

# THE ITALIAN CONNECTION- JUNE, 2014 NEWSLETTER

## DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB®

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IMPORTANT DATES: Board Meeting JUNE 10 7 PM

No meetings in July and August

General Meeting JUNE 22 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



WYANDOTTE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

HOLIDAY PARADE

Chairperson Mary Cottone  
invites all members and

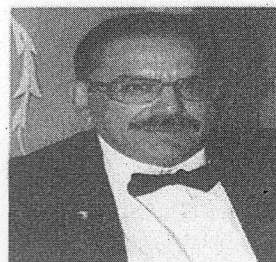
their families to march in Wyandotte's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. We will meet at the DIAC Hall Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 AM and make our way to the parade route. After the Parade all members of our unit are invited back to the hall for Pizza and coffee/soda. Children of club members are needed to carry the flags. Please wear red, white and green colors. More details will be available at the June Membership meeting or contact Mary at 313-689-5313.

### ANNUAL BOAT RIDE

BE READY FOR A GREAT BOAT RIDE ON THE DIAMOND JACK BOAT, THURSDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, MEET AT BISHOP PARK DOCK AT 2:45 PM, BOAT DEPARTS, HEADING SOUTH BY GROSSE ILE AND OLD BOB-LO ISLAND, AT 3:30 PM. IT IS A TWO HOUR RIDE AND HOPEFULLY THE WEATHER WILL COOPERATE. TICKETS ARE \$13 PER PERSON, CONTACT LESLIE AT 734 285-1253 SO SHE WILL HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT. WE MAY BE ABLE TO USE A DISCOUNT COUPON, IT IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME...

### From the President

Dear Club Members:



Before we begin our summer break (no meetings or newsletter for July and August, I want to mention our past events: Legends, St. Joseph, Mother's Day, Taste of Italy and Spaghetti Days – all were very successful due to the hard work by many of our clubmembers – Thank you. The May 21<sup>st</sup> Spaghetti Dinner was dedicated to Angelo and Rosalie Giaimo, who along with others helped form this club in July 1971, their family members attended the Spaghetti Dinner and also made a donation to the club.

Spaghetti Dinners are held during the summer months (look at event schedule for dates) as always so we look forward to your participation. We welcome all members to come out and help when you can. When we return in September please think about who you would like to elect for the club board and directors, it is never too early for this consideration. Enjoy the summer weather and I look forward to seeing you at our June meeting and then when we start back up in September.

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

**REMEMBER: NO BOARD OR GENERAL MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY AND AUGUST. ENJOY YOUR SUMMER.**

**SICK AND GOOWILL** – WE EXTEND SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE FOLLOWING CLUB MEMBERS: MARIA JOHNSON ON THE PASSING OF HER MOTHER GRACE ALFANO (HER FUNERAL WAS MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>). FRANK AND LILIANA GIANNOTTI ON THE APRIL PASSING OF LILIANA'S MOTHER WHO LIVED IN ITALY. MARIA GRAZIANI ON THE PASSING OF HER FATHER GIUSEPPE, APRIL 30, WHO PASSED AWAY IN ITALY. FAMILY OF FARA (FANNY) PASSALACQUA WHO PASSED AWAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>.

**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH** – WAS A GREAT SUCCESS WITH OVER 400 GUESTS ENJOYING A DAY TO CELEBRATE "MOTHERS".



**LIST OF 2014 EVENTS:**

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	12/13
New Years Eve Legends Live	12/31

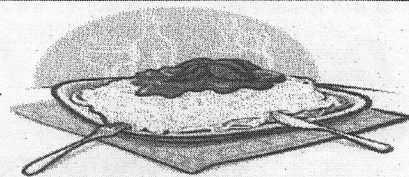
**DIAH 2014 HALL EVENT**

Wyandotte 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade 7/4

**THANK YOU:** April/May Meeting Desserts were prepared by: Lisa Vespa, Mary Levine, Lisa Norscia, Leslie Lupo, Alice Patton and Mary Randazzo.

**TASTE OF ITALY** – was a great success with over 235 guests being able to enjoy a variety of Italian cuisine. All proceeds were donated to the Penrickton School for Blind Children in Taylor, MI. Tony Lumia, chairperson for this event was pleased to present a check for \$5,471 to Kurt Selby, Director of the Penrickton School. The DIAC has donated over \$41,000 to the Penrickton School through the Taste of Italy Program.

*Picture is of Director of Penrickton Center Kurt Selby and clubmember Jim Bademian*

**2014 SPAGHETTI TIME**

Our Spaghetti Lunch/Dinners are well underway with two events completed. A special thank you to Florence Coleman, Mary Cottone and my wife, Leslie – for coordinating the stuffing of 1300 Spaghetti Day and Mother's Day Flyers in the April Church Bulletins. It is a great way to promote our activities. Also I commend all the wonderful clubmember volunteers who work diligently at setting up for our Spaghetti Dinners and working on the day of the event. We could not continue with this excellent fundraiser without all those talented hard workers. We still have five more spaghetti dates to go and need your assistance to continue this successful program. If you have time, volunteers are needed to make meatballs, sauce and prepare our silverware and carry out products on the Tuesday (9 AM) before each Spaghetti Wednesday. Then on Spaghetti Day we need help for the lunch and dinner crowd. Remember if you cannot volunteer, why not bring your friends and family to enjoy a delicious Spaghetti meal. The May Spaghetti Day Program was dedicated to Angelo and Rosalie Giaimo, one of our club's founding (1971) members. President Lupo presented an award to family members, Nina and Jim Smithpeters and son Matt.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

*Paula and Randy Rice proudly announce their daughter, Kelsey Rice, graduated this spring from Grand Valley University with a Bachelors Degree. She traveled to India in May to complete her studies and will be attending Bowling Green State University this fall for her Master's Degree. Kelsey is the granddaughter of Charles and Leslie Lupo.*

*Vincenzo and Lilla Vitale proudly announce the arrival in March of their new granddaughter, Lilliana.*