

# THE ITALIAN CONNECTION-NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2014 NEWSLETTER

## DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB®

646 BIDDLE AVENUE, WYANDOTTE, MI 48192 734-285-4044 WEBSITE: DIAC.US  
IMPORTANT DATES: Board Meeting NOV. 4 @ 7 PM DEC. 9 @ 7 PM  
General Meeting NOV. 23 @ 6:30 PM (no mtg. In Dec.)

### 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



### CRAFT SHOW

We are having our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft/Vendor Show on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please make sure you let all your family, friends and neighbors know about our show. We will have 38 tables. If you are able to help the day of event, please contact Emalie at 734-284-6671. We also need members to provide delicious items for the bake sale. You can drop off your baked goods that morning after 8 a.m. Join us at the Craft Show and see if any items would make perfect Christmas presents for your friends and family.

### MEMORIAL MASS

The Annual DIAC Memorial Mass is scheduled for Sunday, November 9, 2014 at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish (St. Joseph's Church) 334 Elm Street, Wyandotte. Mass is at 11:30 AM, followed by a reception at the Downriver Italian American Club Hall. Price is \$12 per person. Volunteers are needed to provide desserts. Contact Florence Coleman at 734 281-7126 for reservations.

### From the President

Dear Club Members:



It has been an honor and a pleasure to have served as your President for the past two years. This will be my last newsletter so I would like to thank you for your support during the last two years and for making our club events a success. It has certainly not been an easy task to coordinate all the details of the operations of this club. I have spent many sleepless nights worrying about the future of our club and hope that our present direction will be successful and we become a unified social club like we once were. Our club will continue to exist and be viable for many years. Your new club board of directors will still have very important decisions to make so please come out to give them your support. In closing, I would like to thank my executive board, hall board, and all our members for your contributions and memorable times. Remember to please support our final four 2014 events: Craft Show, Memorial Mass, Christmas Party and New Year's Eve Celebration.

THANK YOU, CIAO *Ciro (Charles) Lupo*

SICK AND GOODWILL – Tamara Kaune, Julie Bademian and Vito Trupiano have been ill.

ELECTION- 2015 BOARD OFFICERS: At the October 26<sup>th</sup> General Mtg. the following members were nominated and unopposed: President Florence Coleman, Financial Corresponding Secretary Charles Lupo, Treasurer Mark Grazioli, Asst. Treasurer George Lavine, Inside Guard Paula Rice, Outside Guard Damiano Vitale, Guide Grace Pizzo. Election will be held Nov. 23 for 5 Trustees, nominations: Leona Vizzini, Sam Randazzo, Mary Cottone, Tony Lumia, Alfonso Stralle, Tony Pietrangelo, Sadie Kusic and Vivian Palazzolo. Two positions were not filled – Vice President and Recording Secretary.

Members in good standing can vote on Nov. 23 at the hall, between noon and 6 PM. Election results will be read at the General Meeting – 6:30 PM.

Absentee Ballot – If you will be unable to attend the 11/23 General Meeting you may request an Absentee Ballot, 15 days in advance of the election, you must contact Emalie Shifflett at 734-284-6671 for your ballot. It must be returned prior to the Nov. 23 General Meeting.

**LIST OF 2014 EVENTS:**

Arts and Crafts Show	11/2
Memorial Mass	11/9
Members Christmas Party	12/13
New Years Eve Legends Live	12/31

***THANK YOU: THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS  
HAVE PROVIDED DELICIOUS DESSERTS FOR  
OUR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MEETINGS:  
LISA VESPA, ROSE ZERILLI, PIETRA VITALE,  
LESLIE LUPO, PAULA RICE AND ALICE  
PATTON.***

**CHRISTMAS PARTY Sat. December 13th**

Doors Open at 6:00 PM - Buffet Dinner 6:30 PM - 8 PM  
D.J. By M.T.J. Monte Productions - Raffle Prizes

**Entrées:**

- Michigan Cherry Salad
- Homemade Rolls and Butter
- Cheese Tortellini with Alfredo Sauce
- Chicken Picatta - Athena Baked Scrod
- Pork Tenderloin with Cognac Mushroom Sauce
- Baked Merry Mix
- Honey Marchmallow Mashed Sweet Potatoes
- Crumbled Apple Pie and Ice Cream
- Coffee, Tea, Soda, Beer and Wine

We welcome those guests with specific diets: allergy foods, vegetarian and vegan. If you require a special dinner, please notify us when making your reservation.

Invitation includes Family and Friends  
(16 years and Older)

Reserved tables of 10 only, all other where available.

Price \$25 per member \$30 Non Member

**FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE WRITE ON BLANK  
PAPER YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE AND  
TOTAL NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY**

Make check or money order payable to:  
Downriver Italian-American Club

And mail to 459 Cedar Street, Wyandotte 48192  
For further info: Call Charles Lupo 734-282-1257



**Happy New Year!**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE LEGEND DINNER SHOW**

The Downriver Italian American Club, 646 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan, is planning a spectacular New Year's Eve Dinner Show, Wednesday, December 31, 2014. This event will feature a Legends Live Tribute Show, starring Ray Charles, Bobby Darin, Tom Jones, Donna Summers and Frankie Valli. Tickets are \$60 per person, including a fabulous dinner catered by Silver Shores, the Legends Show, DJ/Dancing and Midnight Champagne Toast.

**Doors open 6 PM, Dinner 7 PM, Show 8 PM.**

**Menu is: SURF AND TURF DINNER**

- SILVER SHORES VINEGARETTE SALAD
- CHEESE RAVIOLI SUN DRIED TOMATOES IN PESTO SAUCE
- LEMON SORBET
- SHRIMP SCAMPI
- CHAR-GRILLED CHICKEN
- FILET MIGNON
- ROASTED POTATOES
- ASPARAGUS IN BERNAISE SAUCE
- ROLLS
- DESSERT - FRENCH CAKES

**NOTE: WE WELCOME THOSE GUESTS WITH SPECIFIC DIETS: FOOD ALLERGIES, VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN. IF YOU REQUIRE A SPECIAL DINNER-PLEASE NOTIFY US WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION.**

**This event was a sell out last year, so if you would like to have an evening of good food and entertainment to celebrate the start of 2015, join us....For tickets call the hall at 734 285-4044 or Chairperson Charles Lupo 734-282-1257 or Paula Rice at 734 285-8516.**