



36th Year, 1971-2007

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

Board of Directors Meeting..... Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting *** CANCELLED ***

December 2007 NEWSLETTER



Buon Natale a Tutti – Merry Christmas to All

No Membership Meeting in December

The December 23rd General Meeting has been cancelled due to the Christmas Holiday. We wish the members and their families the Very Best for the Holidays.

December Board Meeting Rescheduled

The December Board meeting has been re-scheduled to Wednesday, December 12, at 7:00 pm**. Board member participation is required. Please jot it on your calendar.

May you have the Spirit of Christmas, which is

Peace

the Gladness of Christmas, which is

Hope

the Warmth of Christmas, which is

Friendship

the Heart of Christmas, which is

Joy

the Blessing of Christmas, which is

Love

A Message from the Club President



It's hard to believe, but the Holiday Season is upon us. By now we should all of had our fill of Thanksgiving leftover turkey, gravy, stuffing and mashed potatoes. It's time to celebrate Christmas and New Years.

In December, the Club will be hosting three Holiday events for Members and their children:

The Member Christmas Party, Friday December 14.

The Children's Christmas Party, Sunday December 16.

A New Years Dance, with a live band, December 31.

The Financial Corresponding Secretary has sent letters to all current bond holders. The renewal response from our

members was gratifying. The Board approved the sale of additional bonds. See the attachment in this Newsletter. You must respond by December 13 if you are interested in purchasing a bond.

The Hall Board has been very active with new ideas to increase revenue or reduce cost. **Jim Bademian** has volunteered to head up an effort to replace ceiling tiles in the Hall, during January and February when business is slow. Once a schedule is developed, we will be seeking volunteers.

The Club is looking into holding a **Texas Hold 'em** or **Millionaires Party** this winter. The company we are working with is a school to train casino workers for the local casinos.

The Board approved a \$15 charge for mailing the Newsletter to Honorary members, which pay no dues. This will cover mailing expenses. It is each members choice if they want the newsletter mailed or not. There will be no charge for e-mailing the newsletter or picking up a copy at the Club.

As we move into the Christmas and New Year's season, many of us will be traveling to be with family or having family home for the holidays. We need to drive carefully to our destinations. **Mary Jane** and I will be flying to visit our daughter **Michelle** and her family in Wisconsin for Christmas. We have not spent a Christmas with Michelle in quite a while. May God bless each of you and your families over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Remember, there will be no general membership meeting in December.

Buon Natale!

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President



DIAC Membership Christmas Party



The Membership Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, December 14, 2007. **Sadie Kusic** and **Leona Vizzini** are the chairpersons. This event is open to members and a guest of a single member.

Menu and pricing is included in the attached flyer. Music is by **DJ John Frasson**. Reservation deadline is December 1, 2007. Please respond early for those good seats. Please call **Sadie or Leona** for seating arrangement. See the attached flyer for event details.

For further information, contact **Sadie Kusic** at (734)374-1699 or **Leona Vizzini** at (313)383-4775.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

To the Membership and their Families!



Children's Christmas Party



Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan will be chairing the **Children's Christmas Party** set for **Sunday, December 16, 2007**. **Santa Claus** has been booked and will be the special guest of honor. As in the past, this event is open to the DIAC members who have children that are 10 years and under.

Rosalie is looking for members who can donate cookies and other goodies. Deadline for reservation is December 1, 2007. A flyer with a return coupon is included in this newsletter.

For further information, contact **Rosalie** at (734)285-7406.

New Year's Eve Event



Start thinking about this event immediately! This event is chaired by **Tony Pietrangelo**, along with **Rocky Kaune**. Tickets and reservations will soon be available for the New Year's Eve event. If you are planning to attend or want to reserve a table with your friends, please contact them. As an added bonus, if you purchase your tickets on or before December 5, there will be a reduction of five dollars. This applies to all that want to come. See attached flyer for further information. Tickets must be paid at time of reservation and no tickets will be sold at the door.

For ticket sales, contact: **Tony Pietrangelo** at (734) 676-4877, **Rocky Kaune** at (734) 246-4255, or **Diana Holmes** at (734) 285-4044.

Multi Business Holiday Buffet

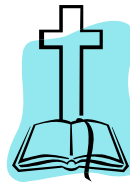


The Hall Board is having this event for businesses that are small and want to hold a Christmas party for their employees. This will be a first at the banquet hall. Businesses and their employees will celebrate like the big guys. Please advise any business you know to this event.

The chairperson for this event is **Tony Pietrangelo**, with the help of the Business Board. As a note, club members and the general public are welcomed. See the attached flyer for further information.

For further information and ticket sales, please contact **Diana Holmes** at (734)285-4044.

Italian Mass at St. Stanislaus



The **Downriver Santa Rosalia Club** is having an Italian Mass at **St. Stanislaus Church** in Wyandotte on Sunday December 2, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a social hour immediately following the mass, at the **Southgate Civic Center** at 14400 Dix-Toledo Road, (immediately behind the Southgate City Hall & Library) Southgate, MI. **There is a fee of \$10.00 per adult for non-members of the Santa Rosalia Club.** Beverage and a snack will be served.

St. Stanislaus is located at 266 Antoine, seven blocks north of Northline and two blocks west of Biddle. For further information, please contact **Grace Pizzo** at (734)379-9491.

Mardi Gras Event



The DIAC Young Membership will be chairing a **Mardi Gras Event** at the DIAC Hall on February 2, 2008. Chairpersons are **Lina M. Giannotti** and **Rita (Trupiano) Dauss**. There will be food and music with a New Orleans's theme. Information is not complete at this time. Detailed information will be forthcoming in the January newsletter. Please reserve this date on your calendar. Last year this event was well received and all had a wonderful time. We want this to be a wonderful turnout and give the young DIAC members our support in making this a successful annual event.

Winter Luncheon at the Club

Due to a conflict, there will not be a Winter Luncheon at the Club in the month of January.

The luncheons will start on Wednesday - February 20, 2008 - 12:00 noon.

The luncheon will be held as usual in the Menna room. The meal will be lunchmeats and chicken, per your

suggestion at the meeting. If you would like to bring your favorite desert or salad, please let us know so we won't buy as much; if not, just bring yourself. Remember, we divide the cost of the lunch by the people present.

Newsletter Mailing

You hear price increases everywhere – from gasoline prices, food, paper goods and postage. These directly affect the cost the Club is enduring. Currently the DIAC newsletter is mailed free to households of members who have attained 25 years of membership. Starting in January 2008, honorary (or 25 year members) will be charged a fee of \$15.00 to have the newsletter mailed to their home.

You can pick up a free copy of the newsletter at the Club during normal business hours.

Make the check payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club**. Mail the check to:

Frank A. Giannotti
Financial Corresponding Secretary
14823 Williamsburg Blvd.
Riverview, MI 48193-7703

Please mail your check during the month of December for the year 2008.

DIAC Bond Drive

The Downriver Italian-American Club is soliciting to the membership a Bond drive. See attached note. Please fill this out if you wish to participate.

Bus Trips on the Horizon



Four Winds and Blue Chip Casinos – Wed./Thurs., March 14/15, 2008 – New Buffalo, MI. and Michigan City, IN.

This is a two-day/one-night event. The cost is \$125.00 per person (based on double occupancy). This package includes a 1-night hotel stay in New Buffalo, MI. You will be visiting the famous Four Winds Casino. You will receive \$30.00 incentive - which you may use for food or slot play.

You will also be visiting the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana, on the first day.

The Bianco Bus will be departing and returning at the Club parking lot. **Coffee and donuts included on the first morning. Happy Hour provided on the return trip.**

For reservation and further information, please contact **Nancy DiPasquale at (734)282-1644**. Deadline is March 3, 2008. Mail your check (made to: Bianco Tours) to:

Nancy DiPasquale
13426 Mulberry
Southgate, MI 48195-2499.

My Wish for You at Christmas

My wish for you this Christmas
From deep down in my heart,
Is for all good and happy things
Such holidays impart.

I wish you peace, and hope, and love,
And health, and happiness,
Prosperity, and close to you,
The ones you love the best.

My wish for you this Christmas
Is most sincere and true,
And it has a special meaning
Because It's just for you.

And you'll always be remembered
For the friendship that you give,
In all my prayers at Christmastime
And every day I live.

~ Grace E. Easley ~



Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized: **Ed Klube, Nancy DiPasquale**. Get Well Wishes to all our members who are not feeling well. Please advise **Grace Pizzo (734) 379-9491** of anyone who is ill.

Congratulating New DIAC Member

Please welcome the following new members who recently joined the DIAC membership:

Linda (D'Alosio) Kerr, of Trenton, MI. Sponsored by **Tony and Joyce Pietrangelo**.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

We wish to extend our Congratulations and Best Wishes to our members who are celebrating their Birthday this month.

<i>Mary Wierzba (12/3)</i>	<i>Giuseppe Alastra (12/19)</i>
<i>Gina Cosner (12/04)</i>	<i>John Cadorin (12/19)</i>
<i>Salvatore Vitale (12/5)</i>	<i>Paul Consiglio (12/19)</i>
<i>Bruce Yinger (12/5)</i>	<i>Kelli Fracassa (12/20)</i>
<i>Roger Zampieri (12/5)</i>	<i>Angela Palazzolo (12/20)</i>
<i>Sylvia Vitale (12/6)</i>	<i>Vivian Cacioppo (12/22)</i>
<i>Anna Crapanzano (12/8)</i>	<i>Shirley Cavataio (12/22)</i>
<i>Lina M. Giannotti (12/11)</i>	<i>Josephine Chimento (12/23)</i>
<i>Edward Palermo (12/12)</i>	<i>Carlo LoPiccolo (12/24)</i>
<i>Domenick Forte (12/14)</i>	<i>Nancy DiPasquale (12/26)</i>
<i>Giovanna Vitale (12/14)</i>	<i>George Lavine (12/26)</i>
<i>Aldo Gerbi (12/15)</i>	<i>Larry Mitchell (12/26)</i>
<i>Richard Kaune (12/15)</i>	<i>Ivan McFaul (12/27)</i>
<i>Francesco DeMelis (12/16)</i>	<i>Marian Maniaci (12/28)</i>
<i>Tom Talluto (12/17)</i>	<i>Steven Vitale (12/28)</i>
<i>Rosalie Aluia (12/18)</i>	<i>Robyn Vitale (12/30)</i>

Happy Anniversary – Felice Anniversario

We wish to extend our Best Wishes for many Happy and Healthy Years together, to our couples who will be celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this month.

Gregory and Sandra Saucier (12/19)
Ivan and Nancy McFaul (12/27) 50th
Don and Emilia Kerr (12/31)

Pensiere Fisso

Quando mi sveglio al mattina
 Sei il mio primo pensiero
 Quando vado al lavoro
 Sai sempre nei miei pensieri;
 Quando la sera vado a letto
 Sei il mio ultimo pensiero:
 Che bella la vita spensierata
 La Rubrica di Antonello

A Breakfast Moment

There was a woman who was a high school counselor and thus knew all the signs of emotional upheaval. One morning her preteen daughter showed up for breakfast, dragging her feet and rubbing her eyes. The young girl flopped down in her chair and told her mother she was sick of life.

All of her mother's high school counselor alarms went off as she rushed around the breakfast bar, put an arm around her daughter, and began to explain to her why life is worth living.

The daughter looked up at her with a confused look on her face and said, "Mom!?! I meant Life cereal."

Bless Those We Love

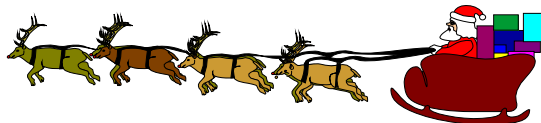
Lord, Bless those we love on this Christmas Day,
 be they near or far away.
Vincenza DiClaudio (12/11) *Salvatore Lentini (12/22)*
 Bless good friends who mean so much
 and those with whom we're out of touch.
 Bless them all, both young and old
 with all the love their hearts can hold.
 Bless them now and through the year
 with simple joys, good will, and cheer.
 We bring them all to you in prayer
 and ask you to keep them in your Care.

Calendar of Coming Events

- Dec. 14, 2007 Member's Christmas Event.**
 Sadie Kusic, Leona Vizzini.
- Dec. 16, 2007 Children's Christmas Event.**
 Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan.
- Dec. 31, 2007 New Year's Eve Gala Event.**
 DIA Hall Board
- Feb. 2, 2008 Mardi Gras Event.**
 Lina Giannotti, Rita (Trupiano) Dauss.
- Mar. 16, 2008 St. Joseph Celebration.**
- Jul. 27, 2008 Membership Summer Picnic.**

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Member's Children Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.



This Party is for **Member's Children Only**. The child must be 10 years and under.

This year's party will again consist of fun hands-on activities for all the children and a pizza luncheon. Directly from the North Pole, Santa Claus will be the special guest. Moms and dads, don't forget to bring your camera and catch those special moment with Santa.

If you wish to donate cookies, please call Rosalie Vitale-Karawan. at (734)285-7406.

Return the coupon below to:

Rosalie Vitale-Karawan
17120 Kennebec
Riverview, MI 48193-7608

****This form must be received no later than December 1, 2007. This deadline must be strictly enforced to ensure your child will receive a gift.**

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Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ City _____

Print Child's Name

Age

Girl

Boy

Mail to: Rosalie Vitale-Karawan, 17120 Kennebec, Riverview, MI 48193-7608

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New Year's Eve Party

Monday, December 31, 2007

Music by The Four of Us

Dinner by Chef Jeanne Liedel

6:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour - 7:30 p.m. Dinner

Buffet Style Dinner - Door Prizes

* Favors, Midnight Champagne Toast and Pizza *

Tickets must be paid at time of reservation:

\$45.00 per person – if Paid on or before Dec. 5, 2007

\$50.00 per person – if Paid after Dec. 5, 2007

♣ Open to the General Public ♣



Menu –

Cheese, Crackers, Fruit and Veggies
Tossed Green Salad in House Dressing
Mostaccioli in House Sauce
Baked Herb Chicken
Sliced Top Sirloin
Baked Ham
Dinner Rolls and Butter
Specialty Dessert
Coffee & Tea
Your Favorite Beverage



Reserved tables of 10 only - All others seated where available.

Make check payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club**

Mail to: Mr. Tony Pietrangelo
1618 Camelot Drive
Trenton, MI 48183-1949

For further information please contact:

Rocky or Nancy Kaune at (734)246-4255

Diana Holmes – DIAH Banquet Hall Office at (734)285-4044

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Multi Business Holiday Buffet

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Music and Dancing

Dinner by Chef Jeanne Liedel

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. – to 10:00 p.m.

Tickets must be paid at time of reservation:

\$20.00 per person

♣ For Small Business Parties that Don't meet Minimums. ♣

♣ This Event will have Several Businesses' - All on the Same Night ♣

Buffet Style Menu

Tossed Green Salad in House Dressing
Penne Pasta in Meat Sauce
Baked Herb Chicken
Sliced Top Sirloin Au Jus
Dinner Rolls and Butter
Specialty Dessert
Coffee & Tea
Cash Bar

Reserved tables of 10 only - All others seated where available.

*Make check payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club***

Mail to: Mr. Tony Pietrangelo
1618 Camelot Drive
Trenton, MI 48183-1949

For further information please contact:

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DIAC Member's Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 14, 2007

Music by: DJ John Frasson

Family Style Dinner by Chef Jeanne Liedel

6:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour, 7:30 p.m. Dinner



Hors D'oeuvre

Cheese, Fruit, Cracker Dish Centerpiece

Main Entrées:

Italian Wedding Soup

Tossed Salad, Sliced Italian Bread /w Olive Oil

Linguini with Oil and Garlic

Herb Baked Chicken

Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions

Baked Roll Pork

Oven Roasted Potatoes

Mixed Vegetables

Dessert

Sander's Cream Puff with Hot Fudge

Beverage, Coffee or Tea

Each Table with 2 carafe of wine

\$25.00 per member, \$30.00 per guest of a single member

Reserved tables of 10 only. All other seated where available. Door Prizes

Tickets must be paid at time of reservation:

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

Mail to: Sadie Kusic

22888 Coachlight Circle

Taylor, MI 48180-6398

For further information call: Sadie Kusic at (734) 374-1699 or

Leona Vizzini at (313) 383-4775



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I (We) will be attending the D.I.A.C. 2007 Members Christmas Party on Friday, December 14, 2007.
This ticket and payment must be received no later than December 1, 2007.

Name: _____ Number of people Attending: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club.** Table No. _____

Mail this form and check to: Sadie Kusic ♣ 22888 Coachlight Circle ♣ Taylor, MI 48180-6398

----- Buon Natale ----- Merry Christmas ----- Buon Natale ----- Merry Christmas -----