

# THE ITALIAN CONNECTION- FEBRUARY, 2014 NEWSLETTER

## DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB®

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IMPORTANT DATES: Board Meeting February 11 7 PM  
General Meeting February 23 6:30 PM

**2014 CLUB OFFICERS** President Charles Lupo,  
Vice President Florence Coleman, Recording/Secretary  
Paula Rice, Treasurer Leslie Lupo, Assist. Treasurer  
George Levine, Inside Guard Rose Pagano, Outside Gd.  
D. Vitale, Guide Grace Pizzo, Legal Consultant John  
Graziani

**TRUSTEES:** James Bademian, Mark Grazioli, Sadie  
Kusic, Vivian Palazzolo, Alice and Dennis Patton,  
Alfonso Stralle, Leona Vizzini.

**HALL:** Pres. Nino Trupiano, Vice Pres. A. Pietrangelo,  
Treas. Mary Cottone, Secretary Rocky Kaune, Directors  
Tony Lumia and Sam Randazzo

### NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

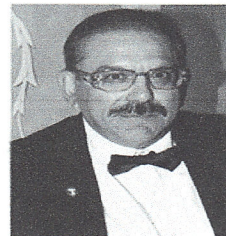
First and foremost I would like to thank my wife,  
Paula and Randy Rice, Sam Randazzo, Tony  
Lumia, Nino Trupiano, Mary Cottone, Kelsey &  
Brett Rice and Diana Holmes for dedicating many  
hours helping to make the event one of the best  
for our club. If you didn't attend, you missed a  
great party, over 280 guests enjoyed our club in  
an elegant and festive atmosphere. I would like  
to thank Gary & Arlene Roberts and family for  
the chair cover donation, and Rosalie Shimkus  
for the donation of a door prize. The food was  
superb, the Legends talent was one of the best.  
Future Legend Shows are now being planned for  
our 2014 event schedule. It is my hope you will  
join us in making our events successful.

**THEATER:** Sunday, April 13. Gaetano Vitale is  
organizing a group event to go see a production  
called Living Stations – The Cross and the Light.

The production is in April, we understand that  
the dates sell out very fast. THERE ARE ONLY  
56 SEATS SO RESERVE YOUR TICKET NOW!  
Contact Charlie Lupo 734-282-1257.



### From the President



Dear Club Members:

As we begin 2014 its is time to reflect back to 1971 and recognize a small group of people who got together to form this club, some of them are no longer with us. I would like to know information on those members, and our current charter members. I ask the present club members to contact me with any information (call me at 282-1257). Our club will continue to make 2014 a great year but as I have mention many times, we need your help. We are a senior club but your presence at our meetings and events would mean a lot, a time to get reacquainted with old friends, family, relatives.

In closing, please keep our 2014 events in mind. We have our Chef ZIAD, with his excellent food, and great Legends Live entertainment for all ages. Our past New Year's Eve Party had close to 300 in attendance, with many already asking when our next show is – April 12<sup>th</sup>, with a great entertainment lineup. Hope to see you there.

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

**WINTER LUNCHESES –** At the January Luncheon we had 32 guests. Our second winter luncheon is February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am. Mary Cottone and friends plan a delicious lunch for pre-registered guests \$6. Make check payable DIAC. Call Mary at 285-4044 so they have an accurate count, no later than Feb. 17 after that date the price will be \$8. Join the fun.....

**THANK YOU FOR DELICIOUS JANUARY DESSERTS –** It is always important to have great desserts after our strenuous meetings and for the month of January I would like to thank my wife and Giovanna Trupiano.

**SICK AND GOODWILL REPORT:** The following members have been ill or hospitalized: Gail Melzer, Josephine Klube, Angelo Giaimo, Joe Evola, Florence Coleman, Pina Milewski and Nancy Marcantonio.

### 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, Michigan 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](http://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	7/27
Golf Outing	7/20
Boat Trip	8/7
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
<b>DIAH 2014 HALL EVENT</b>	
Winter Luncheon	2/19
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Taste of Italy	5/14
Wyandotte 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	7/4

**ANNOUNCING THE SPRING LEGENDS LINEUP**

Reserve your table/seats now for the April 12<sup>th</sup> Spring Legends Dinner Show featuring Billy Joel, Blues Brothers, Joe Cocker, A Tribute to Motown by Thrill, (6 talented performers), and MC Comedian Keith Lenart. A delicious dinner will be served by our House Chef. Tickets are \$45 per person (\$5 discount for clubmembers reserving seats by 4/01/14 only) which includes dinner (with coffee, tea, soda) and show... For reservations contact Charlie or Leslie Lupu 734 - 282-1257, Paula or Randy Rice 734-285-8516 or Hall Office 734-285-4044. We have had many requests for the Blues Brothers and Billy Joel so tables may reserve early, book now to get the best seats.

**DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL?** -Leslie Lupu sends periodic emails advising members of special events and funeral notices. To be added to the list, give her your email address at a meeting or email her at [Lupo2390@att.net](mailto:Lupo2390@att.net)

**SEEKING: OLD 75 RECORDS TO BE MADE INTO PARTY TRAYS, IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD RECORDS THAT ARE NOT BEING USED, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE HALL...THANK YOU**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS REMOVAL PROJECT**

Thanks to the brave members who came out to help take down the Christmas decorations after our huge snowstorm. Joining us (my wife and me) were Sam Randazzo, Nino Trupiano, Mary Cottone, Leona Vizzini and Sadie Kusic. Leona and Sadie tackled the lobby and Menna room tree while the rest of us cleared the main hall and set it up for the weekend rental. The trees looked great this year so we took pictures to try to redo them next Christmas, too bad we couldn't just bag them but we do not have the room.....

**WE NEED TO ADD TO OUR MEMBERSHIP**

*If you have any relatives or friends who would like to spend time socializing with a great group of people, get one of our membership applications for Italian-Americans or Associate Memberships. The more members we have the more fun we can have at our events. Celebrate your birthdays/anniversaries at the club socials. Enjoy our beautiful hall, it is here for you.....*

**DIAC.US WEBSITE**

*Check out our website to see the pictures from our Christmas Party and New Years Party. It always looks like we are having a wonderful time and that is what a social club is about.*

*"Today is life - the only life you are sure of. Make the most of today. Get interested in something. Shake yourself awake. Let the winds of enthusiasm sweep through you. "Live today with gusto."*

**St. Joseph Day Celebration - Sunday, March 16, 2014**

Presented by: The Downriver Italian American Club Pageant at 2:00 pm - Admission Free Following the Pageant, a traditional Sicilian Pasta & Beans Dish is served, including a Grapefruit, Orange and Bread Roll. By tradition, the food is blessed in the kitchen by a Catholic priest. Adults: \$7.00, Children (10 years and under): \$3.50 All Donations go to charities. Helping children and needy families in our community. This event is open to the public. Invite your family and friends! Tickets are available for purchase at the door. For information: Hall Office: Diana Holmes or Mary Cottone - (734) 285-4044 Florence Coleman (734) 281-7126 Nancy Cosentino (313) 383-0350 Grace Pizzo (734) 379-9491.

May St. Joseph Bless You and Bring You Peace & Joy

