



42nd Year, 1971-2013

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

Club Board Meeting	Tuesday, April 9, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, May 14, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting.....	Sunday, April 28 2013, 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday, May 26 2013, 5:00 p.m.

April/May 2013 NEWSLETTER



Club First Pasta Event - April 17, 2013

Membership Meeting Time Change

At the request of the members present at the January 27, 2013 membership meeting, **all future membership meetings will start at 5:00 PM (instead of 6:30 PM).** Please jot this down on your calendar-remind your friends.

Message from the President



Dear Club Members:
Well finally spring has arrived and with that we can enjoy extra hours of daylight, to do clean-up, fix-up and eventually our gardening and planting. It also means the start of our clubs calendar events.

Our **St. Joseph** Celebration was another success thanks to **Florence Coleman, Nancy Cosentino, Grace Pizzo** and their committee.

We welcome our members back from Florida and hope all are healthy and tanned.

2013 did not start well, we lost six club members: **Fara Parrino, Connie DeLiz, Vince Mannino, Mike Palazzolo**, and two former club members: **Florence Costa** and **Delores DeJohn**. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our **Legends Live Show** is coming up shortly, April 6th. They still have some tickets available, contact **Tony Lumia** or **Mary Cottone** to reserve your table. The **Legends Live** event will also feature food prepared by our new caterer, I am sure it will be a delicious meal. We have contracted with **Silver Shores Waterfront** for catering services. Silver Shores is located behind

Wyandotte Henry Ford Hospital. This will be an excellent partnership for all concerned.

April 17th is the start of our monthly Spaghetti Day events, so tell your family, friends and relatives to attend for a traditional Italian meal. Remember you can plan a family celebration at our Spaghetti Day event and reserve tables for your guests (no mess, no cleanup, just good food).

We are still working on our By Laws for Associate Members, so keep your non-Italian friends updated.

Enjoy Springtime.....

Ciao, **Ciro (Charlie), Club President**

Club Membership Drive



DIAC Board approved a resolution to waiver new membership initiation fees (\$50.00), starting December 1, 2012. If you know of friend(s)

who are of Italian descent, please let them know of this special membership discount offer. This is a limited time

New Chef for DIA Hall Business



An agreement has been reached between the **Downriver Italian-American Hall** and the **Silver Shore Waterfront** of Wyandotte; whereby **Silver Shore Waterfront** will be the primary food service provider for the **Downriver Italian-American Hall**, effective immediately. The excellent food service and reputation of the **Silver Shore Waterfront** will provide the DIA Hall business the needed incentive to make the Hall rentals a success.

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"Legends Live" Spring Show - April 6th



The Downriver Italian-American Hall Board will be hosting the "Legends Live" Spring Show on **Saturday, April 6, 2013**. **Mary Cottone, Diana Holmes** and the Hall Board are chairing this event. The event begins with a superb dinner. Tickets and table reservations are now available. See flyer contained in this newsletter for further information. Specialty food prepared by Silver Shore Banquet Center.

Make an effort to attend this fine event and please advise your family and friends. Voice impersonators (singers and comedians) include **Jack Nicholson, Elvis Presley, Ricky Nelson, Dion, Garth Brooks** and Detroit's own special TV legend, **Johnny Ginger**. Dinner is at 6:30 PM, - entertainment begins at 8:00 PM. There will be a cash bar.

Be sure to advise your family and friends. **This Event is open to the public.** There 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:

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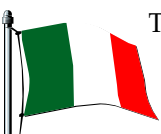
Our first Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner for 2013 will be on **Wednesday, April 17**. Last year the Club was successful with the

pasta fundraising effort. This year should be as successful and can sustain some growth.

This is an excellent opportunity for new (and existing) members to meet and socialize with Club members. The workday begins on Tuesday morning, at about 8-9 am with the preparation of sauce and meatballs, as well as set-up. The men come in at 6 pm on Tuesday evening to pre-cook the pasta. On Wednesday, we start about 8 am, with Lunch being served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Dinner from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If you cannot work, another way to support our Spaghetti Dinners is to come yourself or as many of you do, bring friends. The homemade meal is next to none.

A Taste of Italy - May 1, 2013



The Eight (9th) annual **Taste of Italy** event will be held at the DIA Hall on **Wednesday, May 1, 2013**. Serving begins

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at 6:00 p.m. The chairperson for this event is **Tony Lumia**. The festivity will feature sampling of Italian cuisines from various local businesses. The vendors each will provide their specialties. All proceeds go to benefit the **Penrickton School for Blind Children**.

For ticket sales, contact **Diana Holmes** or **Mary Cottone** at the DIA Hall (734)285-4044 or **Tony Lumia** (313) 565-0671. **This event is open to the public. Please attend and invite your family and friends.** See flyer contained in this newsletter.

Sick and Good Will



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

Mary Wierzba is in rehab, recovering from a bad fall. **Rosalie Giaimo** is in a hospital. **Frances Randazzo** was hospitalized. **Mary**

Randazzo (Bradenton, FL) was hospitalized.

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 an emergency in their family.

Condolences to the families of **Angelina Carlone** and **Teresa and Larry Simone**, on the death of their sister, **Maria Palumbo**, who passed away on February 8, 2013. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Catherine Mannino** on the death of her husband, **Vincenzo (Vincent) Mannino**, who passed away on February 19, 2013, at the age of 95. Vince and Catherine became club members in 1972. They were both very active at the start of the club, then later at the Italian Festivals at the Yack Arena. Afterwards they attended many club events and helping out with the Pasta Events. Condolences to the family of **Patrick and Nina (Mannino) McMahon**. We will all miss Vince Mannino. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Vivian Palazzolo** on the death of her husband, **Michael T. Palazzolo**, who passed away on February 21, at the age of 85. Mike and Vivian became club members in May, 1972. They were both very active at the start of the club, then later at the Italian Festivals at the Yack Arena. Mike was the manager at Yack Area and helped the Club organize those events. Afterwards they helped the club move forward by chairing and helping with Club events and later helping in the Pasta Events. Both Mike and Vivian served on the club Board for many years. Among the many "Mike Palazzolos" in the area, Mike was known as "Skinny Mike." Condolences to the family of **John and Jacqueline**

Palazzolo. We will all miss Mike Palazzolo. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Vincenzo and Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale** on the death of Ciccina's sister, **Giuseppina Vitale**, who passed away on February 22, 2013, at the age of 79, in Cinisi, Sicily. Condolences to: **Piera and Damiano Vitale, Gaetano A. Vitale** and **Anthony and Allison Vitale.** May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Linda and Robert Carrier** on the death of Linda's mother, **Florence Costa**, who passed away on March 16, 2013, at the age of 98, (she would have been 99 on March 29 of this year). Florence and her late husband Frank joined our Club in March, 1981. Florence helped the club in so many ways. In the early years, working at the Italian festivals at Yack Arena and later being as active in club functions and events. Florence served as club publicist and public relations for so many years. She was very instrumental, and loved the club dearly. We will all miss Florence. May she rest in peace.

Congratulating New DIAC Member



Please welcome the following new member who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club**:

Steven Badalamente of Wyandotte, MI., sponsored by his dad, **Vito F.**

Badalamente.

Dennis Patton Jr. of Belleville, MI., sponsored by his parents, **Dennis and Alice Patton.**

Elizabeth G. Dunlop – Born 2/22/2013



Nino and Gianna Trupiano proudly announce the birth of their first granddaughter, **Elizabeth Grace Dunlop.** She was born on February

22, 2013, weighted in at 6 lbs. – 4 oz. and was 20 inches long. The proud parents are **Mike and Luisa Dunlop.**

Congratulations to the **Trupiano** and the **Dunlop** families.

Andrew M. Giannotti – Born 2/22/2013



Frank and Liliana Giannotti proudly announce the birth of their nephew **Andrew Michael Giannotti**, born on February 22, 2013, weighing in at 8 lbs. - 1 oz. and being 21½ inches long. The proud parents are **Nicholas and Meghan Giannotti**, of Alexandria, Virginia. The

first-time grandparents are **Nick and Bridget Giannotti** of Carlsbad, California.

Congratulations to the **Giannotti** families.

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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>Salvatore Curcuru (4/1)</i>	<i>Giuseppe LaFata (4/9)</i>
<i>Rosina Martino (4/01)</i>	<i>John Parisi (4/12)</i>
<i>Paola Ventimiglia (4/3)</i>	<i>Vito Badalamente (4/17)</i>
<i>Phillip Tocco (4/4)</i>	<i>Phillip Lupo (4/20)</i>
<i>Phillip Mendis (4/5)</i>	<i>Josephine Palazzolo (4/21)</i>
<i>Angela Vassallo (4/5)</i>	<i>Louise Myslitz (4/22)</i>
<i>Linda Carrier (4/6)</i>	<i>Norman Tabaka Jr. (4/27)</i>
<i>Maria Giammalva (4/6)</i>	<i>Joyce Mitra (4/29)</i>
<i>Fannie Randazzo (4/7)</i>	<i>Maria Vitale (4/29)</i>
<i>Nina Liberati (4/8)</i>	<i>Theresa Herbert (4/30)</i>
<i>Joseph V. Palazzolo (4/8)</i>	<i>Joseph A. Pagano (4/30)</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.

Phil and Sue Lupo (4/7)
Gino and Wynnith Martino (4/8)
Giuseppe and Providence Evola (4/15)
John and Joan Cadorin (4/19)
Sam and Fannie Randazzo (4/23)
Joseph and Nicolina Susin (4/23)
John and Anna Finazzo (4/24)
Jim and Shirley Bommarito (4/28)
Pat and Patricia Mastrogiacomo (4/28)
Gene and Michelle Hamel (4/30)

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members **Miriam Lumia, Alice Patton, and Piera Vitale** for bringing dessert to the March membership meeting. The desserts were very much appreciated and delicious.

Mary Cottone and Mary Lavine have volunteered to bring dessert to the **April 28th membership** meeting.

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



The **Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walker Cancer Awareness** will be hosting an **Hines Pink Pathers - "All-You-Can-Eat" Pancake Breakfast** between 9:00 am to 11:00 am on April 6, 2013 at the

Downriver Italian-American Hall. The cost is \$8.00

prepaid and \$10.00 at the door (Children 3 and under are free). The breakfast will be served with Sausage, Orange Drink and Coffee.

Cooking by the “Fastest Pancake Makers in the World,” (Guinness Book of World Records). For further information, please contact **Mary Cottone** or **Diana Holmes** at the DIA Hall, at (734) 285-4044. Please help in supporting this Women Breast Cancer fundraiser effort.

Message from Italian Consul of Detroit

13 marzo 2013

Cari Connazionali,

Sono particolarmente lieta di potermi rivolgere a Voi a pochi giorni dal mio arrivo a Detroit, dove ho l'onore di ricoprire l'incarico di Console d'Italia per gli Stati del Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky e Tennessee.

Nell'inviarvi un cordiale saluto, desidero esprimerVi la mia piu alta soddisfazione per essere stata scelta per dirigere questo Consolato in una circoscrizione cosi ampia e che vanta una Comunita italiana che so molto dinamica e integrata e che ha sempre fornito un contributo di primissimo piano in campo economico, sociale e culturale, mantenendo forti legami con l'Italia. Legami che spero di poter contribuire a consolidare ulteriormente, favorendo, al tempo stesso, la coesione tra le varie componenti della comunita italiana o di origine italiana per raggiungere, attraverso l'impegno comune, nuovi e ancora piu importanti obiettivi, collettivi e personali, in nome delle nostre radici italiane, nonche la promozione ed il consolidamento delle gia strette relazioni d'amicizia ed economico-commerciali tra l'Italia e gli Stati Uniti d'America.

Nell'assolvimento di tale compito, sono certa di poter contare sulla collaborazione ed il sostegno del Comites, delle numerose associazioni che riuniscono i nostri connazionali e gli italo- americani e delle varie istituzioni che contribuiscono ad incentivare i rapporti economici ed a tutelare e promuovere la nostra lingua e la nostra cultura.

In attesa di approfondire la conoscenza della realta locale, nel rinnovare a tutti Voi il mio piu cordiale saluto, desidero garantirVi il massimo impegno, mio personale e di tutto lo staff del Consolato, e assicurarVi la nostra piena disponibilita, nel migliore spirito di collaborazione e di apertura, affinche i servizi da noi offerti continuino ad essere prestati con la massima qualita, efficienza, professionalita e tempestivita, anche grazie all'imprescindibile apporto che Voi saprete fornire.

Il Console Maria Luisa Lapresa



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Contacting the Hall During an Emergency



Members who wish to contact the Hall during an emergency situation, (when the Hall is not staffed), can contact **Mary Cottone** at (313)689-5313 (cell); **Nino Trupiano** at (734)837-6959 (cell) or **Charlie Lupo** at (734)282-1257 (home).

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

Members Emergency Notification List



If you wish to be on a membership call list and be notified by a telephone call when a member passes away. Please call **Frank Giannotti** at (734) 283-7394. There are a number of members on this list.

The flow diagram shows who calls whom. The diagram will be sent to you.

Calendar of Upcoming Club/Hall Events

- Apr. 6, 2013** **Susan G. Komen "All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast"**
Mary Cottone, Diana Holmes.
- Apr. 6, 2013** **"Legends Live" Spring Show.**
Mary Cottone, Diana Holmes.
- April 17, 2013** **April – First Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- May 1, 2013** **Taste of Italy – Charity Event.**
Tony & Miriam Lumia.
- May 15, 2013** **May Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.

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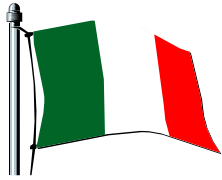
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"A TASTE OF ITALY"

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

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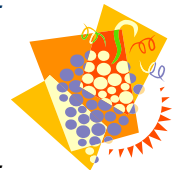
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Tony Lumia - Chairperson - (313) 565-0671

or DIA HALL OFFICE - (734) 285-4044 or

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2013 Pasta Events

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

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Wednesday, April 17, 2013	Wednesday, May 15 2013
Wednesday, June 19, 2013	Wednesday, July 17, 2013
Wednesday, August 21, 2013	Wednesday, September 18, 2013
Wednesday, October 16, 2013	3 rd Wednesday of each Month



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

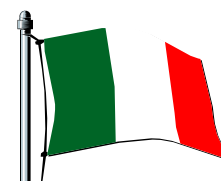
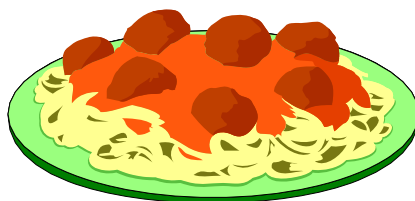
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$8.00

Children 10 & Under: \$4.50

Sausage addition for \$1.50

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