

# LA BEFANA



**Will be arriving at the Italian American Club of Livonia**

**THURSDAY, January 4, 2024**

**Doors open at 5:00pm, Buffet at 5:30pm**

Reservations are required  
**January 3, 2024 by NOON**  
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Option 1 Pasta Line

Option 2 Direct

*\*\*please note, this will be a sold event, make reservations early*

Members \$17.00

Non-Members \$22.00

Children (6-12) \$ 8.00

5 and under No Charge

In Italian folklore, La Befana is the story of the three wise men who stopped at her house to ask directions on their way to Bethlehem.

They invited her to join them, but she refused as she was busy cleaning. She promised that she would catch up with them when she was finished, but by that time, they were long gone.

She frantically began running after them still carrying her broom with presents for baby Jesus. Magically, she began to fly on her broomstick but still could not find the wise men or Baby Jesus. Since then, in Italy on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, La Befana flies on her broom leaving gifts for children. She brings presents for the good and pieces of coal for the bad in a similar way as St Nicholas or Santa Claus.

## ITALIAN

La Befana vien di notte  
con le scarpe tutte rotte,  
Col vestito alla "romana"  
Viva viva la Befana!!  
Porta cenere e carboni  
ai bambini cattivoni,  
ai bambini belli e buoni  
porta chichi e tanti doni!!



## ENGLISH

The Befana comes by night  
with her shoes all broken  
with a dress in Roman style  
so alive is the Befana!!  
She brings ashes and coal  
to bad girls and boys  
and to the nice good children  
she brings candies and many gifts!!

