

THE ITALIAN CONNECTION- JANUARY, 2014 NEWSLETTER

DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB®

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IMPORTANT DATES: Board Meeting, January 14 7 PM

General Meeting, January 19 6:30 PM

2014 CLUB OFFICERS

President Charles Lupo

Vice President. Florence Coleman

Recording/Secretary Paula Rice

Treasurer Leslie Lupo

Asst. Treasurer George Levine

Inside Guard Rose Pagano

Outside Guard D. Vitale

Guide Grace Pizzo

Legal Cons. John Graziani

TRUSTEES

James Bademian Mark Grazioli

Sadie Kusic Vivian Palazzolo

Alice Patton Dennis Patton, Sr.

Alfonso Stralle Leona Vizzini

HALL BOARD

Chairman Nino Trupiano

Vice Chairman. A. Pietrangelo

Secretary Rocky Kaune

Treasurer Mary Cottone

Director Tony Lumia

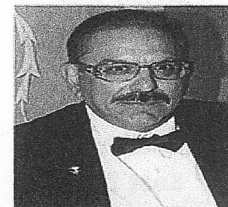
Director Sam Randazzo

LIBRARY BOOKS

Showcase books have been placed storage. Members who donated books and want them, contact the President.



From the President



Dear Club Members:

"Thank You" for allowing me to be your President for the past year, it has been a learning experience. I hope you all have enjoyed the addition of BINGO to our meetings, the new painted rooms at the hall and our outdoor sign being repaired, new signs added to promote the hall. This year will indeed be a time for all of us to work together so that we can continue to be a strong Italian community. There are many things still needed. The main hall is in need of painting as the wallpaper is deteriorating in areas. We also must continue our special events, Spaghetti, St. Joseph's, Taste of Italy, Arts/Craft Show, Memorial Mass, etc. but we need to add to this list so if you have any ideas, please don't hold back, let me know. WE ALSO NEED YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE EVENTS. PLEASE ATTEND AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Our Club needs to be rented every weekend, to continue in this fast paced world. If you know of anyone seeking a place to hold a special event, tell them about your beautiful hall and have them call us.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT- Ciao, *Ciro (Charles) Lupo*

WINTER LUNCHESES

Our first luncheon is January 15th, 11:30 AM. Mary Cottone and friends plan a delicious lunch for approx. \$6. Make check payable to DIAC. Call Mary at 285-4044 so they have an accurate count, no later than Jan. 13th. Join the fun.....

CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE

THE SNOWSTORM DIDN'T STOP 75 FUN-LOVING MEMBERS FROM BRAVING THE WEATHER AND ENJOYING AN EVENING OF GOOD FOOD, DANCING AND COMRADERIE.

MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE

The 2014 membership dues are now payable. The dues are \$30.00 for a Member/Associate who is single and \$60.00 for a married couple. Dues can be paid at the general membership meeting or you can mail a check or money order (payable to Downriver Italian-American Club), to: Leslie Lupo, 459 Cedar Street, Wyandotte, Michian 48192. The deadline for dues is March 31, 2014. For Honorary Members, (those with 25+ years of continued membership), the dues are \$15.00 for a single member and \$30.00 for a married couple. One copy of the newsletter is mailed (or hand delivered) to the member's household. A newsletter is available at the club website, www.diac.us.

LIST OF 2014 EVENTS:

St. Joseph Celebration	3/16
Cross & Light Event	4/13
April Pasta	4/16
Spring Legends	4/19
May Pasta	5/21
June Pasta	6/18
July Pasta	7/16
Picnic	7/20
Golf Outing	7/27
Boat Trip	8/15
August Pasta	8/20
September Pasta	9/17
October Pasta	10/15
Legends	10/18
Arts and Crafts Show	11/2
Memorial Mass	11/9
Members Christmas Party	12/13
New Years Eve Legends Live	12/31

DIAH 2014 HALL EVENT

Winter Luncheon	1/15
Winter Luncheon	2/19
Winter Luncheon	3/19
Taste of Italy	5/14
Wyandotte 4 th of July Parade	7/4

41st St. Joseph Day Program
Sunday, March 18th

Pageant at 2:00 pm – Admission Free
 Following the Pageant, a traditional Sicilian Pasta & Beans Dish will be served, including Grapefruit, Orange and Roll. By tradition, the food is blessed in the kitchen by a Catholic priest.

Adults: \$7.00 Children (10 years and under): \$3.50 Donations go to charities supporting children and needy families in our community. Event is open to public. Invite your family and friends! Tickets are available for purchase at the door.

For more information contact: Hall - (734) 285-4044, Florence Coleman – (734) 281-7126, Nancy Cosentino – (313) 383-0350, Grace Pizzo – (734) 379-9491

Remember: If we had no winter, Spring would not be so pleasant.....

SICK AND GOODWILL

Clubmembers Donna Grazioli and Farq Gaglio have been hospitalized/rehab.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to club members Nancy Cosentino, Maria Graziani and Miriam Lumia for bringing the desserts for the November Membership Meeting.

WIFI ACCESSIBLE

We have lost business due to not having WIFI. As of Dec. 6th, the necessary equipment has been installed. The DIAC Office will be able to give you necessary passwords to use the wireless network.

Welcome to the 21st Century
and enjoy this new service.

DIAC Certificate of Deposit News

During the month of January, Treasurer, Leslie Lupo, will be mailing the interest earned on the DIAC Bond Certificate for the year 2013.

If you do not receive your letter by the end of January, please contact Leslie at (734) 282-1257.

VACANCY ON THE CLUB BOARD

We have one opening on the Club Board – the position of inancial/Corresponding Secretary for a term to expire December 2014. Any club member in good standing can apply to be appointed by the Club Board. Your request must be received no later than January 31, 2014 to be considered. Contact Club president, Charlie Lupo, at (734)282-1257.

RENT THE DIA Hall Banquet Facility

If you have any relative (niece, nephew, or grandchild) who are getting married and looking for a banquet facility – please suggest our hall. We need you to help promote our club facility. Our staff will work with them on pricing. We have a beautiful hall and look forward to working with you and your family.