

THE ITALIAN CONNECTION MARCH/APRIL 2015

DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB®

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IMPORTANT DATES: Board Meeting March 10 / April 14 3 PM

General Meeting March 22 / April 26 6:30 PM

2015 CLUB OFFICERS

President Florence Coleman, Vice Pres. Frank Gianotti, Recording Secretary Linda Burnett, Fin. Corresponding Secretary Charles Lupo, Treasurer Mark Grazioli, Assist. Treasurer George Levine, Inside Guard Paula Rice, Outside Guard Damiano Vitale, Guide Grace Pizzo

TRUSTEE: James Bademian, Sadie Kusic, Tony Lumia, Alice Patton, Dennis Patton, Tony Pietrangelo, Sam Randazzo and Leona Vizzini.

HALL: Pres. Nino Trupiano, Treas. Mary Cottone, Secretary Rocky Kaune

WINTER LUNCHES

The next Winter Lunch will be 3/18/15. If you would like to participate, please contact Mary Cottone at 285-1563.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW HONORARY MEMBERS: Joe & Vita Alastra, Serafina Badalementi, Joe Bozzo, BettyJean Ferraloulo, Maria Horvath, Mike and Nina Palazzolo, Martin and Rosalie Shimkus, Antonio & Fara Vitale, Damiano and Pietra Vitale, Marco Vitale, Vince & Francesca Vitale.

ROSTER UPDATE

We are updating our membership list. If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address, please contact Charles Lupo 734-282-1257.

SPAGHETTI DINNERS

We will again be hosting Spaghetti Days, third Wednesday of each month, from April thru October. Lunch from 11:30 AM to 2 PM, and dinner from 4 to 7 PM. Contact President Coleman for details. April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21.

From the President

Dear Club Members:



I have great news. The papers have been signed for the sale of the building and the business. They are two separate corporations. The sale is contingent on obtaining our liquor license. I will keep checking to see how this is going. If all goes well, it shouldn't take more than a few months. Until then, we will operate as usual.

We had a good attendance at our **January General Meeting**, considering the weather. Many questions were asked about the sale of the building and what it would involve. We had less members attend the **February General Meeting**, due to the cold weather. At this meeting, it was discussed and agreed by the majority present to have our **3rd Wednesday Spaghetti Dinners** until the sale is final. This is the Club's only income. There were some that did not agree, but the majority said they were willing to help. We need members to fill in for those who wish not to participate, so please mark your calendars for **April 15th**. I'm sure you can help in some way, even if it's only for an hour or two. We might set up a time sheet, so you won't have to stay all day, unless you wish to. I hope to see more of you at the **March General Meeting**. Attending is the best way to stay updated and to ask any questions you may have.

I'm happy to say that about 30 members attended the **January Luncheon**. Our next lunch is **March 18th**. The menu is broasted chicken, from the Chicken Shack on Eureka, a lunchmeat tray, fresh baked bread and salad. Members bring dessert. You may bring friends if you wish, but please call Mary Cottone 313-283-8240 to let her know how many will be going. You are more than welcome to hang out after lunch to socialize or play cards.

Please stay warm and healthy.

Florence Sclafani Coleman, President

SICK AND GOODWILL – SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF VINCENZA DiCLAUDIO, (SHE PASSED AWAY IN DECEMBER). SINCERE SYMPATHY TO ANGELO NORSCIA ON THE PASSING OF HIS BROTHER FIORAVANTE. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ILL – SAM PALAMARA, PAULINE BARRACO, EMMA CHECCIO, ROSALIE SHIMKUS, PHIL LUPO, PINA & LENNY MILEWSKI CONGRATULATIONS TO VINCE AND FRANCESCA VITALE ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR GRANDSON.

2015 Membership Dues...Annual Club membership dues are due...Dues are \$30 per member/associate \$60 per couple. Honorary members (25+years of continued membership)are \$15 per member, \$30 per couple. Dues can be paid at the General Membership Meeting or you can mail your check (payable to DIAC) to Charles Lupo, 459 Cedar Street, Wyandotte, Mi. 48192. Dues deadline is March 31, 2015. If you have any questions, call 734 282-1257.