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The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

Board of Directors Meeting..... Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

October 2007 NEWSLETTER



Fall Wine Dinner Dance - October 12, 2007

General Membership Meeting Change

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, 2007 - just prior to the regularly scheduled 6:30 pm general membership meeting.

Please jot this new time on your calendar and please remind other club members.

A Message from the Club President



Hall bookings in September and October have been brisk. **Mary Cottone** has volunteered to serve on the Hall Board and was appointed in September. Mary has been a very active member of the Club Board, currently serving as Head Trustee. The Hall Board will be holding its Annual Meeting with the membership,

before the October General Membership Meeting. Make sure you attend.

The Club's monthly **Spaghetti Dinners** continue to be a big hit with the community. We served 658 dinners at our September Spaghetti Dinner. There is only one remaining dinner to be held on **October 17, 2007**. It is your last chance to stock up on Spaghetti Sauce for the winter. The many members who volunteer to work at these dinners is inspiring. The **Appreciation Dinner** was held on Wednesday, October 3rd.

The Club Bonds expire in December 2007. The Financial Secretary has sent a letter to all current Bond holders. Bond holders must respond by the end of October.

The next Club event is the **Wine Dance on Friday October 12, 2007**. See you then or at our October General Membership Meeting on October 28th.

In September, **Ed Klube** resigned from the position of Club Treasurer because of an extended illness. Ed has been a continuous member of the Club Board since about 1975. Except for a short period as Trustee, Ed has been "The Club Treasurer." Being the Treasurer is not an easy

job and requires availability to write monthly checks and accounting skills to keep accurate books. Ed has done both. He has always been there to make sure the bills are paid on time, money is collected and properly deposited and his books have withstood many, many audits. Ed has been a hard working Club member and is to be commended for his 30+ years of service to the Club. It is members like Ed that have led to the success of the Club. Behind Ed has been a great support system. His wife **Josie** and his daughters have helped along the way and are also to be commended for the support they provided to Ed, so that he could perform the duties of this most important position. Thanks Ed for your long service record and dedication to the Club. May God bless you and your family in the future.

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

Spaghetti Dinner - Oct. 17, 2007



The Club will once again have the monthly **Pasta Lunch/Dinner** event on **Wednesday, October 17, 2007**.

The attendance at the September event was a success with 658 meals served. There was a large attendance in the late evening.

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 **Fay Palazzolo, Grace and Sam Pizzo, along with 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 or **Jennie Palazzolo** at (734)246-3164

DIAC Membership Christmas Party

The chairperson(s) of the Adult Christmas Dinner party are announcing this event will take place on **Friday, December 14, 2007**. **Sadie Kusic**, along with **Leona Vizzini** are the chairpersons. The event is open to members and to a guest of a single member. Menu, pricing and entertainment information will be forthcoming in the November newsletter.

A Message from the Italian Consulate

Detroit, MI

October 8, 2007

Dear Fellow Countrymen:

As we pause to remember the great achievements of the famed Italian explorer, **Cristoforo Colombo**, it is important to remember the courage and fortitude similarly displayed by the countless Italians who, during the past century, embarked on their own voyage of discovery. These individuals risked all that they possessed and even their own well being in an effort to find a new life. There was no obstacle that could deter them from their search for a better life for themselves and for their families.

Although their journey was arduous, the Italian immigrants labored diligently to create a place for themselves in this Country. These brave pioneers loyally embraced their new Country, but never forgot their beloved homeland. While attaining great prominence over the decades, they have proudly instilled in their descendants the importance of preserving the rich culture they so lovingly nurtured from their native Italy. It is a testament to their fortitude - that the Italian and Italian-American communities continue to celebrate their precious heritage today. With the common endeavor of the entire community, even greater progress may be attained in continuing the valiant efforts of our forefathers so that future generations will continue to promote our treasured Italian language and culture.

At the same time, while preserving the traditions and the history, it is important to study in depth the numerous aspects (economic, political, social and cultural) of a modern country such as Italy, ranking among the major world economies and in the forefront in many sectors, in order to further strengthen the bond with the United States. The role of the future Italian-American generations will be vital in this regard.

It gives me great pleasure, as the Consul of Italy in Detroit, to witness the success of the Italian and Italian-American community in this consular jurisdiction and it is my sincere hope that it may continue to flourish, while maintaining ardent pride and its Italian heritage.

Carlo Romeo
Consul of Italy.

Bus Trips on the Horizon



Windsor Racetrack Slots – Wednesday, October 24, 2007 – Windsor, Ontario Canada.

This is round trip transportation to the fabulous Racetrack Slots. Price is \$11.00 per person. Everyone will receive \$5.00 in coins and choice of luncheon special. Make certain you bring proper documents. The bus departs at the DIAC Hall at 11:45 am and returns at 6:30 pm.

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

Niagara Fallsview Casino – Wed./Thurs., November 7 - 8, 2007 - Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada

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 at the Sheraton, on the Falls. You will be visiting the famous Niagara Fallsview Casino. You will receive \$10.00 in coin voucher.

You will also be visiting Seneca Casino, which includes \$20.00 in slot play and \$5.00 food voucher.

The Bianco Bus will be departing and returning at the club Hall.

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

For reservation and 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: **Nancy Kaune, Fannie Passalacqua who broke her arm, to Sam Vitale, Sam Randazzo** (of 15th Street), **Robert and Margret Kling**. 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 **Rose Lupo** on the death of her husband, **Michael Lupo**, who passed away on September 24, 2007, at the age of 85. Michael and Rose have been members since 1972. They very active during in the Club, especially during the festivals. Mike was also on the Club Board for a number of years. Michael was brother to **Fara Parrino** and **Phil (Sue) Lupo**. Uncle to **Charlie (Leslie) Lupo**. Michael was also brother-in-law to **Josie (Ed) Klube** and **Shirley (Jimmy) Bommarito**. May he rest in peace.

Congratulating our New DIAC Members

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

Jack and Paulett (Harter) Hodge, of Ann Arbor, MI. Sponsored by **John and Anna Finazzo**.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

<i>Jacqueline Palazzolo (10/1)</i>	<i>Gino Martino Jr. (10/11)</i>
<i>Charles Cosner (10/2)</i>	<i>Mary Randazzo (10/17)</i>
<i>Angelo A. Giannotti (10/2)</i>	<i>Marco Talluto (10/17)</i>
<i>Jack Hodge (10/2)</i>	<i>James Gandol (10/18)</i>
<i>Wynnith Martino (10/2)</i>	<i>Hermine Norscia (10/18)</i>
<i>Benedetta Vitale (10/2)</i>	<i>Darlene Randazzo (10/18)</i>
<i>Vivian Martino (10/3)</i>	<i>John Finazzo (10/19)</i>
<i>George Menna (10/4)</i>	<i>Dick Oslund (10/19)</i>
<i>Joann Pagano (10/4)</i>	<i>Frances Randazzo (10/19)</i>
<i>Raymond Gonella (10/6)</i>	<i>Mary Giaimo (10/22)</i>
<i>Travis Dick (10/7)</i>	<i>Phyllis Cottone (10/24)</i>
<i>Catherine Kling (10/7)</i>	<i>Giuseppe Giammalva (10/24)</i>
<i>Mike Palazzolo (10/7)</i>	<i>BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25)</i>
<i>Catherine Brooks (10/8)</i>	<i>Rose Bozzo (10/26)</i>
<i>Joan Luzac (10/9)</i>	<i>Michael McNally (10/27)</i>
<i>James Bademian (10/10)</i>	<i>Marguerite Sclafani (10/29)</i>
<i>Antonio Vespa (10/10)</i>	<i>Rena DeMelis (10/27)</i>
<i>Susan Conz (10/11)</i>	<i>Angela McCarty (10/31)</i>
<i>Josie Klube (10/11)</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.

Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3)
Fran Lenny and Pina Milewski (10/3)
John and Jacqueline Palazzolo (10/4)
Ted and Lena Brockway (10/7)

James and Dolores DeMare (10/7)
Joseph and Josie Badalamenti (10/9)
Joseph and Josie Palazzolo (10/11) 45th
Joseph and Sadie Kusic (10/14)
Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14)
Peter and Brenda Mangiapane (10/15) 10th
Leo and Delores DeJohn (10/16)
Gaetano and Concetta Vitale (10/16)
Curt and Gina Cingle (10/186) 5th
Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)
Anthony and Miriam Lumia (10/19) 50th
John and Abby Gustaf (10/20) 35th
Salvatore and Caterina Abbulone (10/21) 50th

Looking Up your Surname

Curious about Italians who share your surname? **L'italia dei Cognomi**, an Italian genealogical website, provides visitors with a detailed map of Italy and information about their last name.

You may know the province where your name originated, but find other regions where your name appears. The site utilizes local records and indicates concentrations of citizens with that surname.

Visit <http://gens.labo.net/it/cognomi/>

Comunicato Consolare

Il Consolato d'Italia di Detroit, in collaborazione con il Comites, della Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan e l'Italian American Cultural Society, é lieto di presentare il gruppo di musica etnica abruzzese e mediterranea, "DisCanto" che si trova in tournée negli Stati Uniti.

Il gruppo "DisCanto" si esibirà in un concerto domenica, 21 Ottobre 2007, alle 6:00 pm, presso Italian-American Cultural Society, al n. 43843 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township, Michigan. La tournée del gruppo comprende altri appuntamenti negli Stati Uniti, fra cui anche un concerto a Youngstown, Ohio in data domenica, 7 Ottobre, 2007.

Il gruppo si riunisce attorno all'figura di **Michele Avolio**, da oltre trenta anni cantore e custode della tradizione popolare abruzzese. Il materiale di ricerca utilizzato é per buona parte ereditato dal gruppo musicale "Vico del Vecchio," attivo dal 1976 al 1995, ma viene riproposto in una originale forma che fonde arie, testi ed espressioni della tradizione orale con le sonorità di strumenti quail chitarra, bouzouki, mandola, violino, violoncello, fisarmonica, percussioni, clarinetti e zampogna.

Il repertorio include: canti tradizionali abruzzesi; canti tradizionali del meridione Italiano; canzoni d'autore in dialetto abruzzese; musica etnica di diversa provenienza.

L'ingresso é gratuito,

Ulteriori informazioni sono disponibili presso e seguenti recapiti:

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Friendships Advice

Friendship is something special,
it can not be bought or sold
Its value is far greater
than any silver or even gold

When times get rough,
they always seem to understand
Without being asked,
they comfort and lend a helping hand

Holding you up
when they think you will fall
No matter what,
they help you through it all

Friends lift you up,
when you are feeling low
They take you in
when you have no place to go

Never ever forget
or take such things for granted
For you can never re-sow
the seed that's already been planted

Take this to heart,
let it never be undone
In order to keep a friend
you must first be one

Honesty is something
that should always be your aim
With lies, their wounds may heal,
but nothing's ever the same

So cherish your friendship,
always be sincere
Open up your heart,
and it will never disappear

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"Will the students who are parked on University Drive please move their cars so that we may begin plowing."

Twenty minutes later, there was another announcement:

"The twelve hundred students, who went to move 26 cars, may now return to class."

Some Friends are Forever

Sometimes in life,
you find a special friend:
Someone who changes your life by
being part of it.

Someone who makes you laugh
until you can't stop;
Someone who makes you believe
that there is really good in this world.
This is forever friendship.

When you're down,
and the world seems dark and empty,
your forever friends lifts you up
in spirit and makes that dark and empty
world suddenly seem bright and full.

If you find such friend,
you feel happy and complete
you have a forever friend for life!

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Calendar of Coming Events

- Oct. 12, 2007** **Wine Dinner Dance**
Fay Palazzolo, Grace Pizzo, Jennie Palazzolo.
- Nov. 7/8, 2007** **Niagara Fallsview Casino Trip**
Nancy DiPasquale.
- Dec. 14, 2007** **Member's Christmas Party**
Sadie Kusic, Leona Vizzini.
- Dec. 16, 2007** **Children's Christmas Party**
Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan.
- Dec. 31** **New Year's Eve Gala Event.**
DIA Hall Board

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A College Moment

It had been snowing for hours when an announcement came over the campus intercom:

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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.





October Pasta Event

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

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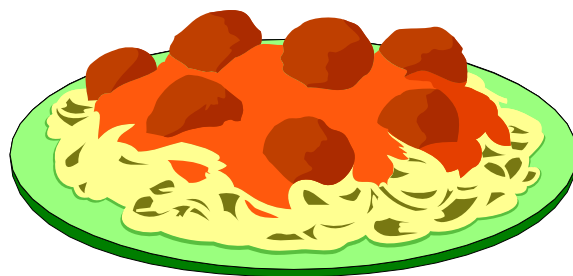
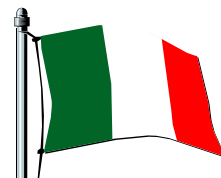
Wednesday, October 17, 2007

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

