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# The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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

## September 2007 NEWSLETTER

Board of Directors Meeting..... Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
General Membership Meeting ..... Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, 6:30 p.m.



## Fall Wine Dinner Dance - October 12, 2007

### A Message from the Club President



As summer comes to a closing, I hope your summer with vacations and many outdoor activities have been as enjoyable as mine. **Mary Jane** and I just returned from a trip to northern Italy, to visit the two towns where grandparents were born. As a second generation Italian born in the United States, I had never

seen this part of Italy. It is beautiful with the mountains, fertile valleys, waterfalls and fast moving mountain streams. The snow capped Alps and Dolomite Mountains are beautiful. It was an experience to drive the narrow curvy and steep roads. We met some cousins who are decedents of brothers and sisters of my grandparents that remained in Italy.

Summer at the Hall has been active with many bookings. The **Mother's Day Dinner** went well with many Club members and their families in attendance.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Taste of Italy** held on Wednesday May 9, 2007 was again a success. To date, we have donated \$12,350 to the **Penrickton School for the Blind**. A big thanks to **Tony and Miriam Lumia** who chaired this event and to the many vendors that supported the event.

Both the Club's participation in the **Wyandotte 4th of July Parade** and the **Club Picnic** were successful. Thanks to **Mary Cottone** for organizing the Clubs participation in the parade and to **Vivian and Mike Palazzolo** for chairing the picnic.

The Saturday August 11, The **Club Golf Outing** at Westburn Golf Course was a success. We had 77 golfers, compared to 56 for last year - a 37% increase. A big thank-you to **Gaetano Vitale** who chaired this event and his committee and the 37 sponsors of the signs.

The club monthly **Spaghetti Dinners** have been a big hit all summer. Through August, we have served over 3,200 dinners. The many members who volunteer to work at these dinners is inspiring. Also, the friendliness that our members exhibit with people attending these dinners is greatly appreciated. Many people in the downriver

communities attend these dinners each month on a regular basis. There are only two remaining dinners in September and October.

The next Club event is the **Wine Dinner Dance** on Friday, October 12, 2007. Our monthly membership meetings resume in September, so plan on being there.

**Mark S. Grazioli, Club President**

### Spaghetti Dinner - Sept. 19, 2007



The Club will once again have the monthly **Pasta Lunch/Dinner** event on **Wednesday, September 19, 2007**.

The attendance at the August event was a success - we could have used a little help from the members. As a reminder, we need volunteers on Tuesday to prepare the sauce, meatballs and pasta. Then on Wednesday, we need volunteers to cook, prepare the pasta and side dishes to the customers and cleaning up the tables..

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.

### Wine Dinner Dance - Oct. 12 2007

This year the Club will host the **Wine Dinner Dance** scheduled for **Friday, October 12, 2007**. The festivity will start at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:30 pm. The price is very reasonable. Entertainment by **DJ Music**, featuring **John Frasson**. There will be gifts raffled along with other prizes. The event is chaired by **Mary Cottone, Grace Pizzo** and **Jennie Palazzolo**. This is a fundraising event - **please come and bring your family and friends**. The public is invited. Meal information is found on the attached flyer.

There is so little notice for this event, please make your reservation immediately. Those wanting to reserve tables, please call **Fay Palazzolo** at **(734) 282-0539**, as soon as possible. The tables will be assigned on a first call basis.

We expect a good turnout for this event. Reserve your tickets early for those good seats. If you would like to be

seated with your friends, please list their names on back of the coupon.

See attached flyer in this newsletter for further details.

For further information and ticket sales, please contact **Fay Palazzolo** at (734)282-0539 or **Grace and Sam Pizzo** at (734)379-9491

### Report on Independence Day Parade



**Mary Cottone** would like to thank the members who marched in the Wyandotte 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Also for those who brought their grandchildren.

Without them we would have been a small group. Hope to see more next year. We are already looking into getting a flat bed truck or trailer so that many more could join us. Next year, July 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Friday.

### Report on the Golf Outing



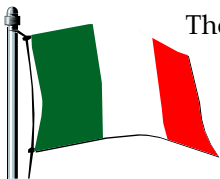
The Club's Golf Outing on August 11, 2007 was very successful. A total of 77 golfers, compared to 56 for last year, attended.

Chairman **Gaetano Vitale** enlisted the help of many of our younger members. There were 37 sign sponsors which included the following: **Blue Star, Next Generation Services Group, D-21 Demolition, Oakland Plumbing, CV Cement, C.L. Rieckoff, Moter City Electric, Modern Mirrow & Glass, BC Byers, Goyette Mechanical, WH Canon, Madison Heights Glass, Future Maintenance, Trend Millwork, Eugenio Painting, Detroit Door and Hardware, Sams Masonry, Taylor Home Improvement, Jeanne's Catering, DIAC Hall, Gandol Inc., Liberati's Italian Deli & Bakery, Good Shepherd Credit Union, Michigan CAT, Hatzel & Buehler, Meadbowbank Schools, John A Papalas, B&B Investments, B&B Concrete, ABC Paving, American Eagle Industrial Equipment, Midwest Steel, Moretti Foundation, Nagle Paving, CASS Sheetmetal, Moretti Foundation and Leudel & Hart.**

The committee consisted of **Gaetano Vitale, Mark Grazioli and Tony Lumia**. Members that helped out at the golf course included: **Gloria Candella, Rita (Trupiano) Dauss, Grace Pizzo, Sam Pizzo, Jacqueline Ventimiglia, and Sara Vitale**. The committee is looking forward to next year.

**Mark Grazioli**

### Club Picnic Report



The Club picnic was a success - the weather cooperated. The food was just outstanding. Many thanks for those who brought in the dessert.

Everything went well. Many thanks to **Vivian and Mike Palazzolo** and to Board members

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who made sure that all needed items were available. There was plenty of food, all prepared by our Club chef, **Jeanne Liedel** and her helpers.

### THE BOCCE GAME RESULTS:

After the meal, the men's and women's bocce teams were organized. This year we limited the games to 16 persons or 4 teams. Those that signed early made the teams. Many people awaited all year to show off their skills. A few played for the first time, and learned how the game was played. After a few tough matches, leaders began to emerge. Team members began to encourage each other for the ultimate glory, bringing home the "Gold." Friendship developed amongst strangers.

First place trophies went to those people shown in the photos below. A familiar married couple brought home 2 trophies, **Damiano and Piera Vitale**.

Congratulations to the winners and to all the participants. A memorable certificate will be issued to the winners at the September membership meeting.



Men's Bocce Champions: Don Kerr, Damiano Vitale, Nino Trupiano and George Lavine.



Women's Bocce Champions: Rose Vitale, Marianne Curcuru, Piera Vitale and Rose Zerilli.



### Membership Volunteer Needed

The Club needs volunteers to clean up the grounds surrounding the Hall. The date has been set for **Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007 at 1:00 pm**. It is something you can do for the Club. Cutting grass and cleanup are the priorities. You may bring your own tools. For further information, contact **Tony Lumia at (313) 565-0671** or **Jim Bademian (313) 388-2264**.

### Lift Your Spirit

A friend is someone we turn to  
When our spirits need a lift.

A friend is someone we treasure  
For our friendship is a gift.

A friend is someone who fills our lives  
With beauty, joy, and grace.  
And makes the world we live in  
A better and happier place.

Thanks for the gift of your friendship  
I hope this lifts your spirit.

### DIA Hall Shareholder Meeting

**Nino Trupiano** of the Hall Business Board will be presenting the annual Hall Business Board Shareholder's meeting at 6:00 pm, on Sunday, October 28, just prior to the regularly scheduled 6:30 pm general membership meeting.

### Bus Trips on the Horizon



The following trips are being planned:

**Windsor Raceway, Windsor, Ontario:** September 26, 2007. Bus departs the Hall at 11:00 am. Returns

at 6:30 pm. Cost: \$11.00 per person - includes an incentive for either \$5.00 in coin or a luncheon voucher.

The trip will require you having a valid passport or birth certificate, along with a valid driver's license or a government ID card.

A **Niagara Falls** trip is being planned - details forthcoming in the October newsletter.

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

### Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized: **Vivian Palazzolo** had back surgery. **Emma Checchio** had hand surgery. **Phyllis Cottone**, Ed

**Klube, Mary Wierzba** and **Nancy Kaune** are at home convalescing. 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 brother, **Richard Salvani**, who passed away on June 25, 2007 at the age of 77. Mary also stated that her nephew, **Jim Wisbang**, passed away on June 31, at the age of 77. Condolences also to **Janice Labadie**. May they rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **John and Jacqueline Palazzolo** on the death of Jackie's mother, **Betty Higgins**, who passed away on August 1, 2007 at the age of 83. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **George and Rosemarie Menna** on the death of George's father, **Alberico Menna**, who passed away on August 9, 2007 at the age of 83. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Angela DaRos**, who passed away on August 10, 2007 at the age of 91. Angela is a long time member and enjoyed our newsletter. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Angelo Giannotti** on the death of his wife, **Carolina (Lina) Giannotti**, who passed away on August 17, 2007, at the age of 85. Angelo and Lina have been members since 1975. Condolences to their son **Frank and Liliana Giannotti** and grandchildren **Angelo (Rosalie) Giannotti** and **Carolina (Lina) Giannotti**. May she rest in peace.

### Friendships Along the Way

It's great to have some friendships  
To cherish from day to day,  
Someone who'll listen and encourage  
A friend along the way.

Just an ordinary person  
To help laugh each care away  
And to gently pull you back together  
When your threads begin to fray.

Sharing all the memories  
That are tucked within the heart,  
'Cause a friend is a precious treasure -  
A priceless work of art.

So, as you journey on life's highway,  
Look for that friendship road,  
For to have a friend along life's way  
Eases the bearing of the load.

~© Linda C. Grazulis~



### 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 Bozzo (9/2)</i>	<i>Sadie Kusic (9/16)</i>
<i>Andrea Alastra(9/3)</i>	<i>Lena Menna (9/16)</i>
<i>Leonard Milewski (9/3)</i>	<i>Larry Restaino (9/17)</i>
<i>Emanuele Maniaci (9/4)</i>	<i>Valerie Yinger (9/17)</i>
<i>Vincenzo Vitale (9/4)</i>	<i>Sherran Sclafani (9/18)</i>
<i>Diana Parisi (9/5)</i>	<i>Michael T Palazzolo (9/19)</i>
<i>Leonard Zerilli (9/5)</i>	<i>Roger Shifflett (9/19)</i>
<i>Pietro Biundo (9/6)</i>	<i>Mary Cottone (9/20)</i>
<i>Rosemary Menna (9/6)</i>	<i>Rose Gaglio (9/20)</i>
<i>Phyllis Gandol (9/8)</i>	<i>Johnny Mitra (9/20)</i>
<i>Patricia Olevnik (9/8)</i>	<i>Larry Luzac (9/21)</i>
<i>Tamara Kaune (9/9)</i>	<i>Kelli McNally (9/22)</i>
<i>Anthony Sclafani (9/10)</i>	<i>Fara Vitale (9/22)</i>
<i>Theresa Simone (9/11)</i>	<i>Kenneth Scott (9/23)</i>
<i>Dora Mangiapane (9/12)</i>	<i>Pauline Barraco (9/24)</i>
<i>Caterina Abbulone (9/13)</i>	<i>Rocky Kaune (9/24)</i>
<i>Joe Agrusa (9/13)</i>	<i>James Blackledge (9/25)</i>
<i>Margaret Passalacqua (9/14)</i>	<i>Juliann Bademian (9/26)</i>
<i>Joseph Donofrio (9/15)</i>	<i>Joseph Palamara (9/26)</i>
<i>Margaret Kling (9/15)</i>	<i>Nicolina Susin (9/26)</i>
<i>Daniela LaFata (9/15)</i>	<i>Robert Jagiello (9/30)</i>
<i>Karen Mitchell (9/15)</i>	

### Look to This Day

Yesterday is already a dream,  
and tomorrow is only a vision,  
but today, well lived,  
makes every yesterday a dream of happiness  
and every tomorrow, a vision of hope.

### A School Moment

Yale professor William Phelps was grading papers on a tough test. One of his students came up with a clever answer to a particularly difficult philosophical problem. "God alone knows the answer to this question," the student wrote.

Phelps gave the test back to the student with this remark: "God gets an A. You get an F."

### Thoughts for the Month

Next year we aren't going far, we're going to spend our vacation somewhere near our budget.

The greatest after dinner speaker is the man who says: I'll take the check."

Santa and Uncle Sam have a lot in common. They both leave goodies all over the world and end up holding the bag.

"Don't tell your problems to people: eighty percent don't care; and the other twenty percent are glad you have them." - Lou Holtz

An old-fashioned man is one who takes a second honeymoon with a first wife.

### Calendar of Coming Events

#### Oct. 12, 2007 ..... Fall Wine Dance

Fay Palazzolo, Grace Pizzo, Jennie Palazzolo.

#### Dec. 14, 2007 ..... Adult Member Xmas Party

Sadie Kusic, Leona Vizzini.

#### Dec. 16, 2007 ..... Children Xmas Party

Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan.

### 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.

<i>Mario and Kelli Fracassa (9/2)</i>	
<i>Stephen and Rita Dauss (9/3)</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<i>George and Mary Lavine (9/3)</i>	
<i>Leonard and Rose Zerilli (9/3)</i>	
<i>Bily and Pina Tsikaris (9/6)</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
<i>Damiano and Pietra Vitale (9/6)</i>	
<i>Vincenzo and Angela Pizzo (9/7)</i>	
<i>Anthony and Rosalie Lazzarino (9/10)</i>	
<i>Salvatore and Apollonia Lentini(9/13)</i>	
<i>Francesco and Rena DeMelis (9/17)</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<i>Raymond and Michelle Lucarelli (9/17)</i>	
<i>James and Phyllis Gandol (9/20)</i>	10 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Angelo and Rosalia (Lia) Giannotti (9/22)</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
<i>Giorlando and Rosalie Giammalva (9/24)</i>	
<i>Edward and Josephine Klube (9/26)</i>	
<i>John and Diana Parisi (9/26)</i>	
<i>James and Violet Jenson (9/27)</i>	60 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Michael and Rose Lupo (9/27)</i>	60 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Giacinto and Theresa Simone (9/28)</i>	50 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Roger and Emanuela Shifflett (9/29)</i>	

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# The Downriver Italian-American Club

## 2007 Wine Dinner Dance

Friday, October 12, 2007

DJ Music by John Frasson

Doors Open at 6:30 pm

Relish Tray with Cheeses, Grapes and Crackers

At Each Table

Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Family Style Dinner by Chef Jeanne Liedel

### ~~~ Menú ~~~

Salad with House Dressing

Penne with Meat Sauce

Tortellini in Pesto Sauce

Herb Baked Chicken

Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions

Oven Roasted Potatoes

Peas with Mushrooms

Coffee, Tea, Rolls, Butter

Apple Pie with Spumoni Ice Cream

Each Table with 2 Carafe Wine Bottles

**Tickets: \$30.00 per person**

Tickets must be paid at the time of reservation.

Reserved tables of 10 only, all others seated where available.

This Event is open to the general public. Invite your family and friends.

Deadline for reservations is October 1, 2007.

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

Further information: **Grace and Sam Pizzo (734) 379-9491**

**Jennie Palazzolo (734) 246-3164**

Seating and Table Reservation: **Fay Palazzolo, (734) 282-0539**



I/We will be attending the 2007 Wine Dinner Dance on Friday, October 12, 2007.

This ticket and payment must be received **no later than October 1, 2007.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail coupon & payment to: **Fay Palazzolo, 13333 Pennsylvania Rd. Apt 1214, Riverview, MI 48193-6638**

**Note: If you would like to sit with a friend (at their table), please print their names on the back of this coupon.**





# Sept. Pasta Event

Choice of Spaghetti or Penne Pasta  
Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

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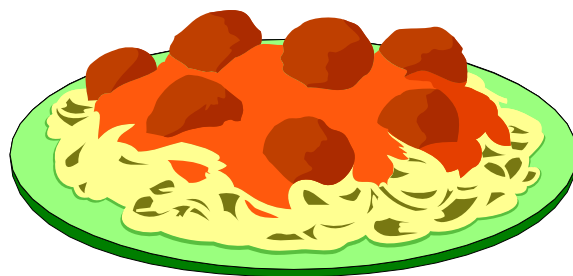
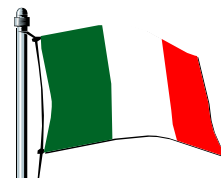
Wednesday, September 19, 2007

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**

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