



36th Year, 1971-2007

# The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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## \*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*

Board of Directors Meeting..... Tuesday, April 10, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
General Membership Meeting ..... Sunday, April 22, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

## April 2007 NEWSLETTER



## Buona Pasqua - Happy Easter! April 8, 2007

### A Message from our Club President



It has now been three months since I became your President and I have really enjoyed it. As we move into April, the Club activities are beginning to pickup.

The Hall sponsored Fish Buffets during Lent have been a success with over 100 diners served on the last two Fridays. Next will be an **Easter Buffet on April 8th**,

followed by a **Mother's Day Buffet on May 13th**. We as members need to continue support these dinners by bringing neighbors, friends and family.

Rentals for the Hall are down this year and with the economy in Michigan it's going to be a difficult year. We still need your help with the rentals. If you know of someone that needs a hall, have them call **Dianna Holmes, Nino Trupiano** or myself. The Club Board at its January meeting approved a finder's fee for members for a referral that results in a rental in 2007. For each rental referred by a member, that member will receive \$100 if the rental is for Saturday and \$50 if that rental is for a Sunday.

The **St. Joseph Pageant** was a great success with \$2,900 being raised for charities. The total since 1993 is now \$83,265. Thanks to **Florence Coleman, Nancy Cosentino, Sal DiPasquale** and all of you that helped.

Our regular Spaghetti Dinners will start in April on the third Wednesdays of the month and run through October.

The 4th annual **Taste of Italy** will be held on Wednesday May 9, 2007. Seating will be limited to 240. Get your tickets (\$35) early so you won't be left out.

There will be another **Golf Outing** on Saturday August 11, 2007 at Westburn Golf Club, more information will be forthcoming.

We will be adding advertising to our Newsletter to help defray the cost of printing. **Frank Giannotti** is working on this project.

**Rocky Kaune** has been appointed to the Hall Business

Board. Thanks to **Sam Cosentino** (who he will replace), for his many years of service to the Club.

The club Board passed a motion to allow members that dropped out in 2005 and 2006 to rejoin without an initiation fee -their membership will start in 2007. If you know of someone that is interested have them contact **Frank Giannotti**.

**Mark S. Grazioli, Club President**

### Easter Dinner Buffet - Sunday, April 8



There will be an Easter Dinner Buffet on **Easter Day, Sunday, April 8, 2007** between the hours of 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. at the Downriver Italian-American Hall. See the attached flyer for the meal selection. Advanced tickets are: \$17.00 per Adult, \$16.00 for Seniors, and \$8.00 for Children between 4 and 10 years of age. Tickets purchased at the door are \$1.00 more. See the attached flyer for further information. It is suggested you call early and make your reservation.

This event is open to the general public. Advise your family, friends and neighbors. There is no need to spend waiting in long lines at restaurants, when you can be accommodated immediately at the Hall. Your seating time will be based on a schedule to avoid over-crowding. Make your reservations early.

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

### 1st Spaghetti Dinner - April 18, 2007



The **Spaghetti - Mostaccioli Dinners** for 2007 will be starting up again, on **Wednesday April 18, 2007**. The dinners are on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Wednesday of the month through October. To date over 70 members have indicated a willingness to work either Tuesday when we prepare the sauce and pasta or Wednesday when we serve the public. On Wednesday, lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and dinner is from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Many retirees have asked to work just the Lunch. Several members who are still working have asked to just work the Dinner. If you have not signed up, you can call **Mark Grazioli** at (734)671-5884 or just come down. If you have any ideas on how to improve the parking situation, please give me a call. New faces are always welcome. Those of you who have helped in the past are greatly needed.

**Mark Grazioli** - Chairperson

Happy Easter Day

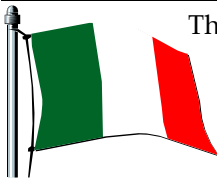
Wishing you an Easter Day  
That's perfect through and through  
Just filled with many wonderful  
And pleasant things for you.

And then throughout the future  
May you know in every way  
The happiness God promised us  
On that first Easter Day.



God Bless You  
At Easter And Always

### A Taste of Italy – May 9, 2007



The 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Taste of Italy** event will be held at the **DIA Hall on Wednesday, May 9, 2007**, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The chairperson is **Tony Lumia**. The event will feature

sampling of Italian cuisines from various local businesses. The vendors will be providing their food specialties. The serving will be buffet style. See attached flyer for time, vendor and cost information. All proceeds to benefit the Penrickton School for the Blind.

For further information and ticket sales, contact **Diana Holmes** at the DIAC Hall (734)285-4044. **This event is open to the public.** Please attend and invite your friends.

### DIAC Golf Outing - May 21, 2006



The Young Members of the Club are sponsoring a Golf Outing on Sunday, May 21, 2006, at Woodside Meadows, at the corner of King Road and Inkster Road. It includes 18 holes of Golf, a Power Cart, Lunch at the turn and a Barbecue Dinner after the golf.

It will be a team (4 Person) scramble with a shotgun start in the morning.

The cost is \$60 for members and \$65 for non-members.

We are also looking for companies to sponsor a hole. The cost is minimal. What a deal! A flyer will appear in the May newsletter.

If you want to golf, but do not have a foursome give us a call and we will fit you in with some other Club Members.

Deadline for reservation is May 7, 2006.

For further information, please contact:

**Gaetano (Guy) Vitale** (734) 675-0169

**Tony Lumia** (313) 565-0671

### DIAC Scholarship Program

The DIAC has initiated a Scholarship Program, for club member's children in the amount of \$500.00. The scholarship is intended for freshman college or university tuition. Any high school senior who will graduate at mid-year or the end of the current scholastic year is eligible. The award of the scholarship will be based on Grade Point Average, ACT/SAT scores, personal essay and extra curricular activities.

An application package can be obtained by contacting **Frank Giannotti** at (734) 283-7394, or **Grace Pizzo** at (734) 379-9491. Helping this committee are **Lina Giannotti, Rita (Trupiano) Dauss and Luisa Trupiano**. The deadline for submitting an application is May 1, 2007.

### Congratulating New DIAC Members

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

**Mamie Vitale** of Wyandotte, MI. Mamie is sponsored by **Rose Vitale**.

### Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were hospitalized: **Nancy Kaune, Phyllis Cottone, Delores DeJohn, Jim Morrin, Rudy Ricci and Piera Vitale**. Get Well Wishes to all our members who are not feeling well. Please advice **Grace Pizzo** (734)379-9491 of anyone who is ill.

Condolences to the families of: **Fay Palazzolo, Nancy Marcantonio, Sam Palazzolo and Rosalie (Angelo) Giaimo**, on the death of their sister-in-law, **Francis Palazzolo**, who passed away on March 6, 2007, at the age of 75. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Luigi Biundo** on the death of his wife, **Reitha Biundo**, who passed away on March 7, 2007, at the age of 60, Condolences to the family of **Gino and Barbara Biundo**. Condolences to the family of **Jack (Angela) Palazzolo** on the death of his aunt. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Marie Vitale** on the death of her husband, **Jim Vitale**, who passed away on March 14, 2007, at the age of 88. Jim and Marie lived in Scottsdale, Arizona. Condolences to the family of **Grace Randazzo and Fannie Passalacqua** and to **Sam (Ann)**

**Vitale.** Condolences to all other related **Vitale** families.  
May he rest in peace.

### Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

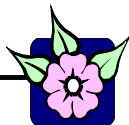
We wish to extend our Congratulations and Best Wishes to our members who are celebrating their Birthday this month.

<i>Salvatore Curcuru (4/1)</i>	<i>Helen DiMarco (4/13)</i>
<i>Silvania DiMarco (4/1)</i>	<i>Eugene Kling (4/13)</i>
<i>Carmela Molnar (4/2)</i>	<i>Ignazio Biondo (4/16)</i>
<i>Rena Mendrysa (4/3)</i>	<i>Vito Badalamente (4/17)</i>
<i>Paola Ventimiglia (4/3)</i>	<i>Michael Norscia (4/17)</i>
<i>Angela Vassallo (4/5)</i>	<i>Phillip Lupo (4/20)</i>
<i>Linda Carrier (4/6)</i>	<i>Augustino Iacopelli (4/21)</i>
<i>Maria Giammalva (4/6)</i>	<i>Josephine Palazzolo (4/21)</i>
<i>Fannie Randazzo (4/7)</i>	<i>Abby Gustaf (4/22)</i>
<i>Nina Liberati (4/8)</i>	<i>Louise Myslitz (4/22)</i>
<i>Joseph Palazzolo (4/8)</i>	<i>Fred Marzano (4/23)</i>
<i>Grace Randazzo (4/8)</i>	<i>Luisa Trupiano (4/25)</i>
<i>Dora Agrusa (4/9)</i>	<i>Angela Palazzolo (4/26)</i>
<i>Matteo Agrusa (4/9)</i>	<i>Norman Tabaka Jr. (4/27)</i>
<i>Mary Caparaotta (4/9)</i>	<i>Gina Cinglie (4/28)</i>
<i>Giuseppe LaFata (4/9)</i>	<i>Judith Saenz (4/28)</i>
<i>Lina Frassetto (4/10)</i>	<i>Joyce Mitra (4/29)</i>
<i>Janice Labadie (4/11)</i>	<i>John Palazzolo (4/29)</i>
<i>Lia Giannotti (4/12)</i>	<i>Maria Vitale (4/29)</i>
<i>John Parisi (4/12)</i>	<i>Joseph A. Pagano (4/30)</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.

*Phil and Sue Lupo (4/7)*  
*Gino and Wynnith Martino (4/8)*  
*Sam and Margaret Vitale (4/11)*  
*Anthony and Dora Mangiapane (4/12)*  
*Augustino and Loni Iacopelli (4/14)*  
*Giuseppe and Providence Evola (4/15)*  
*Vito and Margaret Trupiano (4/15)*  
*John and Joan Cadorin (4/19)*  
*Joseph and Rose Donofrio (4/19)*  
*Edward and Rena Mendrysa (4/22)*  
*Sam and Fannie Randazzo (4/23)*  
*Joseph and Nicolina Susin (4/23)*  
*Bill and Pauline Barraco (4/24)*  
*John and Anna Finazzo (4/24)*  
*Jim and Shirley Bommarito (4/28)*  
*Vince and Catherine Mannino (4/29)*



### Advertisement in the Newsletter

Following up on the discussion of paid advertisement in the newsletter, the following ad size and pricing has been established:

3-3/4" W X 2" H - \$20.00 per month.

3-3/4" W X 4" H - \$30.00 per month.

The newsletter is printed 10 months out of the year. Businesses' purchasing a year in advance will receive one month free.

If any business wishes to place such an ad, please contact **Frank Giannotti**, at (734) 283-7394.

### Treasured Moments

We make our world in the way we live,  
By what we keep and by what we give.  
By daily plans and words we say,  
By things we cherish or thrust away.

We make our world from the beauty we see,  
In Nature's rhythmic pageantry,  
In sunlit stream or pale moonrise,  
The haunting wonder of Spring butterflies.

We make our world by the joy we give,  
In heart-warming ways to treasure and live,  
By spreading comfort through hope and care,  
By deeds of courage and love to share.

We make our world by the goals we set,  
In measured course with purpose met,  
By daring dreams that reach the sky,  
Keeping our vision as time goes by.

- Elisabeth Weaver Winstead -

### A Woman's Prayer

Dear Lord, I pray for:

**WISDOM**, to understand a man.

**LOVE**, to forgive him.

**PATIENCE**, for his moods,

Because, Lord, if I pay for

**STRENGTH**, I'll just beat him up.

Humor provided by Ann Lepidi and Vincenza DiClaudio

### A Church Gossip Moment

Mildred, the church gossip, and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose in to other people's business. Several members did not approve of her extra curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told Frank (and several others) that everyone seeing it there

would know what he was doing. Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He did not explain, defend, or deny... he said nothing.

Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house... walked home... and left it there all night!!!

You gotta love Frank!

Humor provided by MMF

### New Friends and Old Friends

Make new friends, but keep the old;  
Those are silver, these are gold.

New-made friendships, like new wine,  
Age will mellow and refine.

Friendships that have stood the test –  
Time and change - are surely best;  
Brow may wrinkle, hair grow gray,  
Friendship never knows decay.

For 'mid old friends, tried and true,  
Once more we our youth renew.

But old friends, alas! may die,  
New friends must their place supply.

Cherish friendship in your breast-  
New is good, but old is best;  
Make new friends, but keep the old;  
Those are silver, these are gold.

© Joseph Parry, sent by Wendy Hinson

### Strategies for Old Age

About 2 years ago, a husband and his wife were on a cruise through the western Mediterranean, aboard a Princess Liner.

At dinner, they noticed an elderly lady sitting alone by the rail of the grand stairway in the main dining room.

They also noticed that all the staff, ship officers, waiters, kitchen helpers, etc., all seemed very familiar with this woman.

They asked their waiter who the woman was, expecting to be told that she owned the line, but he said he only knows that she had been onboard for the last four cruises, back to back.

As they left the dining room one evening, they caught her eye and stopped to say hello. They chatted and the couple said, "I understand you've been on this ship for the last four cruises." She replied, "Yes, that's true."

"I don't understand" and she replied, without a pause, "It's cheaper than a nursing home." So, there will be no nursing home in my future. When I get old and feeble, I am going to get on a Princess Cruise Ship. The average cost for a nursing home is \$200 per day."

"I have checked on reservation at Princess and I can get a long term discount and senior discount price of \$135 per day. That leaves \$65 a day for:

1. Gratuities, which will only be \$10.00 per day.
2. I will have as many as 10 meals a day if I can waddle to the restaurant, or I can have room service (which means I can have breakfast in bed every day of the week).
3. Princess has as many as three swimming pools, workout room, free washers and dryers, and show every night.
4. They have free toothpaste and razors, and free soap and shampoo.
5. They will even treat you like a customer, not a patient. An extra \$5 worth of tips will have the entire staff scrambling to help you.
6. I will get to meet new people every 7 or 14 days.
7. TV broken? Light bulb needs changing? Need to have the mattress replaced? No Problem! hey will fix everything and apologize for you inconvenience.
8. Clean sheets and towels every day, and you don't even have to ask for them.
9. If you fall in the nursing home and break a hip you are on Medicare; if you fall and break a hip on the Princess ship, they will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life."

Now hold on for the best! Do you want to see South America, the Panama Canal, Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, or name where you want to go?

Princess will have a ship ready to go, so don't look for me in a nursing home. just call shore to ship.

P.S. And, don't forget, when you die, they just dump you over the side at no charge!

Humor provided by Tom Talluto

### The Brain

In the hospital, the relatives gathered in the waiting room where their family member lay gravely ill.

Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and somber...

"I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news,"

he said as he surveyed the worried faces.

"The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant.

It's an experimental procedure and very risky but it is the only hope.

Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the brain yourselves."

The family members sat silent as they absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "Well, how much does a brain cost?"

The doctor quickly responded, "\$5,000 for a male brain, and \$200 for a female brain."

The moment turned awkward. The men in the room tried not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the women, but some actually smirked.

A man unable to control his curiosity, blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask,

"Why is the male brain so much more?"

The doctor smiled with a childish innocence and explained to the entire group, "It's just standard pricing procedure. We have to mark down the price of the female brains because they've actually been used."

### Thoughts for the Month

Rich people miss out on one of life's greatest pleasures, that of paying the last installment.

Did you read about the woman who hadn't used a telephone in more than 30 years? That's what happens when you have teenagers in the house!

If you want your dreams to come true, you must wake up and go to work!

Women do come with instructions... ask them.

An engineer was showing his wife around the office when she asked him, "Do you really know how to use every gadget here?" The man proudly said that he did and his wife joked, "And I'm supposed to believe that you can't figure out how to operate the washing machine?"

I'm not aging... I'm just ripening to perfection!

"The trouble with life is, by the time you can read a girl like a book, your library card has expired." M. Berle

A lot of trouble can easily be caused by combining a small mind and a large mouth.

A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have.

HUSBAND: a man who buys his football tickets four months in advance and waits until December 24 to do his Christmas shopping.

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong

Courage does not always roar. Sometimes it is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying... I will try again tomorrow."

Women have a passion for mathematics. They divide their age in half, double the price of their clothes and always add at least five years to the age of their best friend.

### A Medical Moment

After a long-overdue checkup, the female dentist sat down with her patient to go over all the work that would need on her mouth. Her total estimate was \$9,200. I

gasped. "For that kind of money, I could get a tummy tuck and silicone implants."

"But what about your smile?" she asked.

"If I had all that done," she told her, "I guarantee no one would be looking at my teeth."

### A Family Moment

When a son informed his mom he had the highest academic average of all the tenth grade students, She was so proud. "Stewart, I've been telling you since third grade how smart you are," she said to her self-deprecating son. "You've never believed me. Now do you?" "Yes, Mom." "I don't know where you get it from," she added jokingly. His book smarts immediately became apparent: "You know, Mom," he replied, "some traits skip a generation."

### Calendar of Coming Events

- April 6, 2007** ..... **Fish Buffet – Good Friday**  
DIA Hall Board w/Members.
- April 8, 2007** ..... **Easter Dinner Buffet**  
DIA Hall Board w/Members.
- May 9, 2007** ..... **Taste of Italy – Charity Event.**  
Tony and Miriam Lumia
- July 4, 2007** ..... **Wyandotte Independence Parade**  
Mary Cottone and Board.
- July 29, 2007** ..... **Membership Annual Picnic.**  
Vivian and Mike Palazzolo.
- Oct. 12, 2007** ..... **Fall Wine Dance**  
Fay Palazzolo, Grace Pizzo.
- Dec. 14, 2007** ..... **Adult Member Xmas Party**  
Sadie Kusic, Leona Vizzini.
- Dec. 16, 2007** ..... **Children Xmas Party**  
Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan.
- Dec. 31, 2007** ..... **New Years Eve Party**  
DIA Hall Board.

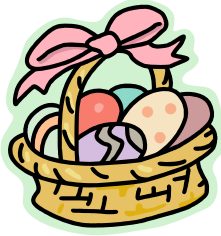
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**Jeanne's Catering and the  
Downriver Italian-American Hall**

646 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, MI 48192



**Easter Dinner Buffet**

**Sunday April 8, 2007**

12:00 noon – 5:00 pm (Last Reservation at 4:00 pm)

Call Now for Your Reservations (734) 285-4044

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Chef Carved Beef Sirloin, Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce,  
Fish Monterey, Italian Sausage w/Peppers and Onions,  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Penne Pasta w/Garlic Tomato Sauce,  
Salads, Relishes, Cheese & Crackers, Italian Wedding Soup,  
Peel & Eat Shrimp in Cocktail Bowl.

Dessert Table with Coffee & Tea

Cash Bar Available



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Adults – \$17.00 in Advance / \$18.00 at the Door

Seniors – \$16.00 in Advance / \$17.00 at the Door

Children (4 to 10 Years) – \$8.00 in Advance / \$9.00 at the Door

Public Welcome – Bring Your Family and Friends

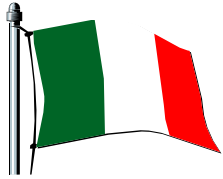
Also – Join Us for Mother's Day Dinner Buffet

# "A TASTE OF ITALY"

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN HALL

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Featuring a Sampling of Italian Cuisine From:

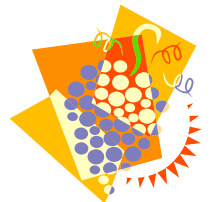
- \* CARRABBA'S GRILL
- \* DELIZIOSA BISTRO
- \* JACK'S BAKERY
- \* JEANNE'S CATERING
- \* PANERA BREAD
- \* PIA'S RESTORANTE
- \* MAGIC CHEESECAKE
- \* DOLCE VITA
- \* JOHNNY CARINO'S ITALIAN
- \* LIBERATI'S DELI & BAKERY
- \* PORTOFINO'S RESTAURANT
- \* ROMAN VILLAGE RESTAURANT
- \* THE FISH MARKET

A sampling of wines from DISCOUNT DRINKS of Wyandotte



Serving 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**TICKETS - \$ 35.00**



ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE PENRICKTON SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

For more information and ticket sales - contact:

DIANA HOLMES - DIAH OFFICE - (734)285-4044

**PUBLIC WELCOME - BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**



# April Pasta Event

Choice of Spaghetti or Mostaccioli  
Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Tea  
A Beverage is included

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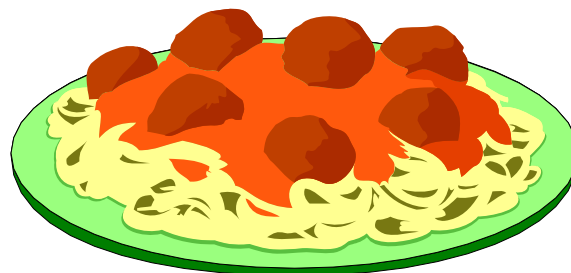
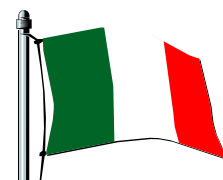
Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7.00

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00



**Carryout is Available**

**Our Delicious Meat Sauce is Available for Purchase**

Enjoy a Delicious Italian Home Cooked Meal

Public Welcome – Bring Your Family and Friends

