



37th Year, 1971-2008

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

April 2008 NEWSLETTER

Board of Directors Meeting..... Tuesday, April 15, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting Sunday, April 27, 2008, 6:30 p.m.



First Pasta Event - April 16, 2008!

A Message from the Club President



Yes it is Spring in Michigan. As of March 23rd, this has been the 5th snowiest winter in the Detroit Metro area, since 1880. We now have had 67.3 inches of snow. It will take another 2 inches to become the 4th snowiest winter. The 3rd snowiest winter was 1981-1982, when we had 74.0 inches.

The **Lions Club of Taylor Millionaires Party**, on Saturday March 8th went well. Turnout was light with 60 to 65 people playing cards and games most of the evening. One of our Club members, **Jack Favazza**, ended up with the most chips in the Texas Hold'em Tournament. Congratulations Jack!

Other March events including the **St. Joseph's Day Celebration**, **Easter Brunch** and the **Hall Bridal Show** went well.

April marks the beginning of our Spaghetti Dinners, which start on Wednesday April 16th and extend through October. Always the third Wednesday of the month. If you can't work, then round up some friends and enjoy the freshly made sauce and meat balls. These monthly dinners are open to the general public.

Frank Checchio is the Club point of contact for the American Legion Organ Donor Program. Age is not a factor as some organs can be used for medical research as well as organ transplants. If you are interested in the program, give Frank a call at 734-675-6424.

We have a new club website for the Club members:

www.downriveritalianamericanclub.com or www.diac.us which is very good. Try it out. A big thanks to **Anthony Vitale**.

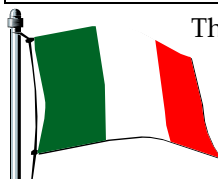
Some members may not know it, but Funeral Luncheons at the Club for members are done at cost. We do this as a service to our members.

The **Taste of Italy**, with proceeds going to the **Penrickton Center for Blind Children**, will be Wednesday May 7,

2008. The event features many local Italian Restaurants and is open to the public. See you there.

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

A Taste of Italy - May 7, 2008



The 5th annual **Taste of Italy event** will be held at the **DIA Hall on Wednesday, May 7, 2008**, 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.

1st Pasta Event - April 16, 2008



The Pasta luncheon and dinners for 2008 will once again be starting on **Wednesday April 16, 2008**. The dinners are on the third (3rd)

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. The prices are the same as last year, even though the cost of pasta has risen recently.

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

Club Website

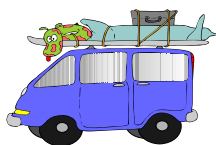
The club has a new recently created website. Club member and web designer, Anthony Vitale, has been working very hard at making it friendly and easy to move around. The monthly newsletters can be viewed online and can be printed. It has an excellent EVENT page with event date, flyer, the chairperson and photos taken. Club history, mission statement and links to other sites are also shown, On the LINKS page, shown are links to other Italian clubs, the Italian Consulate in Detroit, Italian newspapers (both in Italian and English). If you have access to the internet, please browse to either:

www.downriveritalianamericanclub.com

www.diac.us

You will be amazed at the amount of information that is available on this site. There is a password protected area for the club officers, for storing and sharing documents. If you know of things to add, please let us know. We are in the process of putting a RECIPE tab for storing great Italian pasta, soup and dessert dishes.

Bus Trips on the Horizon



**Point Edward Charity Casino –
Wednesday, May 14, 2008 –
Sarnia, Ontario Canada.**

This is a one day event. Round Trip transportation provided via deluxe highway motorcoach. Restroom equipped and reclining seats.

Point Edward Charity Casino – Beneath the graceful arches of the Blue Water Bridge, resting on the St. Clair River, this new \$35 million dollar landmark opened in early 200 with 450 slots and 36 gaming tables.

The cost is \$10.00 per person. You will get a \$10.00 Food Voucher and \$10.00 Cash Back. How can you loose on this deal!

The Bianco Bus will be departing and returning at the Club parking lot

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT:

Your tour will be taking you into Canada. All passengers are required to present proof of citizenship. The following forms are acceptable:

- 1 – Passport.
- 2 - Certified Birth Certificate (not a photocopy).
- 3 - Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship.

You should **ALSO** have a **valid driver's license** or **government I.D. card**. It is essential that you have on of these forms of proof. A passport is the best documentation. Resident Aliens need Alien Resident Card. Aliens need valid passport and Re-Entry Permit.

For reservation and further information, please contact **Nancy DiPasquale at (734)282-1644**. Mail your check (made out to: **Bianco Tours**) to:

Nancy DiPasquale
13426 Mulberry
Southgate, MI 48195-2499.

How Spring Arrived

My sweet dreams of sleep drifted off with moon,
as the warm sun arose like a golden balloon.
Then the soft, morning light made the stars pale and dim,
while a musical breeze hummed a soft, joyous hymn,
and a choir of birds sang a chorus or two
till the grey light of dawn turned a heavenly blue.

Soon, all I surveyed held a beauty to see --
from the dew on the grass to a blossoming tree,
and a delicate fragrance, again, filled the air
as the cold woes of winter had said their last prayer.

Then, a spirit within me said, "Yes, you've survived,"
and that was how spring, with it's pleasures, arrived.

—Charles Roach —

Poem provided by Leona Vizzini

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized: **Margaret Passalacqua, Connie DeLiz, Lil Agrusa, Florence Coleman** who had knee surgery. 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 **Augustino and Loni Iacopelli** and the death of Augustino's sister, **Frances Salamone**, who passed away on March 2, 2008, at the age of 86. Condolences to the family of **Joe and Providence Evola**. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Angela Vassallo**, on the death of her nephew, **Salvatore Palazzolo**, who passed away on March 6, 2008 at the age of 46. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Randy and Paola Rice**, on the death of Randy's sister, **Karen Hill**, who passed away on March 5, 2008 at the age of 51. Karen was aunt to **Brett and Kelsey Rice**. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Vito and Margaret Trupiano** and the death of Vito's sister, **Zina Aiello**, who passed away on March 9, 2008, at the age of 87, in Sicily. Condolences to the family of: **Nino and Gianna Trupiano, Stephen and Rita Dauss, Vito A. Trupiano and Luisa Trupiano**. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Giacomo (Jack) and Angela (Chirco) Palazzolo**, on the death of Angela's aunt, **Domenica (Mimma) Catarinicchia**, who passed away on March 11, 2008 at the age of 61. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Danny and Theresa (Caparaotta) Herbert**, on the death of Theresa's brother, **Anthony Caparaotta**, who passed away on March 6, 2008, in Florida, at the age of 51. Condolences to the family of **Joe and Mary Caparaotta**, on the death of Joe's nephew. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Fioravante and Hermine Norscia**, on the death of Hermine's mother, **Gisela Szabo**, who passed away on March 2, 2008, at the age of 98. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale** (on St. John) on the death of Giovanna's sister, **Caterina Gaglio**, who passed away on March 20, 2008 at the age of 63. May she rest in peace.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of our deceased members. May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed thru the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Eternal rest grant unto them, Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them.

Gabriella Jarjosa – Born Feb. 27, 2008

Congratulations to **Vincenzo and Lilla Vitale** on the birth of their new granddaughter, **Gabriella Jarjosa**. At birth she weighed in at 6 lbs. 6 ounces and was 18 inches long. Daughter to **Jonny and Ninfa (Vitale) Jarjosa**.

Congratulations to the Jarjosa and the Vitale families.

Mia R. Erickson – Born March 3, 2008

Congratulations to **Faro and Rose Gaglio** on the birth of their grandchild, **Mia Rose Erickson**. She was 19 inches long and weighed in at 7 lbs. 11 ounces. Daughter to **Brian and Rose Erickson**, baby sister to **Christian Erickson**.

Congratulations to the Gaglio and the Erickson families.

Congratulating New DIAC Members

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

Danny and Theresa (Caparaotta) Herbert of Woodhaven, MI - Sponsored by **Joseph and Mary Caparaotta**.

Henry and Teresa (Caparaotta) LeSage of Riverview, MI - Sponsored by **Joseph and Mary Caparaotta**.

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)

Anthony and Dora Mangiapane (4/12)

Augustino and Loni Iacopelli (4/14) 55th

Giuseppe and Providence Evola (4/15)

Vito and Margaret Trupiano (4/15) 64th

John and Joan Cadorin (4/19)

Joseph and Rose Donofrio (4/19)

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)

Vincenzo and Catherine Mannino (4/29) 58th

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

Salvatore Curcuru (4/1)

Paola Ventimiglia (4/3)

Angela Vassallo (4/5)

Linda Carrier (4/6)

Maria Giammalva (4/6)

Fannie Randazzo (4/7)

Nina Liberati (4/8)

Joseph Palazzolo (4/8)

Grace Randazzo (4/8)

Dora Agrusa (4/9)

Matteo Agrusa (4/9)

Mary Caparaotta (4/9)

Giuseppe LaFata (4/9)

Lina Frassetto (4/10)

Janice Labadie (4/11)

Lia Giannotti (4/12)

John Parisi (4/12)

Eugene Kling (4/13)

Ignazio Biondo (4/16)

Vito Badalamente (4/17)

Michael Norscia (4/17)

Phillip Lupo (4/20)

Augustino Iacopelli (4/21)

Josephine Palazzolo (4/21)

Abby Gustaf (4/22)

Louise Myslitz (4/22)

Fred Marzano (4/23)

Gaetano DiCarlo (4/25)

Luisa Trupiano (4/25)

Angela Palazzolo (4/26)

Norman Tabaka Jr. (4/27)

Gina Cinglie (4/28)

Joyce Mitra (4/29)

John Palazzolo (4/29)

Maria Vitale (4/29)

Theresa Herbert (4/30)

Joseph A. Pagano (4/30)

AAADD – Know the Symptoms

Thank goodness, there's a name for this disorder. Somehow I feel better, even though I have it!

Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden.

As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.

As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys on the table, Put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, And notice that the can is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back ON the table and take out the garbage first.

But then, I think. Since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my checkbook off the table, And see that there is only one check left.

My extra checks are in my desk in the study, So I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke I'd been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, But first I need to push the Coke aside So that I don't accidentally knock it over.

The Coke is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, A vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need water.

I put the Coke on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk, But first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, Fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, But I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, So I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, But first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor.

So, I set the remote back on the table, Get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

The car isn't washed

The bills aren't paid

There is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter

The flowers don't have enough water,

There is still only 1 check in my check book,

I can't find the remote,

I can't find my glasses,

And I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all damn day, And I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, And I'll try to get some help for it, But first I'll check my e-mail....

Do me a favor. Forward this message to everyone you know,

Because I don't remember who the hell I've sent it to.

Don't laugh -- if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!!

Humor provided by Mark Grazioli.

A Painting Moment

An elderly woman decided to have her portrait painted.

She told the Artist, "Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace, emerald bracelets, a ruby brooch and a gold Rolex."

The confused artist said: "But you're not wearing any of those things."

"I know," she said. "But if I die before my husband, I'm sure my husband will remarry. And I want his new wife to go crazy looking for the jewelry."

Calendar of Coming Events

April 16, 2008 DIAC First Pasta Event.

Pasta Committee and Members.

May 7, 2008 Taste of Italy.

Tony Lumia and Members.

May 11, 2008 Mother's Day Dinner.

Jeanne's Catering and DIA Hall.

July 4, 2008 Wyandotte Independence Day Parade.

Mary Cottone and Members.

Jul. 27, 2008 Membership Summer Picnic.

Aug. 9, 2008 Golf Outing.

G. Vitale, M Grazioli, T. Lumia.

Oct. 10, 2008 Wine Dance.

Dec. 12, 2008 Member's Xmas Party.

Grace Pizzo, Leona Vizzini.

Dec. 14, 2008 Member's Children Xmas Party.

Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan.

Dec. 31, 2008 New Year's Eve Celebration.

DIA Hall Board.

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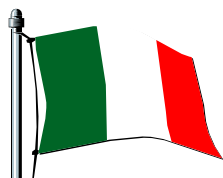
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"A TASTE OF ITALY"

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN HALL

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Featuring a Sampling of Italian Cuisine From:

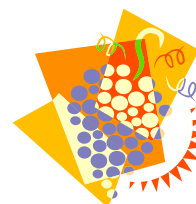
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DONATIONS - \$ 35.00



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For more information and ticket sales - contact:

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

PUBLIC WELCOME - BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



2008 Pasta Events

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

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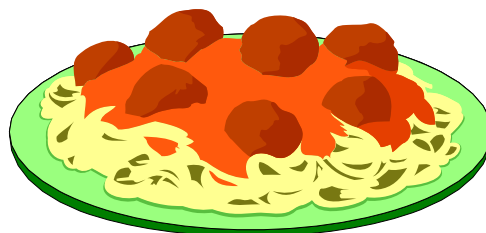
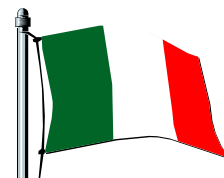
Wednesday, April 16, 2008	Wednesday, May 21, 2008
Wednesday, June 18, 2008	Wednesday, July 16, 2008
Wednesday, August 20, 2008	Wednesday, September 17, 2008
Wednesday, October 15, 2008	3 rd Wednesday of each Month

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

