

THE ITALIAN CONNECTION APRIL-MAY, 2014 NEWSLETTER

DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB®

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IMPORTANT DATES: Board Meeting April 8 / May 13 7 PM
General Meeting April 27 / May 25 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. Anthony Pietrangelo, Treas. Mary Cottone, Secretary Rocky Kaune, Directors: Tony Lumia and Sam Randazzo

SPRING LEGENDS LIVE EVENT

Get out and celebrate the end of winter. Reserve your table/seats for the April 12th Spring Legends Dinner Show featuring Billy Joel, Blues Brothers, Joe Cocker, A Motown Tribute 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) which includes dinner (with coffee, tea, soda) & show... For reservations contact Charles Lupo 734-282-1257, Paula Rice 734-285-8516, Hall Office 734-285-4044.

HONORING MOTHER AT OUR MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST OR BRUNCH BUFFET – MAY 11TH

The Hall Board is working with our caterer to host a Mother's Day, May 11, Breakfast Buffet for \$12.99 and Luncheon Buffet for \$16.99. Menu and times for Mother's Day event are still to be determined and we will post the information on our website at DIAC.US or call the Office 734 285-4044 for further details.

Contact the Hall to make your reservations, celebrate Mother's Day at the DIAC and leave the food preparations and cleanup to others.

From the President

Dear Club Members:



Well, I believe we may have seen the last of winter and can now put away the winter heavy coats, gloves, hats, boots, etc. It certainly was a challenge for all members who are not able to escape to warmer winter climates. The club spent over \$5,000 in snow removal, this additional cost was certainly not a budgeted item and has put a hole in our funding. We need your help to replenish our treasury. I ask each member to make an extra effort to be part of our fund raising activities, like the Legends Show/Spaghetti Dinners, and bring your family and friends to enjoy our events. Also, we need to increase our membership, more members bring new ideas, more volunteers for events.

The March 16th St. Joseph's Festivities was another success and Chairperson Florence Coleman and her team did an outstanding job. Our final club winter luncheon was March 19, 30 members enjoyed an afternoon of conversation and good food. April 16 will be the start of our monthly Spaghetti Dinners. I know these events are a lot of work but we do put on a wonderful meal and the community is waiting for us to start up this tradition. Let's pull together as a team, get the word out to everyone that we are ready for a huge turnout each month. Don't forget to make reservations for the Mother's Day Breakfast – Luncheon Buffet, May 11, and Taste of Italy May 14. Enjoy your Club, your Italian Heritage and spend time with your many club friends.....**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.....** *Ciro (Charles) Lupo*

SICK AND GOOWILL -WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF ANGELO GIAIMO, FOUNDING MEMBER (SINCE 1971). HE PASSED AWAY IN MARCH, AND TO DAVID ZAHARA ON THE PASSING OF HIS GRANDSON. FARO GAGLIO HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED.

THANK YOU: March Meeting Desserts were prepared by: Carmela Stralle, Elisa Norscia and Phyllis Gandol. Also "Thank you" to Mary Cottone, Phyllis Gandol, my daughter Paula and wife Leslie, for volunteering to stuff 1,300 flyers (promoting St. Joseph Pageant and April Legends Show) in the St. Joseph/St. Pat Church Bulletin on March 6th.

FINAL DEADLINE FOR 2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Deadline for dues has been extended to April 15, 2014. If you have not paid your dues, please forward your check by April 15th to 459 Cedar Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192. A special notice will be included in this newsletter if our records show you are still owing for dues.

LIST OF 2014 EVENTS:

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
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	12/14
New Years Eve Legends Live	12/31
DIAH 2014 HALL EVENT	
Taste of Italy	5/14
Wyandotte 4 th of July Parade	7/4

NEW GRANDPARENTS: Congratulations to Nino and Gianna Trupiano on the birth of their grand-daughter Gabriella.

TASTE OF ITALY – MAY 14TH

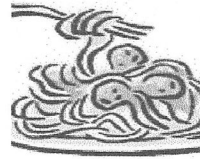
The 10th Annual Taste Of Italy event is scheduled for Wed. May 14th, at 6 PM at our DIAC Conference Center, Tickets are \$35 per person. Chairperson Tony Lumia has a variety of local businesses featuring a sampling of Italian cuisine. Vendors will provide delicious specialty items. Proceeds benefit the Penrickton School for Blind Children. For Ticket sales contact the DIAC Office at 734 285-4044 or Tony Lumia 313-565-0671. This event is open to the public.



St. Joseph Pageant Staff with Father Enzo from St. Lewis Center

ENGAGEMENT NEWS

Congratulations to Roger and Emily Schifflert on the engagement of their son Roger to Liza Karoub (Roger has helped us at Spaghetti Dinners). In addition, congratulations to Nino and Gianna Trupiano on the engagement of their son Vito.

2014 SPAGHETTI TIME

Our first Spaghetti Lunch/Dinner for 2014 is Wednesday, April 16. An excellent opportunity for new (and existing) members to meet and socialize. Tuesday (4/15) at 9AM, sauce and meatballs are prepared.. At 6 PM on Tuesday evening the pasta is pre-cooked. Wednesday morning about 8 AM, final preparations are made. Lunch is served from 11:30 AM-2:00 PM; Dinner from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. If you are not able to work, bring friends and family to enjoy the delicious Spaghetti meal.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DATE CHANGE

Please note that the date has been changed to Sunday, Dec. 14th due to the club being able to rent the hall on our original date.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES - You will note that this newsletter is combined for the months of April and May. We will also be sending out a newsletter for June, a combined September/October and combined November/December. So save the newsletter to make sure you have your dates for the general membership meetings and special events.



Pageant Performers above, volunteers below

