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The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

June 2007 NEWSLETTER

Board of Directors Meeting..... Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting Sunday, June 24, 2007, 6:30 p.m.



Happy Father's Day - Sunday, June 17, 2007

No Meetings for July and August

There will not be membership meetings for the months of July and August. The club functions during this period include the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade** and the **Club Picnic**. Both of these events are mentioned in this newsletter. The Club Board meetings are cancelled during these two months. The monthly pasta event will continue during July and August. Please come to help, or even enjoy a fine pasta dinner. Invite your friends. **Have a safe and an enjoyable summer.**

A Message from the Club President



Our regular **Spaghetti Dinners** started in April. We had 540 people (compared to 507 in 2006), which was good. In May we had 482 people (compared to 755 in 2006), which was low. The weather was poor and it was the same week as Mother's Day. If you can't work, then bring a table of friends to the June Spaghetti

Dinner on the third Wednesday of the month.

The **Taste of Italy** was a success with 169 guests and we will be donating \$3,500 to the Penrickton School for the Blind. To date we have donated \$12,300. Thanks to committee members: **Tony Lumia, Miriam Lumia** and **Dianna Holmes** as well as those that helped that evening (**Fred Marzano, Stella Marzano** and **Grace Pizzo**).

The **Mother's Day Buffet** was a success with about 300 people.

We are looking for a couple of volunteer members to add to the Hall Board. If you are interested, please contact myself, **Tony Lumia** or **Nino Trupiano**.

There has been a request for payment of one of the \$10,000 (6%) Club Bonds, which expires in December 2007. At a Special Club Board meeting on May 22nd we decided to see if any members are interested in purchasing all or part of the bond amount. Please let me know before the next Club Board meeting, which is June 12, 2007.

Upcoming Club activities include:

Wyandotte Independence Day Parade – Wed. July 4, 2007.

Club Picnic - Sunday July 29, 2007, at Patriots Park in Riverview.

The **Golf Outing** - Saturday August 11, 2007 at Westburn Golf Course.

On May 1st I had an operation for a recurring hernia and abdominal reconstruction at the University of Michigan Hospital. Everything went well and I am on the mend. Thanks for your prayers and well wishes.

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

On Father's Day

God, took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity.
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add.
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it...
Dad

Spaghetti Dinner - June 20, 2007



The Club will once again have the monthly **Spaghetti - Mostaccioli Dinner** on **Wednesday June 20, 2007**.

The attendance at the May event was a success – a bit down from previous years. Once again, we need volunteers on Tuesday to prepare the sauce, meatballs and pasta. Then on Wednesday we need volunteers to cook and prepare the side dishes to the customers.

These are fundraising events needed to operate the Club and Hall. New faces are always welcome. Those of you who have helped in the past are greatly appreciated. We do have a lot of wonderful people helping out.

My Loving Husband

Who looks across a crowded room
And knows with just a glance,
The things my heart is feeling
In every circumstance?

Who holds me when I'm feeling blue
And listens to my woes,
Then hugs my heart with gentle words
Until that feeling goes?

Who knows me by the things I say,
And more by what I hide,
But loves me with the promise
That he'll stay right by my side?

Who comforts and protects me,
No matter what life brings--
It's You, the man who fills my life
With a million happy things.

- Anonymous -

Wyandotte Independence Day Parade



Our Club will be participating in the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade - Wednesday, July 4, 10:30 a.m.** The club will participate as a marching unit. We are

in desperate need of people who can walk the parade route.

Those who can walk will be marching with flags and dressed in our red white and green color tradition. We need a good turnout to make the club look good. Bring your children and grandchildren. The group will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Biddle, between Mulberry and Cedar. Look for familiar faces. More information will be provided at the June membership meeting.

The chairperson is **Mary Cottone**. Mary can be reached at (734) 285-1563.

Membership Picnic – July 29, 2007



The Annual Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 29, 2007. The picnic will be held at the Young Patriots Park, on Sibley Road in Riverview. The chairpersons for this event are **Mike and Vivian Palazzolo**, with the help of the Board Members. This event has always been a great success. A flyer is attached with this newsletter. Return the coupon and your monies to **Vivian Palazzolo**, (734) 281-1876.

Members will have a choice of steak or chicken. There will be music, good barbecue and a great opportunity to show

off your bocce talent. The bocce tournament will be organized like previous years (weather permitting). The winning team in the men's and women's competition will each receive a trophy for their hard work. Get a jump start and practice your bocce skills during the coming weeks.

DIAC Golf Outing – Aug. 11, 2007



The Young Members of the Club are sponsoring a Golf Outing on Sunday, August 11, 2007, at Westburn Golf Club in South Rockwood. It includes 18 holes of Golf, a Power Cart, Lunch prior to shotgun start, and Steak/Chicken Barbeque Dinner after the golf. It will be a team (4 Person) scramble.

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! See the attached flyer for more details.

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

Deadline for reservation and payment is July 31st.

For further information, please contact:

Gaetano (Guy) Vitale (734) 675-0169

Tony Lumia (313) 565-0671

Bus Trips on the Horizon



The following trips are being planned:

All That Glitters in Detroit: Greektown Casino, and Diamond

Jack's Riverboat Cruise: July 26, 2007. Bus departs at 9:15 am. Returns at 6:15 pm. Cost: \$45.00 per person - includes incentives.

Point Edward Charity Casino, Sarnia Ontario: August 22, 2007. Bus departs at 9:00 am. Returns at 5:30 pm. Cost: \$17.00 per person - includes incentives.

For further information on these events, please contact **Nancy DiPasquale at (734)282-1644**.

Educational Achievement News

Stephanie Agrusa, (granddaughter of **Joe and Lil Agrusa**) recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Eastern Michigan University. In addition, Stephanie was awarded the **Delores Brehm Scholarship**, which funded her final year of study.

Stephanie is currently teaching special education at Saline High School and is planning on returning to college to earn her Master's degree.

On May 5, 2007, **Matthew Menna**, son of **George and Rosemary (Daloisio) Menna**, graduated with honors

from Michigan State University's - College of Natural Science, majoring in Astrophysics. This fall, Matthew will begin a doctoral program in physics at Florida State University.

Congratulations to these fine students in achieving these high goals in their lives. Congratulation to the parents who supported them.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

<i>Joseph Cuva (6/1)</i>	<i>Arnaldo Fracassa (6/18)</i>
<i>Randall Rice (6/3)</i>	<i>Antoinette Cora (6/19)</i>
<i>Vito A. Trupiano (6/3)</i>	<i>Donna Grazioli (6/20)</i>
<i>Antonino DiPasquale (6/4)</i>	<i>Jennifer Pagano (6/20)</i>
<i>Michael Cosentino (6/5)</i>	<i>Daniel Brooks (6/21)</i>
<i>Serafina Badalamenti (6/6)</i>	<i>Angela Pizzo (6/22)</i>
<i>Connie Pagano (6/7)</i>	<i>Vito Trupiano (6/22)</i>
<i>Gina DiCarlo (6/6)</i>	<i>Nancy Kaune (6/23)</i>
<i>Fay Palazzolo (6/11)</i>	<i>Alex Cellini (6/24)</i>
<i>Anna Finazzo (6/13)</i>	<i>Paula Rice (6/24)</i>
<i>Stella Marzano (6/13)</i>	<i>Gina Villella (6/25)</i>
<i>Susie Coch (6/14)</i>	<i>Loni Iacopelli (6/27)</i>
<i>Liliana Giannotti (6/17)</i>	<i>Pina Milewski (6/27)</i>
<i>Lorraine Casali (6/18)</i>	<i>Rose Gerbi (6/29)</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.

Sam and Nancy Cosentino (6/1) 50th
Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/2)
Matteo and Diana Giaimo (6/4)
James and Juliann Bademian (6/6)
Joseph and Vivian Cacioppo (6/6)
Mike and Vivian Palazzolo (6/7)
Vincent and Francesca Vitale (6/8)
Richard and Yolanda Oslund (6/9)
Thomas and Noreen Battaglia (6/12)
Rocky and Nancy Kaune (6/12)
Johnny and Joyce Mitra (6/18)
Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)
Jason and Rosalie Karawan (6/19)
Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (6/19)
Matteo and Dora Agrusa (6/22)
Ray and Emilia Gonella (6/23)
William and Caroline Barrett (6/25)
Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)
Fred and Stella Marzano (6/25)
Joseph and Rose Pagano (6/25)
Joseph and Mary Caparaotta (6/26)
Gino and Barbara Biundo (6/27)
Jack and Josephine Favazza (6/27)

Bill and Shirley Cavataio (6/29) 50th

Joe and Antonietta Chirco (6/29) 50th

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized: **Phyllis Cottone, Mark Grazioli, Jim Parrino, Lina Giannotti, Ed Klube and Mary Randazzo** (of Florida). Get Well Wishes to all our members who are not feeling well. Please advise **Grace Pizzo** (734) 379-9491 of anyone who is ill.

Condolences to the family of **Mary Wierzba** on the death of her daughter (and club member), **Judy Saenz**, who passed away on May 27, 2007 at the age of 70. Condolences to her sister, **Janice Labadie**. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Nicola and Vincenza DiClaudio** on the death of Nick's brother, **Piero DiClaudio**, who passed away on May 29, 2007 at the age of 87. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the families of **Lena (Ted) Brockway**, and **Violet (Jim) Jenson**, and the death of their brother, **James DiBiasi**, who passed away on May 28, 2007 at the age of 78. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Fara Parrino** on the death of her husband **Jim Parrino**, who passed away on June 1, 2007 at the age of 95. Condolences to the families of: **Charlie (Leslie) Lupo, Phil (Sue) Lupo and Mike (Rose) Lupo**. May he rest in peace.

Calendar of Coming Events

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.

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Membership Picnic Party

Sunday - July 29, 2007



WHERE: Young Patriots Park, Sibley Rd, (West of Fort Street) - Riverview

TIME: 12 Noon - Until 6:00 p.m.

PRICE: Adults: \$10.00 - Children Under 12 Free (Children Meal)

Children of Ages 12 to 17: \$10.00

Children over 18: \$15.00 (Non Members)

One Guest of a Single Member: \$15.00

WHO: Club Members and their Children(s) Living at Home.

----- FOOD ----- MUSIC?-----BEVERAGE ----- GAMES -----

Adult meal: Steak or Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn, Bread Roll, Beverage, Watermelon, Dessert.

Children's under 12 meal includes Hot Dogs, Dessert and Beverage only.

Bocce tournament, horseshoe and other summer games allowed. Bring them with you.

If you are planning on attending - please return the bottom coupon as soon as possible, but **no later than Sunday, July 15, 2007**. Please enclose your check or money order, payable to: Downriver Italian-American Club. It is important to get an accurate head count so there will be food for everyone. Paper dishes, paper cups, plastic knives and forks will be provided. (You may bring your own silverware and settings). **Please indicate your choice of steak or chicken on the coupon**

Mail the bottom coupon, along with your check or money order to:

Vivian Palazzolo
1037 13th Street
Wyandotte, MI 48192-3109
Phone: (734)281-1876

Board Members will be helping.
Thank you for your promptness.
Mike and Vivian Palazzolo

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I/We will be attending the D.I.A.C. Annual Picnic, on Sunday, July 29, 2007.

Coupon must be received **no later than July 15, 2007**.

NAME: _____ Steak _____ Chicken _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Number of Adults (\$10.00): _____ Children under 12 (Free): _____ Ages: _____

Children 12 to 17 (\$10.00): _____ Children over 18 (\$15.00): _____ Single Guest (\$15.00): _____

A check or money order in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

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Downriver Italian-American Club

Presents the Second Annual:

2007 DIAC Golf Outing "Get into the Swing of Things" Golf Scramble



Saturday, August 11th, 2007

Westburn Golf Club

5617 S. Huron River Drive
South Rockwood, MI

(Located between Telegraph & I-75, Exit 26)

Registration and Lunch: 12:30-1:30pm

Shotgun Start: 1:30pm

Dinner & Awards immediately following



Includes:

18 holes of golf

Powered golf cart

Lunch prior to shotgun start

Steak/Chicken Barbeque Dinner

Contests, raffles and prizes!



Cost: \$60 per member & \$65 per non-member

Reservations with payment only, due: July 31st, 2007

Four-some groups preferred.

Sign Sponsorship: Have your company sign advertised at a tee box for only \$50.

(Non-members will receive member's cost for golf with a sign sponsorship)

For more information, contact: Gaetano Vitale – (734) 675-0169

Tony Lumia – (313)565-0671

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I (We) will be attending the **DIAC Golf Scramble on Saturday, August 11th, 2007**

This ticket and payment must be received no later than July 31st, 2007.

Team Members (Player1 to be main contact)	Steak or Chicken?	Phone Number	Payment Enclosed?
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Sign Sponsorship – Company Name: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Make checks payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club.** Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail form and check to: Gaetano Vitale ♣ 23765 Joey Drive ♣ Brownstown, MI 48137-9320



June Pasta Event

Choice of Spaghetti or Mostaccioli
Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

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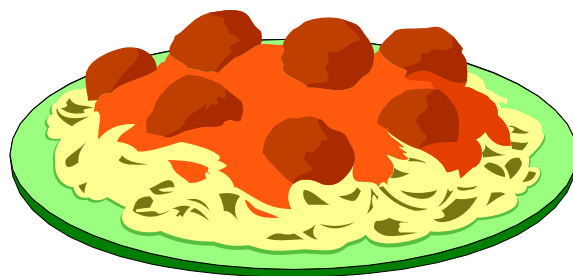
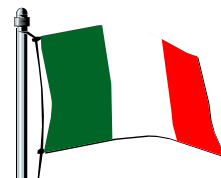
Wednesday, June 20, 2007

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 Now Available for Purchase

Enjoy a Delicious Italian Home Cooked Meal

Public Welcome – Advise and Bring Your Friends

