



42nd Year, 1971-2013



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

October 2013 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... *** Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.***

Columbus Day – Monday October 14, 2013

October General Membership Meeting Time 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 President



Dear Club Members:
Fall has finally arrived, dew is on the morning lawns and the leaves are starting to turn beautiful colors.

I hope you were able to see the newly painted front lobby, it looks great. Plans are now underway to tackle the Menna Room. If you are interested in helping donate funds for paint/decorations or join us in the paint project, please call me so I can let you know the date and time.

Our coming events are: The last **Spaghetti Dinner** for the season is October 16th, let's make it the best one to date.

November 3rd **Memorial Mass**, November 10th **Arts and Craft Show**, December 14th **Christmas Party** and **Legends New Years Eve Celebration**.

The December 14th **Christmas Party** plans are being developed and we really need to make this party a success. Details will be announced at the October General Meeting. Tables are already being sold for the **Legends New Years Eve Celebration**, please call me as soon as possible to reserve your table for friends and family.

Special thanks to **Frank Giannotti** for his many years of hard work and dedication to the Club as Financial Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor and many other volunteer jobs. As of Sept. 11th, Frank submitted his resignation, effective November 30th. We will miss Frank's efforts to keep us informed...

Have a great Halloween.... enjoy all children who celebrate this sweet event.

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

Shareholder's Meeting – Oct. 27



The annual DIA Hall Business Board shareholder's meeting will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2013 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Business Board will be discussing Hall operations and income for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2013 and ending on March 31, 2013. **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.



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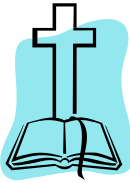
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Club Memorial Mass - Nov. 3, 2013



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is **Sunday, November 3, 2013**. The Mass will begin at 11:30 a.m. at **St. Joseph Catholic Church**, located on 334 Elm Street (Between 3rd and 4th Street) in Wyandotte, MI.

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 1:30 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 186 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. Florence is seeking volunteers to bring dessert to the luncheon.

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. See flyer in this newsletter.

Thank-you, **Florence (Sclafani) Coleman**

Art and Craft Show – November 10

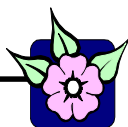


We will be having the 4th Annual **Craft/Vendor Show** on Sunday, November 10th, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. If you know of a crafter/vendor, please forward them my phone number (734-284-6671) and I will get them a table. Tables are \$35.00 each

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. . Please give me a call if you are willing to help with this table.

Thank You,

Emalie Shifflett



Pasta Event – Oct. 16, 2013



The September pasta event was smaller and unusual with only 419 meals served (between dining and carry-outs). There was a less turnout of members to prepare and help out on both days. Again, a big **thank-you** to all the members that helped out. The last pasta event will be on **Wednesday, October 16, 2013**. We love to see a large turnout of members support of this great fundraiser.

This is an excellent opportunity for new (and existing) members to meet and socialize with other 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 4:00 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.

A Night at the Opera

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DIAC Membership Christmas Party



The chairperson(s) of the Adult Christmas Dinner party are announcing this event will take place on **Saturday, December 14, 2013**. **Charlie & Leslie Lupo**, along with **Paula and Randy Rice** are the chairpersons.

You may purchase individual tickets or reserve a table of 10. Make your reservation early for the good table location. The event is open to member's family and their friends. Menu, pricing and entertainment information will be forthcoming in the November newsletter.

"Legends Live" New Year's Eve Show



The **Downriver Italian-American Hall & Club** will be hosting the "Legends Live" New Year's Eve Show on **Tuesday, December 31, 2013**. The chairpersons are **Charlie**

Lupo, **Nino Trupiano** and **Paula Rice** along with their spouse.

Make an effort to attend this fine event and please advise your family and friends. Complete with dinner and featuring tributes to: **Dean Martin**, **Frank Sinatra**, **Barbara Streisand**, **Roy Orbison** with MC & Comedian **Keith Ruff**. A flyer will appear in the November newsletter. Hurry, for tables are already being reserved.

Tickets are \$55.00 per person with dinner at 7:00 p.m., with the program starting at 8:00 p.m. There will be a DJ and Dancing, along with a cash bar. 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

Sick and Good Will



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

Vincenza (Vinnie) DiClaudio, **Donna Grazioli**, **MaryJane Grazioli**, and **Emilia (Mimi) Kerr**.

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 families of **Grace Badalamente**, **Nancy Marcantonio** and **Fay Palazzolo** on the death of their cousin, **Antonina (Nina) Badalamenti** who passed away on August 4 2013 at the age of 84. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Robert and Jacqueline Jagiello** on the death of Robert's father, **Robert Henry Jagiello**, who passed away on August 9, 2013, at the age of 91, in Florida. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Pauline Barraco** on the death of her mother, **Ninfa J. Zerilli** who passed away on September 2, 2013 at the age of 102. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Filippo (Frank) Pizzo** who passed away on September 15, 2013 at the age of 91. Frank joined the club in January 1979. He and his late wife, **Fara**, refinanced the club loan (from the bank) for the Menna Room and Building Renovation. They both attended many club functions. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Joe and Nicolina Susin** on the death of their son-in-law, **John Muuse**, who passed away on August 19, 2013, at the age of 64. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Steven and Sylvia Vitale** on the death of Steve's mother, **Santina (Vitale) Spraker**, who passed away on September 24, 2013, at the age of 96. May she 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.

Charles Cosner, Jr. (10/2)

Wynnth Martino (10/2)

Bettina Vitale (10/2)

Vivian Martino (10/3)

Mike Palazzolo (10/7)

Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8)

Joan Luzac (10/9)

James Bademian (10/10)

Josie Klube (10/11)

Gino Martino Jr. (10/11)

Robert Franzese (10/13)

Daniele Graziani (10/17)

Mary Randazzo (10/17)

Marco Talluto (10/17)

James Gandol (10/18)

Hermine Norscia (10/18)

Darlene Randazzo (10/18)

John Finazzo (10/19)

Heather Lalli (10/20)

Mary Giaimo (10/22)

Maria Graziani (10/22)

Karen Caputo (10/24)

Giuseppe Giammalva (10/24)

BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25)

Rose Bozzo (10/26)

Rino Pagnucco (10/26)

Michael McNally (10/27)

Marguerite Sclafani (10/29)

Rena DeMelis (10/30)

Angela McCarty (10/31)

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.

Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3)

Lenny and Pina Milewski (10/3) 60th

John and Maryann Graziani (10/6)
Ted and Lena Brockway (10/7) 30th
Joseph and Josie Badalamenti (10/9)
Henry and Teresa Le Sage (10/10)
Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14) 30th
Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)
Tony and Miriam Lumia (10/19)
Rino and Marie Pagnucco (10/31)

Congratulating New DIAC Members



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

James Bely of Lincoln Park, MI., sponsored by **Charles and Leslie Lupo**.

Nick and Karen Caputo of Woodhaven, MI., sponsored by **Charles Lupo**.

Lori Carducci of Ecorse, MI., sponsored by **Sadie Kusic**.

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members: **Maria Graziani, Emilia (Mimi) Kerr and Paula Rice** for bringing dessert to the September 22nd membership meeting. The dessert was very delicious – including the moist (Nancy Cosentino recipe) ricotta pie cake and the peanut butter Oreo cookie delight.

Phyllis Gandol, Leslie Lupo and Alice Patton have volunteered to bring dessert to the **October 27th membership meeting**.

The Little Things in Life



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

Medicare Pays for Flu 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 14th this year.

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 promoting our Hall to your family and friends. You are our ambassador that brings people in to view and book an event. No

matter how small the event, 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, decorating, food choices, and at a reasonable cost.

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

Thoughts for the Month

- ❖ If money is the root of all-evil, then I want to be bad, bad, bad!
- ❖ One is not born a genius, one becomes a genius.
- ❖ To profit from good advice requires more wisdom than to give it.
- ❖ From a tiny spark may burst a mighty flame.
- ❖ Anger manages everything badly
- ❖ If you don't climb the mountain, you can't enjoy the view.

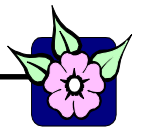
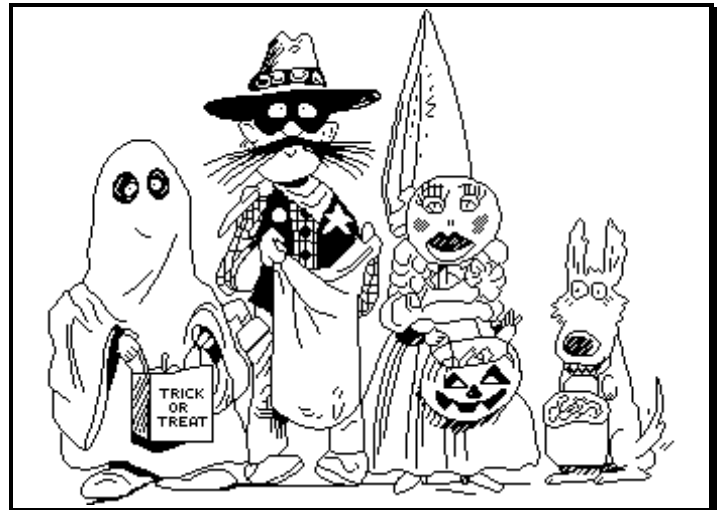
The Blessings of Service 🐾

I must do something for someone today,
Round up my love and give it away.
Telephone a friend just over the hill,
Who's a whole lot lonely and a little bit ill.

Write on my heart several things to do;
T'will be such a pleasure not to mention the fun!
Say a few words on a little bitty note,
To make somebody glad that I wrote.

Remember a friend if I can't be there,
Open my heart and just send a prayer.
The day moves on and I'm getting in high,
To give away that which money can't buy.

... Mildred H. Bell



Calendar of Upcoming Club/Hall Events

- Oct. 16, 2013** **October (Last) 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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The Fifth Annual

DIAC Memorial Mass/Luncheon

Sunday, November 3, 2013

Presented by:

The Downriver Italian-American Club

646 Biddle Avenue

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

Mass Service at:

St. Joseph Catholic Church

334 Elm St. (between 4th and 3rd Street)

Wyandotte, MI 48192

Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon at the DIAH 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**

**** Volunteers are needed to bring dessert to the luncheon. ****

I/We will be attending the **Memorial Mass/Luncheon** on Sunday - November 3, 2013, at St. Joseph Catholic Church
This coupon and payment must be received **no later than Friday- October 25, 2013**

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 Fourth Annual Art and Craft Show Sunday, November 10, 2013

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- * PAMPER CHEF /KITCHEN TOOL /BOOKS
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OR SEMI PRECIOUS STONE

~~~~ AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

SO COME AND SEE IT ALL ~~~~~



Doors open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**\*\*\* ADMISSION IS FREE \*\*\***

Meatball Sandwiches, Chips and Beverage Available



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**



# 2013 Last Pasta Event

## “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, October 16, 2013 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each Month |
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Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

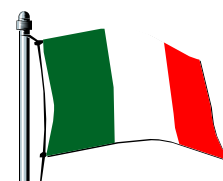
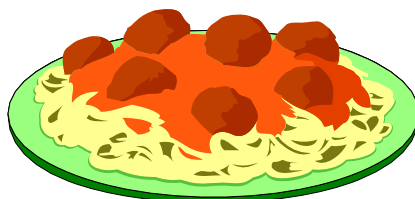
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$8.00

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Sausage addition for \$1.50

Italian Cannoli Dessert for \$1.25



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*The Downriver Italian-American Hall*

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