

THE ITALIAN CONNECTION- MARCH, 2014 NEWSLETTER

DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB®

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IMPORTANT DATES: Board Meeting March 11 7 PM

General Meeting March 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.

TRUSTEE: 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

St. Joseph Day Celebration, March 16th



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.

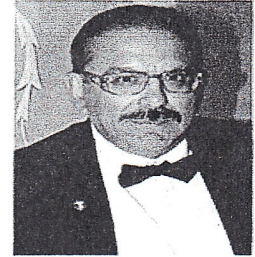
Helping children and needy families in our community. This event is open to the public. Invite your family and friends! Tickets are available for purchase at the door. For information: Hall Office: Diana Holmes or Mary Cottone - (734) 285-4044 Florence Coleman (734) 281-7126, Nancy Cosentino (313) 383-0350, Grace Pizzo (734) 379-9491.

May St. Joseph

Bless You & Bring You Peace

From the President

Dear Club Members:



It is almost Springtime, but do not put away your snow removal equipment just yet. Mother nature sometimes gives us a surprise, letting us know who is really in charge. As the saying goes, March comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb, let us hope we enjoy a beautiful Spring.

Our final club winter luncheon will be March 19th, then we start our Club big events for 2014, please see our updated event schedule in this letter. We have asked any and all members to participate in being a part of our events. St. Joseph's is a beautiful pageant and memorable for all involved. Our Spring Legends Show has a great entertainment lineup, a sure way to spend a great evening with delicious food, laughter with your friends, and enjoy great music. You also can save money if you purchase your tickets before March 31st. Tickets are available now. Once you have joined us for an entertaining evening, you will want to do more. Your beautiful hall, food and entertainment are all reasons to be proud of your Club. Enjoy your Club Membership, your Italian Heritage and spend time with your many club friends...

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

SICK AND GOOWILL -THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED MEDICAL SERVICES: PINA MILEWSKI AND MARY JANE GRAZIOLI. ANGELO GIAIMO HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED. NANCY MARCANTONIO IS RECOVERING FROM A FALL AND HAS RETURNED TO THE AMERICAN HOUSE. BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO ALL.

THANK YOU: February Meeting Desserts were prepared by: Alice Patton, Elisa Norscia and Giovanna Trupiano.

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: Leslje 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

LIST OF 2014 EVENTS:

St. Joseph Celebration	3/16
Cross & Light Event	4/13
April Pasta	4/16
Spring Legends	4/12
May Pasta	5/21
June Pasta	6/18
July Pasta	7/16
Golf Outing	7/26
Picnic	7/27
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
DIAH 2014 HALL EVENT	
Winter Luncheon	3/19
Taste of Italy	5/14
Wyandotte 4 th of July Parade	7/4

SPRING LEGENDS LIVE EVENT

Reserve your table/seats now for the April 12th 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 Lupo 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.

SANTA ROSALIA CLUB NEWS

Easter Mass on Sun. March 30th at Holy Family Church at 4:00 p.m. fellowship will follow downstairs after mass.

**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. Contact Office at 285-4044 or website.

HALL SPRING CLEANING – SPAGHETTI DAY PLANNING

Join us on March 26th at 9:30 AM for our annual Hall Spring Clean. Unfortunately, just like your home, the hall needs a thorough cleaning at least once a year, so help to make the hall sparkle. You can bring your own special cleaning supplies or use what we have available. There is some hard work involved but the time is spent with great conversation and goodwill. You also will have pride in the overall accomplishment. After Lunch we will hold a meeting to review this year's Spaghetti Program.

2014 SPAGHETTI TIME

Our first Spaghetti Lunch/Dinner for 2014 will be Wednesday, April 16. An excellent opportunity for new (and existing) members to meet and socialize with Club members. Tuesday morning, (4/15) at 9AM, we prepare sauce and meatballs, as well as set-up hall. The men come in at 6 PM on Tuesday evening to pre-cook the pasta. Wednesday morning, we start about 8 AM, with Lunch served from 11:30 AM-2:00 PM; Dinner from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. If you are not able to work, we ask your support by bringing friends and family to enjoy the delicious Spaghetti meal. This year the Spaghetti adult meal price has been raised to \$8.50 and a Spaghetti Season pass is \$50, this pass will only be sold at the April 16th event and entitles purchaser to 7 meals for \$50.

THEATER: Sunday, April 13-Cross and the Light

Gaetano Vitale is organizing a group event to go see a production called Living Stations – The Cross and the Light. 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATE

Angiolina Carlone and the late Valerio Carlone, proudly announces that their grandson, Austin Valerio Scipione, is a recipient of this year's Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship. Austin is currently a Senior at Woodhaven-Brownstown High School and will be attending the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor this fall. He is the son of Anselm and Lena Scipione.

HIGH COST OF SNOW REMOVAL

As you all know this year we have had an abundance of snow fall. This has resulted in the club paying over \$3,800 for snow removal so far (Dec./Jan bills). The Hall board has been unable to pay these bills so it has come out of our general membership funds. We need club members to support our events-Legends, Spaghetti Dinners, etc. so that any profit is used to pay our bills. Help us promote these events so we can continue to operate. Invite your family, friends, etc. and enjoy your club.