



37th Year, 1971-2008

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

June 2008 NEWSLETTER

Board of Directors Meeting..... Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting Sunday, June 22, 2008, 6:30 p.m.



Happy Father's Day - Sunday, June 15, 2008

No Meeting 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



Since the first of the year, we've had several members pass away. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

The Club's two major charitable events were very successful.

The **St. Joseph Pageant** generated \$2,940 for various charities. This makes the total to date \$85,295. A

big thanks to the chairpersons (**Florence Coleman, Grace Pizzo, Nancy Cosentino and Sal DiPasquale**) and all of you that donated food and your time to this event.

The **Taste of Italy** was a sell out. We donated \$5,135 to the **Penrickton Center for Blind Children**. This makes the 5 year total \$17,485. A big thanks to **Tony Lumia** and his volunteers. Also thanks to **Mary Cottone and Leslie Lupo** for planting flowers and landscape work prior to the event.

At our **Spaghetti Dinner** on Wednesday May 21st, we served 726 dinners. We also introduced sausage, which went very well, with us selling out all 40 pounds. More importantly, we had a sufficient number of volunteers. The **News-Herald** will be doing a photo spread with pictures from the May Spaghetti Dinner. In April we served 725 dinners.

Remember it's always the third Wednesday of the month. If you can't work then round up some friends and enjoy the freshly made sauce, meatballs and now sausage. These monthly dinners are open to the public.

The next Club summer events, other than the monthly Spaghetti Dinners, are as follows:

Mary Cottone again will organize our participation in the **Wyandotte Fourth of July Parade**. Come join us for the fun and bring your children and grandchildren. We will meet at the Club for pizza after the event.

Vivian and Mike Palazzolo will again chair the Club Picnic on Sunday July 27th. See flyer in this newsletter.

The annual **Club Golf Outing** will be held on Saturday August 9th at Westburn Country Club in South Rockwood. It was very successful last year. **Gaetano Vitale** is working to make it even better. Bring your golfing friends. See the flyer in this newsletter.

The fall dance has been rescheduled for Saturday October 4th. The old date was October 12th, so change your calendars. **Mary Wierzba** and her daughter, **Janice Labadie**, are chairing the event, which will be titled "**Dancing with the Stars**".

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

Pasta Event - June 18, 2008



The next Pasta luncheon and dinner will be on **Wednesday, June 18, 2008**. The dinners are on the third (3rd) Wednesday of the month,

through October.

The May event was a success with 726 meals served. It was a long and busy evening. A special thanks to all members that donate their time during the two days.

We do get a lot of help from the membership, but it's always the same people. We are looking for new faces to be part of this fund raising. You will be in good company.

Please devote a few hours of your time during food preparation and the serving. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Wyandotte Independence Day Parade



Our Club will be participating in the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade - Friday, 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 Ave., 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 27, 2008



The **Annual Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2008**. 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.

DIAC Golf Outing – Aug. 9, 2008



The **Young Members** of the Club are sponsoring a **Golf Outing on Saturday, August 9, 2008**, 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 with a shotgun start in the morning.

The cost is \$65 for members and \$70 for non-members.

They are 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



Greektown Casino – Wednesday, July 23, 2008 – Detroit, MI.

This is a one day event. Round Trip transportation provided via deluxe highway motor coach - restroom equipped and reclining seats.

You will be greeted by sparkling chandeliers, sweeping stone staircases and murals of the Greek Isles.

The cost is \$18.00 per person. Everyone will receive a Club Greektown Card, a \$20.00 coin voucher for use at the casino. The Bianco Bus will be departing at 11:30 am and returning at 5:45 pm, at the Club parking lot.

Also planned is a trip to **Four Winds Casino** in New Buffalo, MI on Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

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

Educational Achievement News

Sarah Lowrey, (granddaughter of **Nancy Marcantonio**) recently graduated from Wyandotte Theodore Roosevelt HS with a GPA of 4.08. Her college plan is Lawrence Technological University, to major in Architecture/Interior Design. Sarah is the daughter of **Rose Angela Lowrey**.

Italian Postal Savings – Please Note

This news comes from member Marco Talluto.

If you are a holder of an ITALIAN POSTAL SAVINGS, that has been inactive 10 years or more, you may lose these funds - the savings can be confiscated by the Italian Government. For more information, call Rita at the Patronal (ITOL) at (734)421-3640. She is located at 15530 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI, 48154.

Italian Postal Savings is equivalent to US Savings Bond.

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized: **Grace Randazzo, Theresa Klavon, Jim Morrin, Veto Giannola and Sam Randazzo**. Keep in your prayers **Phil Lupo** and **Bill Cavataio** who underwent major surgeries. 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 **Marco and Jennifer Vitale** on the death of Jennifer's mother, **Patricia Ann Cosgrove**, who passed away on April 18, 2008, at the age of 58. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Phil and Sue Lupo** on the death of Sue's sister-in-law, **Kaye Sclafani**, who passed away on April 23, 2008, at the age of 63. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Margaret Kling** on the death of her husband, **Robert (Bob) Kling**, who passed away on May 2, 2008, at the age of 78. Condolences to the family of **Eugene and Catherine Kling**. May he rest in peace. Margaret would like to thank all the members for their support and prayers.

Condolences to the family of **Mary Giaimo** on the death of her husband, **Giovanni Giaimo**, who passed away on May 24, 2008, at the age of 94. Condolences to the family of **Angelo and Rosalie Giaimo**. May he rest in peace.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of our deceased members. May their soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed thru the mercy of God, rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon 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>Gloria Gunn (6/3)</i>	<i>Antoinette Cora (6/19)</i>
<i>Randall Rice (6/3)</i>	<i>Donna Grazioli (6/20)</i>
<i>Vito A. Trupiano (6/3)</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 Vilella (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.

<i>Sam and Nancy Cosentino (6/1)</i>
<i>Jack and Paulette Hodge (6/2)</i>
<i>Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/2)</i>
<i>Danny and Theresa Herbert (6/3)</i>
<i>Matteo and Diana Giaimo (6/4)</i>
<i>James and Juliann Bademian (6/6)</i>
<i>Joseph and Vivian Cacioppo (6/6)</i>
<i>Mike and Vivian Palazzolo (6/7) 55th</i>

<i>Vincent and Francesca Vitale (6/8) 40th</i>
<i>Richard and Yolanda Oslund (6/9)</i>
<i>Thomas and Noreen Battaglia (6/12) 15th</i>
<i>Rocky and Nancy Kaune (6/12)</i>
<i>Johnny and Joyce Mitra (6/18)</i>
<i>Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)</i>
<i>Jason and Rosalie Karawan (6/19)</i>
<i>Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (6/19)</i>
<i>Matteo and Dora Agrusa (6/22)</i>
<i>Ray and Emilia Gonella (6/23)</i>
<i>William and Caroline Barrett (6/25)</i>
<i>Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)</i>
<i>Fred and Stella Marzano (6/25)</i>
<i>Joseph and Rose Pagano (6/25)</i>
<i>Joseph and Mary Caparotta (6/26) 60th</i>
<i>Gino and Barbara Biundo (6/27)</i>
<i>Jack and Josephine Favazza (6/27)</i>
<i>Bill and Shirley Cavataio (6/29)</i>
<i>Joe and Antonietta Chirco (6/29)</i>

DIAC Banquet Facility

The **DIAC Banquet Hall** offers discount to Club Members. Discount applies to weddings, bridal showers, anniversaries, baptism, birthdays, graduations, first communions, etc. The memorial luncheons are at cost.

The prices are very competitive. **Diana Holmes** and **Mary Cottone** are willing to work with you, at giving you the best deals. This is your Club - it needs your support. Spread the word! Call the Hall at (734)285-4044.

Calendar of Coming Events

July 4, 2008	Wyandotte Independence Day Parade. Mary Cottone and Members.
Jul. 27, 2008	Membership Summer Picnic. Vivian and Mike Palazzolo.
Aug. 9, 2008	Annual DIAC Golf Outing. Gaetano Vitale, Tony Lumia.
Oct. 4, 2008	Dancing with the Stars. Mary Wierzba and Janice Labadie.
Dec. 14, 2008	Member's Children Christmas Party. Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan.
Dec. 20, 2008	Member's Christmas Party. Grace Pizzo, Leona Vizzini.

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Forward your comments, corrections and items of interest to:

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Membership Picnic Party

Sunday – July 27, 2008



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 19, 2008**. 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 DIAC Annual Membership Picnic on Sunday, July 27, 2008.

Coupon and payment must be received **no later than July 19, 2008**.

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 Fourth Annual:

2008 DIAC Golf Outing "Get into the Swing of Things" Golf Scramble



Saturday, August 9th, 2008

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: \$65 per member & \$70 per non-member

Reservations with payment only, due: July 31st, 2008

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 9th, 2008**

This ticket and payment must be received no later than July 31st, 2008.

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



2008 Pasta Events

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

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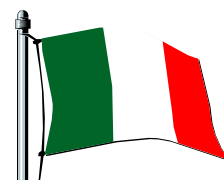
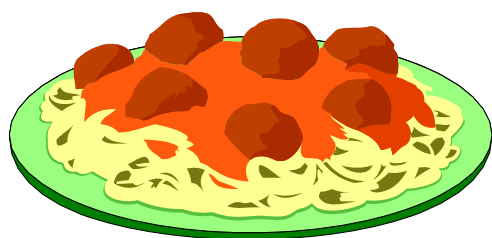
Wednesday, June 18, 2008	Wednesday, July 16, 2008
Wednesday, August 20, 2008	Wednesday, September 17, 2008
Wednesday, October 15, 2008	3 rd Wednesday of each Month

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



New: Sausage addition for \$1.00

