sadie Kusic, Vivian Palazzolo, Vito Trupiano and Leona Vizzini. These Trustee's term expire in 2014.

We would like to thank the existing Officers and Trustees for their leadership and guidance during the past two years. Many thanks to **MaryJane Grazioli** who was the special first lady behind the scenes, the past two years.

A special thank-you and a job well done by the Nomination and Election Committee for running the nomination process. The committee members included **Shirley Cavataio, Pina Milewski, Nancy Marcantonio, Emily Shifflett and Miriam Lumia.**

Arts and Craft Show - November 11



One last reminder. The 3rd Annual Arts & Craft/Vendor Show will be on Sunday, November 11th, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is free and is open to the public. There are many vendors with very nice gifts to fill your Christmas shopping need.

Beverage and sandwiches are available during the event. Advise your family and friends. This has always been a very nice event. Chairperson, **Emalie Shifflett**

Member's Christmas Dinner Party



The Member's Christmas Dinner Party has been set for Friday, December 14, 2012. **Mary Cottone**, and **Leslie Lupo** are the chairpersons. This is a grand 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 of 10 people. Tickets are available. Make your reservation early for the good table seating. The event is open to member's family and their friends. A flyer is contained in this newsletter.

"Legends Live" New Year's Eve Show



The Downriver Italian-American Hall will be hosting the "Legends Live" New Year's Eve Show on Monday, December 31, 2012. The chairpersons for this event are **Nino Trupiano** and **Tony Lumia**, and their spouse.

Make an effort to attend this fine event and please advise your family and friends. Complete with dinner and featuring tributes to: **Tom Jones, Frankie Valli, Blues Brothers, Bobby Darin** with MC & Comedian **Keith Ruff**. See flyer in this newsletter.

Tickets are \$55.00 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 DIA Banquet Hall, (734)285-4044 or via email, www.diahall10@yahoo.com

A Thanksgiving Blessing

THANKSGIVING is giving thanks for all that is necessary and dear to us – food, clothing, shelter, family, friends, beauties of nature, a profession in which we can be of service to our friends and a free country where we can worship God as we please.

THANKSGIVING is the delight we feel in a baby's grasp as he clings to an outstretched finger; the tender look in his mother's eyes as she watches him.

THANKSGIVING is the joy of a family outing in one of God's beauty spots; helping small children to appreciate beauties of nature in sea, mountain or forest. It is also the spreading of food prepared by loving hands and enjoyed because of healthy appetites and grateful hearts.

THANKSGIVING is gratitude for neighbors who lovingly come to our aid in time of trouble or sorrow and who join with us in rejoicing in our happier moments.

THANKSGIVING is saying a big "thank you" to God for all favors He has given us.

- Author Unknown -

Christmas Hall Decorating

Mary Cottone needs help from the membership (and their friends) to decorate the main banquet hall and the Menna room, with Christmas decorations on Monday, November 26th beginning at 9:00 am.

She needs the help from many people to setup a number of Christmas trees and other decorations for this year's Christmas holiday.

Toys for Tots



The family of **Joe and Anita Vitale** of Woodhaven are once again collecting toys for their Christmas tradition, **Toys for Tots**. If you would like to contribute, please bring an unwrapped toy to the Downriver Italian-American Hall and drop it off into the large collection box, near the front door – no later than Nov. 30, 2012. The toys are donated to area needy children. **Joe, Anita and Mary-Beth Vitale.**

Sick and Good Will



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

Joe Kusic, Bill Barraco and Mike T. Palazzolo.

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.

The following is a correction to last months notice.

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: **Rosalie Giaimo, 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.

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>Dolly Chirco (11/1)</i>	<i>Faro Gaglio (11/13)</i>
<i>Mary Lavine (11/1)</i>	<i>Robert Coch (11/16)</i>
<i>Sam Palamara (11/1)</i>	<i>Vincetta Smith (11/18)</i>
<i>Marco Vitale (11/1)</i>	<i>Jacqueline Jagiello (11/19)</i>
<i>Angelina Carlone (11/2)</i>	<i>Angelo Giaimo (11/21)</i>
<i>Rosalie Martino (11/2)</i>	<i>Angelo Schiraldi (11/22)</i>
<i>Cora Muffi (11/7)</i>	<i>Patrick McMahon (11/24)</i>
<i>Emilia Gonella (11/9)</i>	<i>Fioravante Norscia (11/25)</i>
<i>Angelo Norscia (11/11)</i>	<i>MaryJane Grazioli (11/27)</i>
<i>Joanne Cuva (11/12)</i>	<i>Piera Vitale (11/27)</i>
<i>Providence Evola (11/12)</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.

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

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members **Mary Lavine, Alice Patton and Rosalie Shimkus** for bringing dessert to the October membership meeting. The sweet desserts were very much appreciated and delicious.

Elisa Norscia, Jeanette Schiraldi and Maria Graziani have volunteered to bring dessert to the **November 25th** membership meeting.

Don't Count the Years

Don't count the years – they matter not,
 Count only the dreams
 the years have brought,
 The happiness and the faith so dear,
 The moments rich
 you have treasured here.

Don't count the years – only the smiles,
 Or the peace you have known
 on the weary miles,
 The laughter you've shared
 and the friends you've made,
 Each magic hope that shall never fade.

Years are but numbers –
 'tis living that counts,
 A heart that knows joy –
 small or large amounts,
 A mind filled with loving –
 eliminates fears,
 Count every blessing –
 never the years

- Garnett Ann Schultz -

GO WITH GRACE TOURS

Upcoming tours by **GO WITH GRACE TOURS**:

FIREKEEPER'S HOLIDAY DAY TRIP	Dec. 28, 2012
Receive \$20 Red Hot Credit & \$5 food!	\$29.00 PP
GUN LAKE CASINO DAY TRIP	Jan. 8, 2013
Receive \$10 casino money and \$5 food!	\$30.00 PP
FIREKEEPER'S HOTEL OVERNIGHT	Jan 22/23, 2013
Call for details	\$135.00 PP

GO WITH GRACE TOURS (Att: Grace Cibulskis)

28020 Charlemagne St.

Romulus, MI 48174

(734)306-2072

www.gowithgrace55@yahoo.com

Call and ask for current tour flyer with details on the above and future trips and requirements.

The Downriver Italian-American Hall - Banquet & Conference Center

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 Hall 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.

Thanksgiving

I give thanks for many things.

For blossoms of yellow, orange, and brown,

That burst with color, the season's sound.

For autumn delights, for a bird that sings,

For nature's bounty all-around.



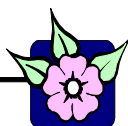
Chava Kaye, November 2012

Photo credit, Sofia Kaye, Autumn 2012

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.



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The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power,
To tell just where the hands will stop
At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more,
To lose one's soul is such a loss,
As no man can restore.

The present only is our own,
Live, love & toil with a will –
Place no faith in "tomorrow" – for
The clock may then be still!

- www.good4asmile.com -

A November Poem

From gold to gray
Our mild, sweet day
Of Indian summer fades too soon;
But tenderly
Above the sea
Hangs, white and calm, the November moon.

- John Greenleaf Whittier -

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

- Nov. 4, 2012** **Memorial Mass.**
Florence Coleman & Membership.
- Nov. 11, 2012** **Arts & Craft Show.**
Emily Shifflett & Membership.
- Dec. 14, 2012** **Member's Christmas Party.**
Mary Cottone, Leslie Lupo
- Dec. 31, 2012** **"Legends Live" New Year's Eve Party.**
Tony Lumia, Nino Trupiano

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New Years Eve Dinner Show

Comedian
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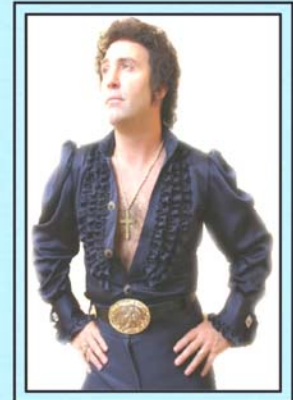


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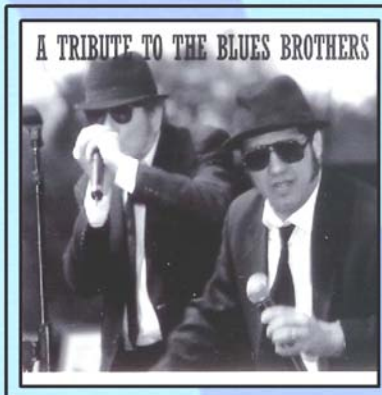
LEGENDS LIVE

Michigan's #1 Tribute Show

Tom Jones



Blues Brothers



Frankie Valli



Bobby Darin



Monday, December 31, 2012

TICKETS \$55.00

Includes Dinner, Show & Champagne Toast

Dinner @ 6:30 PM - Show @ 8:00 PM

DJ and Dancing - Cash Bar - Drink Specials

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

Tony Lumia 313-565-0671 / Nino Trupiano 734-284-9590

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

The Fourth Annual

DIAC Memorial Mass/Luncheon

Sunday, November 4, 2012



Presented by:

The Downriver Italian-American Club

646 Biddle Avenue

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

DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN HALL



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



Featuring Crafts and Vendors from Downriver Communities

- * AVON/NEEDLEPOINT MAGNET CHARACTERS
- * CHILDREN EDUCATIONAL BOOKS
- * CHRISTMAS TREES, WREATHS, ANGELS AND DECORATIONS
- * CRYSTAL JEWELRY
- * PETOSKEY STONE JEWELRY
- * QUILTED PURSES, JACKETS, NAPKINS, BABY BLANKETS AND TOYS
- * RUBBER STAMPING AND SCRAP-BOOKING
- * TUPPERWARE
- * HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE, JERKY & CANDY
- * GLASS & CERAMIC TILE IMAGE CUTTING BD
- * PLAIN & SIMPLE PILLOW CASES
- * WOODEN CROSSES, ANGELS & BASKETS
- * AMISH GIFT SETS
- * HOMEMADE DOG TREATS
- ~~~~ AND MUCH, MUCH MORE
- * 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
- * CROSS STITCHED GREETING CARDS
- * THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS DECOR
- * IA SOPHIA JEWELRY
- * GRACE ADEL PURSES & JEWELRY
- * HANDMADE ROSARIES IN GLASS
- * EARRINGS, EAR CUFFS AND EAR ACCES.
- * REVERSIBLE BANDANNAS & PET BEDS
- 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

DIAC Adult Christmas Party

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

Friday, December 14, 2012

Doors Open at 6:00 pm

Family Style Dinner at 6:30 pm

Music - The Blue Genes Band at 7:30 pm



Main Entrées:

Michigan Salad/Caesar Salad
Italian Bread with Olive Oil
Penne Pasta with Meatballs and Sausage
Baked Chicken
Breaded Pork
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
California Mixed Vegetables

Dessert

Cheese Cake with Strawberries

Beverages

Coffee, Tea, Soda, Beer and Wine

Invitation includes 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

or Charles and Leslie Lupo at (734) 282-1257

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I (We) will be attending the D.I.A.C. 2012 Adult Christmas Party on Friday, December 14, 2012.
This ticket and payment must be received no later than November 30, 2012.

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 here.