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** IMPORTANT DATES **

September 2013 NEWSLETTER

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.



Labor Day – Monday, September 2, 2013

Message from the President



Dear Club Members:
I hope your summer has been enjoyable and we have many more days of good weather to come, but fall is approaching fast.

Our July and August events were very successful with special thanks to our chairpeople and all who helped. I hope I don't leave anyone out. Starting with our **July 4th Parade**, Chairperson **Mary Cottone** with help from **Tony Lumia, Joe Giammalva** and members from the **Santa Rosalia Club**, with the Lamborghini, Ferrari, Vespa, Bugatti's and many walkers, this was a spectacular unit, almost a block long and quite a crowd pleaser.

The **Annual Golf Outing** had a great turnout and was a tremendous success. Many thanks to **Gaetano A. Vitale**, his family, **Mark Grazioli** (and lots of others), who helped make this a successful annual venture. The **Annual Picnic** was a special time with good food: ribs, chicken, steak, and all the trimmings. Thank you to all members who brought delicious desserts. This event was chaired by **Alice and Dennis Patton, Sam and Darlene Randazzo, and Grace and Sam Pizzo**. They all did a wonderful job. Members enjoyed playing bocce and a variety of picnic games. Weather was perfect for the two hour annual August **Diamond Jack Boat Cruise** and I would like to thank my wife, **Leslie Lupo**, for organizing this event.

Please keep our two remaining spaghetti dinner dates (Sept. 18 and Oct. 16) in mind, come and help out when you can. Next Board Meeting is Sept. 10th, General Meeting is Sept. 22. As always, pizza will be served and bingo will be played after the meeting.

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

Pasta Event – Sept. 18, 2013

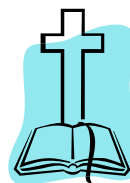


The July and August pasta events were successful with 516, 489 meals served, respectively, between dining and carry-outs. There was a less turnout of members to prepare and help out on both days. A big **thank-you** to all those members that helped out. The next event will be on **Wednesday, September 18, 2013**. We love to see a large turnout of members on hand in support of this great fundraiser.

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 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. with the preparation of sauce and meatballs, as well as set-up. The men come in at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening to pre-cook the pasta. On Wednesday, we start about 8:00 a.m., 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, come and enjoy a great meal with us.

Club Memorial Mass - Nov. 3, 2013



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is Sunday, November 3, 2013. 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



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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 158 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 10



We will be having the 4th Annual **Craft/Vendor Show** on Sunday, November 10th, 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**

Club Picnic Report



The Club picnic was a success - the weather cooperated, the food was great. Again this year, the picnic was held at the Club property. Many thanks to chairpersons: **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo and Sam and Darlene Randazzo**. The meal was just outstanding – the ribs proved to be excellent. The members 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 will 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 remember the occasion.

First place medallions went to the following teams:

Men's Team Champion: Nino Trupiano, Marco Randazzo, John Randazzo and Sam Randazzo.

Women's Team Champion: Elisa Norscia, Rosalie Shimkus, Rose Vitale and Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale.

Congratulations to the winners and to all the participants. A memorable certificate will be presented at the September membership meeting. View the activity pictures at the club website, www.diac.us.

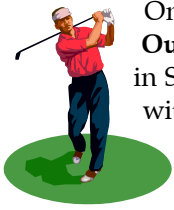


Men's 2013 Bocce Champion: Nino Trupiano, Marco Randazzo, John Randazzo, and Sam Randazzo.



Women's 2013 Bocce Champions: Elisa Norscia, Rose Vitale, Rosalie Shimkus and Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale.

Report on the Golf Outing



On July 27th, the DIAC held its annual **Golf Outing** at Westburn Golf and Country Club in South Rockwood. It was a fair weather day, with some light sprinkles. We did end up with a downpour at end while we were having dinner under the tent. 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 **Mard Guzzardo Caterer**. Special thanks go to **Michelle Ebert, Lia Maloney, Francesca Vitale & Enzo Vitale** for getting all the golfers registered, awarding prizes and doing raffle.

Many thanks go to the sponsors and club members for their donations and participation in making this another successful outing.

The sponsors were:

Adamo Demolition, Next Generation Services Group, Blue Ribbon Contracting, Michigan CAT, Leidal & Hart, CL Reickhoff, CASS, DC Byers, RAM, Madison Heights Glass, Modern Mirror, Contract Glaziers, Madias Brothers Painting, John A. Papalas, Seaway Painting, Oakland Plumbing, Great Lakes Mechanical, Shambaugh, Ventcon, John Darr Mechanical, Mechanical Insulation, Progressive Mechanical, Motor City Electric, Dynalectric, Paul Longton PC, Santa Rosalia Club, Good Shepherd Credit Union, Gandol Doors Inc. and the DIAC Hall.

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

Gaetano A. Vitale, Golf Outing Chairperson

Report on Independence Day Parade



I would like to thank the members that came to the 4th of July parade. We were about 40 people strong. A special thanks to **Giuseppe Alastra** for the use of his truck and trailer and the **Santa Rosalia Club** for marching with us and carrying our banner. After the parade we came back to the hall for pizza and drinks. I hope to see more members at the 2014 Parade.

Mary Cottone.

Parade Committee Chairperson.

Report on Diamond Jack Boat Trip



The Diamond Jack Boat Trip of August 8, 2013 was very successful. There were 19 club members who

attended the ride. The weather was perfect. Many thanks to **Leslie Lupo** for organizing this trip and for getting discounted tickets for the members. Another boat cruise is planned for next year.

Sick and Good Will



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

Nancy Marcantonio, MaryJane Grazioli, Mary Randazzo, Leonard Zerilli, Nancy McFaul, Charlie Lupo, Joe Agrusa (Brownstown) and Hermine Norscia.

We wish good health to all our members who are not feeling well – especially those living alone and those 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 family of **Janice Labadie** on the death of her mother, **Mary R. Wierzba**, who passed away on June 17, 2013, at the age of 98. Mary, along with her late husband, **Stanley Wierzba**, joined the club in April 1983. They were both professional dancer and taught dancing to many adults over their life span. Mary would bring many of her students to our dancing club events. She always loved live band music over DJ. She was a very influential and a kind lady – well respected by all. She managed to recover from many falls and illness during her later years. She will not be forgotten by Club member. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Mike and Joan Marica** on the death of their son, **Gene Mitchell Marica** who passed away on July 21, 2013 as a result of an auto accident. Gene was 28 year of age. Mike and Joan are the building cleaning crew for the Hall events. One of Gene's part-time employment was that of bartending for the Hall event and helping his parents during the cleaning. He was well liked and a hard working individual. The event was a tragic moment for the family.

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) 40th

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)

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 Sclafani (9/18)</i>
<i>Leonard Milewski (9/3)</i>	<i>Roger L. Shifflett (9/19)</i>
<i>Emanuele Maniaci (9/4)</i>	<i>Mary Cottone (9/20)</i>
<i>Vincenzo Vitale (9/4)</i>	<i>Rose Gaglio (9/20)</i>
<i>Diana Parisi (9/5)</i>	<i>Johnny Mitra (9/20)</i>
<i>Leonard Zerilli (9/5)</i>	<i>David Zahara (9/20)</i>
<i>Phyllis Gandol (9/8)</i>	<i>Larry Luzac (9/21)</i>
<i>Tamara Kaune (9/9)</i>	<i>Kelli McNally (9/22)</i>
<i>Anthony Sclafani (9/10)</i>	<i>Fara Vitale (9/22)</i>
<i>Theresa Simone (9/11)</i>	<i>Kenneth Scott (9/23)</i>
<i>Giuseppe (Joe) Agrusa (9/13)</i>	<i>Pauline Barraco (9/24)</i>
<i>Steven Badalamente(9/14)</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>	

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members **Elisa Norscia, Jeanette Schiraldi and Carmela Stralle** for bringing dessert to the May 19th membership meeting. The dessert was very delicious – including the moist (Nancy Cosentino recipe) ricotta pie cake and the peanut butter Oreo cookie delight.

Maria Graziani, Emilia (Mimi) Kerr and Paula Rice have volunteered to bring dessert to the **September 22nd membership** meeting.

The Little Things in Life

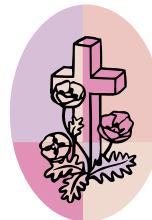
Enjoy the little things in life. For one day, you'll look back and realize they were the BIG THINGS.

Somewhere in Heaven

Two women waiting at the Pearly Gates strike up a conversation.

"How'd you die?" the first woman asks the second.
 "I froze to death," says the second.
 "That's awful," says the first woman. "How does it feel to freeze to death?"
 "It's very uncomfortable at first," says the second woman. You get the shakes, and you get pains in all your fingers and toes. But eventually, it's a very calm way to go. You get numb and you kind of drift off, as if you're sleeping. How about you, how did you die?"
 "I had a heart attack," says the first woman. "You see, I kind of knew my husband was cheating on me, so one day I showed up at home unexpectedly. I quietly entered from the back door and went through the kitchen and rushed into the bedroom, and found him alone, watching tv. Then I ran down the basement, but no one was hiding there either. I ran up to the second floor, but no one was hiding there either. I ran as fast as I could to the attic, and just as I got there, I had a massive heart attack and died."
 The second woman shakes her head. "That's so ironic," she says. "If you had only stopped in the kitchen to look in the freezer, we'd both still be alive."

In Memory of Rosalie Lopetrone



On July 10, 2013, the family of **Rosalie Lopetrone** planted a maple tree and some flowers between the bushes at the south-end of the main parking lot, as a memorial to her. Please take time to look at it. Rosalie Lopetrone passed away on September 17, 2012. She was a long time member of the Club.

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

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.

A Personal Request from our Members



One good deed a club member can provide is to promote our Hall to your family and friends. You are our ambassador that brings people to view and book an event. No matter how small the event is, there is room for all occasions. Take a break from holding the event at your home – or at other hall facilities. We have the perfect place for parties, communions, baptism, confirmation, birthdays, showers, wedding, anniversary, and public holidays. The staff will gladly help you in the planning, decoration, food choices, and at a reasonable cost.

You can contact **Diana Holmes** or **Mary Cottone** at (734)285-4044

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.

How to Live Your Life

- ❖ Don't go for looks, they can deceive. Don't go for wealth even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile.
- ❖ There are moments in life when you really miss someone that you want to pick them up from your dreams and hug them. Hope you dream of that someone.
- ❖ Dream what you want to dream, go where you want to go, be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want in life.
- ❖ May you have...
 Enough happiness to make you sweet.

Enough trials to ake you strong.
 Enough sorrow to keep you human.
 Enough hope to make you happy.
 And, enough money to buy gifts.

- ❖ It's true that we don't know what we've got until we lose it, but it's also true that we don't know what we've been missing until it arrives.
- ❖ Always put yourself in other's shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably does hurt the person too.
- ❖ A careless word may cut like a knife;
 A cruel word may wreck a life.
 A timely word may level stress.
 A lovely word may heal and bless.
- ❖ The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything, they just make the most of everything that comes along the way.

Article provided by Sadie Kusic

Calendar of Upcoming Club/Hall Events

- Sept. 18, 2013** **September Pasta Event.**
 Pasta Committee & Membership.
- Oct. 16, 2013** **October Pasta Event.**
 Pasta Committee & Membership.
- Nov. 3, 2013** **Memorial Mass.**
 Florence Coleman & Membership.
- Nov. 10, 2013** **Arts & Craft Show.**
 Emalie Shifflett & Membership.
- Dec. 14, 2013** **Member's Christmas Party.**
 Charlie and Leslie Lupo, Randy and Paula Rice
- Dec. 31, 2013** **"Legends Live" New Year's Eve Party.**
 Charles and Leslie Lupo, Randy and Paula Rice, Nino and Gianna Trupiano

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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 September 18, 2013	Wednesday, October 16, 2013
	3 rd Wednesday of each Month



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

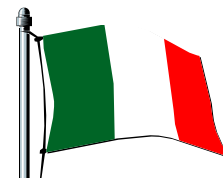
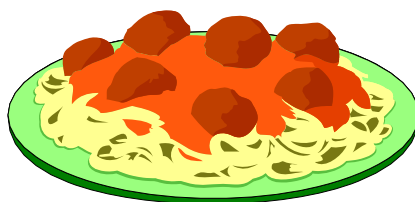
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$8.00

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Sausage addition for \$1.50

Italian Cannoli Dessert for \$1.25



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