



# The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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

## October 2008 NEWSLETTER

Board of Directors Meeting..... \*\*\*Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, 7:00 p.m.  
General Membership Meeting ..... Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008, 6:30 p.m.



## Last Pasta Event - October 15, 2008

### October Board Meeting Change

The October Board of Directors meeting has been rescheduled to **Monday, October 13, 2008** due to a conflict with the October Pasta Event preparation day.

Please jot this new date on your calendar and please remind other Board members as necessary.

### A Message from the Club President



By the time you will have received this newsletter we will have held our **Appreciation Dinner** for all the Club volunteers on October 1st and our fall dance, which **Mary Wierzba** and her daughter, **Janice Labadie**, are chairing on October 4th.

At our September Spaghetti Dinner we served 777 dinners.

That leaves just one last Spaghetti Dinner on October 15th. We continue to have a sufficient number of volunteers to serve the large crowds each month.

At our September meeting we elected the Nominations and Election Committee, which consists of **Shirley Cavataio, Nancy DiPasquale, Nancy Marcantonio, Pina Milewski and Grace Randazzo**. At the October meeting, this committee will be accepting nominations for the 2009-2010 officers of the Club. We will hold elections in November. Make sure you attend this meeting and participate in the nominations process.

**Mary Cottone** contacted DTE and an Energy Audit was performed in June. Our building committee (**Jim Bedemian, Tony Lumia Mary Cottone and myself**) have had two meetings to discuss energy saving initiatives. The first step is the replacement of 147 incandescent flood bulbs and 140 fluorescent bulbs with new energy saving bulbs. We expect this to significantly reduce our monthly lighting bills. Next, we will be installing motion sensors in the bathrooms, furnace room, liquor room and Jeanne's storage room and repairing the insulation at exterior doors. Other energy saving improvements are being planned.

The **Members' Christmas Party** is scheduled for Saturday December 20th. There will be a New Years Dance.

**Mark S. Grazioli, Club President**

### Nominations

In accordance with Article VII - COMMITTEES, Section 4 - NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE, the nomination of officers is to be held at the October 22, 2006 General Membership meeting. The Nomination Committee persons are:

**Grace Randazzo**, (Chairperson)

**Shirley Cavataio**

**Nancy DiPasquale**

**Nancy Marcantonio**

**Pina Milewski**

Anyone who wishes to run for Club Office must be present and verbally accept. If the nominee is not present, his/her written permission must be presented to the Nomination and Election Committee prior to the acceptance of nomination.

Article II - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS, Section 1-A states: "New members shall not be eligible to run for office, or vote in the election of officers, until his/her application has been accepted by the general membership at or before the June general assembly meeting."

Officers to be elected are: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide, and four (4) Trustees.

An amendment to Article 8, Section 4, of the By-Laws was voted on and passed at the general membership meeting of June 27, 1993.

"Any member in good standing wishing to obtain an absentee ballot, may do so by applying to the D.I.A.C. c/o the Nomination and Election Committee, within 30 days in advance of the election. Thus enabling members, who cannot come in person, an opportunity to cast their vote by obtaining an absentee ballot. The absentee ballot will be mailed to the voter, within 20 days, prior to the election. The absentee ballot must be in the hands of the Committee on election day, for the ballot to be counted."

Downriver Italian-American Club.  
Nomination and Election Committee  
646 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727

### Pasta Event – October 15, 2008



The next Pasta luncheon and dinner will be on **Wednesday, October 15**. This will be the last pasta event for the year.

The September event was a success with 777 meals served. It was a long and busy evening. A special thanks to all members that donated their time during the two days.

Again, we are looking for new faces to join us. Mark Grazioli, Tony Lumia and Jim Bademian have chaired all these pasta events. They have done an excellent job at purchasing the goods and making certain the event flows smoothly. The profit from these events has helped us maintain the club and the building expenses.

Please devote a few hours of your time during food preparation and the serving. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose. View the activity pictures at the club website.

### DIAC Membership Christmas Party

The chairperson(s) of the Adult Christmas Dinner party are announcing this event will take place on **Friday, December 20, 2008**. **Grace Pizzo**, 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 info will be forthcoming in the November newsletter.

### Autumn Beginning

With the summer ending

Comes the start of a new beginning  
One of colors of oranges and yellows  
Only to make one feel more mellow

Awakening in the dawn of a cool, crisp morning  
Leaving the soul refreshed for the new beginning

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### Bus Trips on the Horizon



**Four Winds and Blue Chip Casinos – Wed./Thurs., Dec. 10/11, 2008 – New Buffalo, MI. and Michigan City, IN.**

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 in New Buffalo, MI. One

Continental Breakfast is included at the hotel. You will be visiting the famous Four Winds Casino. You will receive \$10.00 for food, retail and slot play and \$5.00 instant credit. You will also be visiting the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana, on the first day.

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

For reservation, please contact **Nancy DiPasquale at (734)282-1644**. (If no answer, please call (734)365-1984, cell phone). Mail your check (made out to: **Bianco Tours**) to:  
Nancy DiPasquale  
13426 Mulberry  
Southgate, MI 48195-2499.

### I Love October Days

I love October's tranquil days  
Of picture-perfect charm,  
With haystacks on the hillside  
And orange pumpkins farms.

I love October's magic days  
When colorful trees abound,  
And Autumn's red and russet leaves  
Come tumbling to the ground.

I love October's glory days  
That sweep in on padded feet,  
Spread a Fall umbrella,  
Then run off to Winter meet.

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### A Message from Vinnie DiClaudio

Another reminder, if anyone has leftover yarn, please consider donating for the ill stricken people. The yarn will go into making Afghan blankets for cancer patients in local hospitals. If you have the yarn or wish to make a purchase donation, please contact **Vincenza (Vinnie) DiClaudio at (313)928-3604**. These blankets provide tender loving care to the patient and family. They are so beautiful.

### A Message from Fay Palazzolo

Fay would like to thank, **Shirley Cavataio, Miriam Lumia, Jeanette Schiraldi and Rose Vitale** for bringing dessert to the September membership meeting - all were delicious.

Fay would like to remind **Joyce Mitra, Mary Randazzo and Piera Vitale** who have volunteered to bring dessert to the October Membership meeting.

Anyone wanting to bring dessert at a future meeting, please contact **Fay Palazzolo at (734)282-0539**.

### Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized: **Fara Pizzo, Jim Morrin and Marco Talluto. Vivian Palazzolo** is recovering from a hip replacement surgery. Keep in your prayer **Grace Pizzo** who had a terrible kitchen incident. We pray for a speedy recovery. Get Well Wishes to all our members who are not feeling well. Please advise **Grace Pizzo** (734)379-9491 of anyone who is ill.

### Congratulating New DIAC Members

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

**Thomas and Elsa (Rolino) Moczulski** of Shelby Twp, MI  
Sponsored by **Mark and MaryJane Grazioli**.

**Rino and Marie (Wright) Pagnucco** of Riverview, MI  
Sponsored by **Frank and Liliana Giannotti**.

**Anselm and Lina (Carlone) Scipione** of Brownstown, MI  
Sponsored by **Angelina Carlone**.

**Daniel and Leontina (Simone) Webster** of Woodhaven, MI - Sponsored by **Giacinto and Theresa Simone**.

### Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

<i>Charles Cosner (10/2)</i>	<i>Sam Gemus (10/16)</i>
<i>Angelo A. Giannotti (10/2)</i>	<i>Mary Randazzo (10/17)</i>
<i>Jack Hodge (10/2)</i>	<i>Marco Talluto (10/17)</i>
<i>Wynnyth Martino (10/2)</i>	<i>James Gandol (10/18)</i>
<i>Bettina Vitale (10/2)</i>	<i>Hermine Norscia (10/18)</i>
<i>Vivian Martino (10/3)</i>	<i>Darlene Randazzo (10/18)</i>
<i>George Menna (10/4)</i>	<i>John Finazzo (10/19)</i>
<i>Joann Pagano (10/4)</i>	<i>Dick Oslund (10/19)</i>
<i>Theresa Gemus (10/5)</i>	<i>Frances Randazzo (10/19)</i>
<i>Raymond Gonella (10/6)</i>	<i>Mary Giaino (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>Anselm Scipione (10/25)</i>
<i>Joan Luzac (10/9)</i>	<i>Rose Bozzo (10/26)</i>
<i>James Bademian (10/10)</i>	<i>Rino Pagnucco (10/26)</i>
<i>Antonio Vespa (10/10)</i>	<i>Michael McNally (10/27)</i>
<i>Susan Conz (10/11)</i>	<i>Marguerite Sclafani (10/29)</i>
<i>Josie Klube (10/11)</i>	<i>Rena DeMelis (10/27)</i>
<i>Gino Martino Jr. (10/11)</i>	<i>Angela McCarty (10/31)</i>
<i>Robert Franzese (10/13)</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>Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3)</i>	
<i>Fran Lenny and Pina Milewski (10/3)</i>	<i>55<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Rino and Marie Pagnucco (10/3)</i>	
<i>Ted and Lena Brockway (10/7)</i>	<i>25<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>James and Dolores DeMare (10/7)</i>	
<i>Joseph and Josie Badalamenti (10/9)</i>	<i>50<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Henry and Teresa Le Sage (10/10)</i>	
<i>Joseph and Josie Palazzolo (10/11)</i>	
<i>Joseph and Sadie Kusic (10/14)</i>	
<i>Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14)</i>	<i>25<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Peter and Brenda Mangiapane (10/15)</i>	
<i>Leo and Delores DeJohn (10/16)</i>	
<i>Gaetano and Concetta Vitale (10/16)</i>	
<i>Curt and Gina Cingle (10/18)</i>	
<i>Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)</i>	
<i>Tony and Miriam Lumia (10/19)</i>	
<i>John and Abby Gustaf (10/20)</i>	
<i>Salvatore and Caterina Abbulone (10/21)</i>	

### Noah's Ark

*Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark...*

ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat!

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

ELEVEN: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

### A Senior Moment

A group of Sun City Senior citizens were sitting around talking about their ailments:

"My arms are so weak I can barely hold a cup of coffee", said one.

"Yes, I know. My cataracts are so bad I can't even see my coffee", replied another.

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck", said a third, to which several nodded in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me dizzy," another went on.

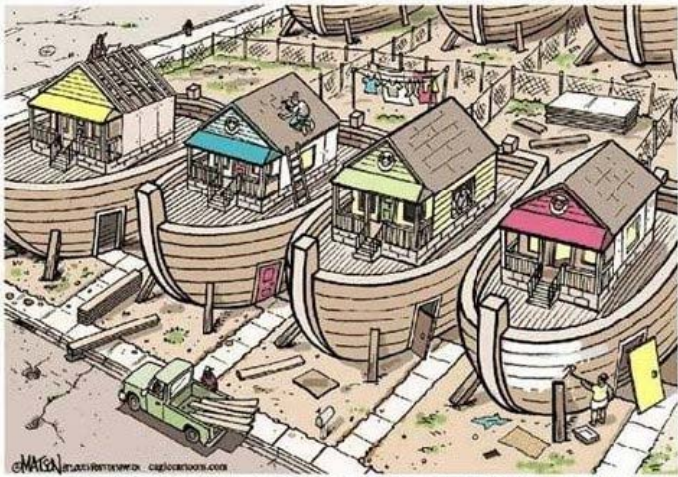
"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he shook his head.

Then there was a short moment of silence.

"Well, it's not that bad" said one woman cheerfully. "Thank God, we can all still drive!"

### Rebuilding New Orleans

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For complete description of materials and how to build it, please refer to Genesis, chapter 5:14-16

### Thoughts for October

"It is not what we read, but what we remember that makes us learned. It is not what we intend but what we do that makes us useful. And, it is not a few faint wishes but a lifelong struggle that makes us valiant."

Henry Ward Beecher

1813-1887, American Preacher, Orator, Writer

### Yet Another Senior Moment

An 80-year-old-couple are having problems remembering things, so they decide to see their doctor to find out if anything is wrong with them.

They see the doctor and tell him about the memory problems they've been having. After a check-up, the doctor tells them that they are physically fine but might want to start writing things down to help them remember things. They thank the doctor and leave.

Later that night while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Where are you going?" asks his wife.

"To the kitchen," he replies.

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" she asks.

"Sure," he says.

She says, "Maybe you should write it down so you'll remember."

"I'll remember," he says.

"Well, I would also like some strawberries on top," she says. "You had better write that down cause I know you'll forget."

"I can remember that," he says, as he begins to lose his patience. "You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I would also like whip cream on top," she adds, "I know you will forget that so you better write it down."

Hopping mad he says, "I don't need to write that down! I will remember just fine." He fumes into the kitchen to get the food.

After about 20 minutes he returns from the kitchen and hands her a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment and says, "Hey, you forgot my toast!"

### DIAH 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

**Dec. 14, 2008** ..... **Member's Children Christmas Party.**  
**Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan.**

**Dec. 20, 2008** ..... **Member's Christmas Party.**  
**Grace Pizzo, Leona Vizzini.**

**Dec. 31, 2008** ..... **New Year's Eve Gala Party.**  
**DIAH Hall Board**

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## Mass and Special Events Schedule for 2008

*All Sunday Masses not Listed are at 9:30a.m. in Latin*

July 18, 19 & 20, 2008

Freedom Hill Italian Festival Volunteers are needed 313-257-2449

Thursday, August 7, 2008:

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio 586-296-6295

Friday, August 15, 2008:

7:00 p.m. Mass of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sunday, August 17, 2008:

9:30 a.m. Latin Mass.  
10:15 a.m. Procession of Maria SS di Trapani  
11:00 a.m. Italian Mass of Maria SS di Trapani.

Saturday, August 23, 2008:

Holy Family Sponsors the 2 day Renaissance Vicariate Festival  
Volunteers are needed 313-575-9588

Sunday August 24, 2008

Sunday, September 7, 2008:

9:30 a.m. Latin Mass.  
10:15 a.m. Procession of Madonna della Grazie  
11:00 a.m. Italian Mass of Madonna della Grazie.

Sunday, October 5, 2008:

9:30 a.m. Latin Mass.  
11:00 a.m. English Mass of Christopher Columbus.

Sunday, October 12, 2008:

11:00 a.m. **Only** – Special Mass for all those who were baptized and confirmed at Holy Family Church. Luncheon to follow. 313-575-9588

Saturday, October 18, 2008:

5:00 p.m. Latin Mass followed by Italian Wine Tasting – 313-527-2449 for Tickets & Reservation.

Sunday, November 9, 2008:

9:30 a.m. Latin Mass.  
11:00 a.m. English **Veteran's Day Mass.**

Sunday, December 7, 2008:

9:30 a.m. Latin Mass.  
Lunch with ~~Santa Claus~~ **Santa Claus** after Mass – Details to Follow. 586-294-1684

Monday, December 8, 2008:

7:00 pm. Mass a Holy Day of Obligation for the **Immaculate Conception.**

Sunday, December 28, 2008:

11:00 a.m. Mass honoring the Feast of the Holy Family with a luncheon to fellow. Reservation 586-247-1887



# October Pasta Event

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

## The Downriver Italian-American Hall

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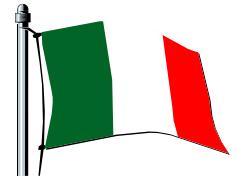
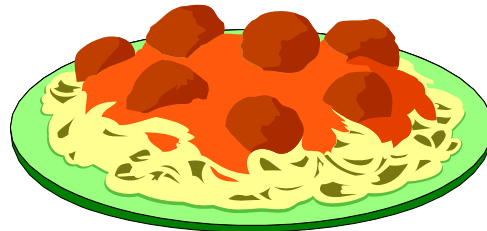
**Wednesday, October 15, 2008**

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



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