



38th Year, 1971-2009

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

June 2009 NEWSLETTER

Board of Directors Meeting..... Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting Sunday, June 28, 2009, 6:30 p.m.



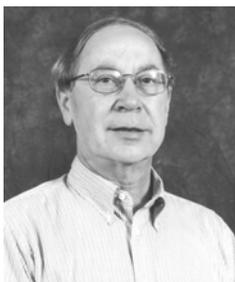
Happy Father's Day - Sunday, June 21, 2009!

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



Here we are in June. The weather is starting to get hot. Those of you who are gardeners have probably already planted flowers outside your house. And if you have a garden, you may have planted tomatoes, lettuce, beans, squash, cucumbers, melangiani, green peppers, and other vegetables

already. Fig tree growers like, **Gaetano Chirco**, **Damiano Vitale**, **Vincenzo Vitale**, myself and others, are awaiting for the first crop of figs to mature. Nothing like taking pride in your gardening skills. Many Sicilians are growing limes and lemons. Nothing beats home grown for the fresh taste.

There were several successful events at the club this past month:

The Mother's Day Buffet was well received with 270 people served. **Jeanne** and her crew did an outstanding job with the food selection, preparation and serving the attendees.

The Taste of Italy was also another outstanding event. The hall was well decorated. The 220 attendees were impressed by the delicious food catered by local eateries. This was our 6th year. Profits go to the Penrickton House for the Blind. Special thanks to **Tony and Miriam Lumia** and **other club members** for helping. You can view the photos on the club website.

The **May Pasta Event** was another success. Some 615 meals were served. Bless those members who helped out

during the two days and to those that came to eat. We need your support to make these club fund raisers a success. Thanks to the committee for their hard work and dedication in ordering all the preparations.

News came from **Tom Talluto** that his daughter **Daniella (Dani) Bell** made the Cadillac Chamber of Commerce list of top 20 professional achievers in the Cadillac area for young people under 40.

Coming up are the July 4th Wyandotte Independence Day Parade and the Club membership picnic. We would love to see you there.

We hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health.

Frank Giannotti, Club President

Father's Day

Over the years

As we grow old,

We remember our father

So brave and bold.

In the garden,

Leaning on the plow,

He would listen to me;

I see him now.

He would give advice

And understand;

He was always there

To lend a hand.

God made fathers

Strong and firm,

For he knew our lives

Would have great concerns.

So he gave us fathers

To teach us to pray,

And guide our lives,

And show us the way.

So on his day

Let's take the time

To say "Thanks, dad.

I'm glad you're mine."

Mary Frances Bogle

Pasta Event – Wednesday May 20, 2009



Our second Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner of the year was held on Wednesday May 20, 2009. We served a total of 615 dinners. Sixty-six Club members volunteered their time for this event, either on Tuesday when we do most of the cooking or on Wednesday when we are open to the public. So far this year, we have served less dinners than last year, but more than 2007. Sales of sauce and meat balls were brisk. Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be Wednesday June 17, 2009. 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.

If you cannot work, another way to support our Spaghetti Dinners is to come yourself or as many of you do bring some friends.

Mark Grazioli – Chairman

Wyandotte Independence Day Parade



Our Club will be participating in the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade - Saturday, July 4, 10:30 a.m.** The club will participate as a marching unit. We are in 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 26, 2009



The Annual Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 26th. 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 check (made out to Downriver Italian-American Club) to **Vivian Palazzolo**. See attached flyer.

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.

A Blood Drive for Phyllis Cottone

As a follow-up article, **Mary Cottone** needs 35 donors to make this blood drive happen - she is 18 donors short. This drive is in support of Club member, **Phyllis Cottone**, who is in need fresh blood on a periodic base.

The American Red Cross will schedule a blood drive sometime in July at the hall. If you can give blood, please call **Mary Cottone at (734)285-1563** and she will let you know the date and time. Please advise your family and friends of this important life-giving donation.

Mary asked if Club members can bake and bring cookies. Phyllis thanks you for your kind deed.

DIAC Golf Outing – July 25, 2009



The Young Members of the Club are sponsoring a **Golf Outing on Saturday, July 25, 2009, 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.

We are also 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 11th.

For further information, please contact:

Gaetano (Guy) Vitale (313) 914-2400

Tony Lumia (313) 565-0671

Bus Trips on the Horizon



Odawa Casino – Wednesday, July 29, 2009 – Petoskey, MI.

This is a 2 day/1 night event. Round trip transportation provided via a deluxe highway motor coach. You will be staying at the Odawa Hotel in Petoskey. The package includes: Day 1 - \$20.00 slot play, Day 2 - \$15.00 slot play. There is complimentary shuttle service runs between the casino and the hotel the entire time the casino is open.

The cost is \$135.00 per person (based on double occupancy). **Future trips are as follows:**

WINDSOR RACEWAY - August 5, 2009. \$15.00 per person - \$20.00 Incentive.

HOOSIER PARK, CASINO & HORSERACING. August 26, 2009. \$119.00 per person, based on double occupancy. \$40.00 Incentive.

FRANKENMUTH BUS TRIP - September 30, 2009

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT. CANADA - October 28, 2009.

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.

Grandfathers Are Fathers Who Are Grand

Grandfathers are fathers who are grand,
 Restoring the sense that our most precious things
 Are those that do not change much over time.
 No love of childhood is more sublime,
 Demanding little, giving on demand,
 Far more inclined than most to grant the wings
 Allowing us to reach enchanted lands.
 Though grandfathers must serve as second fathers,
 Helping out with young and restless hearts,
 Each has all the patience wisdom brings,
 Remembering our passions more than others,
 Soothing us with old and well-honed arts.

Author Unknown

Educational Achievement News

Priscilla Marie Coch, daughter of **Robert and Sue Coch** and granddaughter to the late **Joe Vitale** and **Rose Vitale** is graduating from high school this June, 2009. In her years at the Woodhaven High School, she has maintained honor roll grades (3.7 or better), earned her sport letter in girls softball and volleyball. She has been a member of DECA for the past six years in which she has won different medals for school contests. Priscilla will attend studies at a university in the Medical Profession. Priscilla just recently was given a scholarship. Congratulations to Priscilla for her accomplishments. Grandmother **Rose Vitale** and your parents are very proud of you.

Emily Nicole Shaw graduated from Eastern Michigan University on April 26, 2009. She received her degree with honors, cum laude, college of Health and Social Work. Emily is the granddaughter of **Lina and Ted Brockway** and the daughter of **Diane and George Lack** of Howell, MI. She and her husband, Ian, reside in Jackson MI. Congratulations to Emily for her accomplishments. Grandparents **Lena and Ted Brockway** are very proud of you.

Congratulating New DIAC Members

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

Nick and Karen (Harleton) Caputo of Flat Rock, MI. Sponsored by **Linda Carrier**.

Edith M. (Costa) Gendron of Southgate, MI. Sponsored by **Linda Carrier**.

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized: Marianna Curcuru. Phyllis Cottone. Please keep them in your prayer. Get Well Wishes to

all our members who are not feeling well. Please advise **Grace Pizzo** (734)379-9491 of anyone is ill or will be hospitalized.

Condolence to the family of **Lisa Burns** on the death of her husband, **Richard Burns**, who passed away on May 17, 2009, at the age of 53. Condolences to the mother-in-law, Vincenza (Vinnie) Di Claudio.

Condolences to the families of **Leona Vizzini** and **Johnny and Joyce Mitra** on the death of their mother, **Jean Mitra**, who passed away on May 21, at the age of 99. Condolences to the related families of: **Sal and Nancy DiPasquale; Theresa Klavon; Gaetano (Tony) and Gina DiCarlo**.

Condolences to the family of **Joseph and Paola Ventimiglia** on the death of Joe's mother, **Agnes Ventimiglia** who passed away on May 25, at the age of 86. Condolences to the related families of **Joe and Rose Pagano (Joe is brother to Agnes); Joseph and Sharon Pagano** and **Roger and Emilie Shifflett**.

Condolences to the family of **Lenny and Pina Milewski** on the death of Lenny's brother-in-law, **James McKeel**, who passed away on May 19, at the age of 78.

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 grants 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>Patricia Graziani (6/17)</i>
<i>Gloria Gunn (6/3)</i>	<i>Lorraine Casali (6/18)</i>
<i>Randall Rice (6/3)</i>	<i>Arnaldo Fracassa (6/18)</i>
<i>Vito A. Trupiano (6/3)</i>	<i>Antoinette Cora (6/19)</i>
<i>Michael Cosentino (6/5)</i>	<i>Donna Grazioli (6/20)</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>Loni Iacopelli (6/27)</i>
<i>Susie Coch (6/14)</i>	<i>Pina Milewski (6/27)</i>
<i>Liliana Giannotti (6/17)</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 anniversaries this month.

Sam and Nancy Cosentino (6/1)
Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/2)
Danny and Theresa Herbert (6/3)

Matteo and Diana Gaiamo (6/4)
James and Juliann Bademian (6/6) 45th
Joseph and Vivian Cacioppo (6/6) 45th
Mike and Vivian Palazzolo (6/7)
Vincent and Francesca Vitale (6/8)
Richard and Yolanda Oslund (6/9)
Thomas and Noreen Battaglia (6/12)
Rocky and Nancy Kaune (6/12)
Anselm and Lina Scipione (6/15)
Johnny and Joyce Mitra (6/18)
Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)
Jason and Rosalie Karawan (6/19) 5th
Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (6/19) 55th
Matteo and Dora Agrusa (6/22) 20th
Ray and Emilia Gonella (6/23)
William and Caroline Barrett (6/25) 25th
Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)
Fred and Stella Marzano (6/25)
*Joseph and Rose Pagano (6/25) *60th **
Joseph and Mary Caparaotta (6/26)
Gino and Barbara Biundo (6/27)
Jack and Josephine Favazza (6/27)
Bill and Shirley Cavataio (6/29)
Joe and Dolly Chirco (6/29)
John and Deborah Serafino (6/30)

A Message from Fay Palazzolo

Fay would like to thank **Joyce Mitra, Hermine Norscia, Rosalie Shimkus** and **Carmela Stralle** for bringing dessert to the May membership meeting - all were very delicious. All complimented how good the dessert was.

Miriam Lumia, Elisa Norscia, Jeanette Schiraldi, Lisa Vespa and **Rose Vitale** have volunteered to bring dessert to the June membership meeting. If you would like to bring a dessert, please contact **Fay Palazzolo** at (734) 282-0539.

A Doctor's Visit

A woman accompanied her husband to the doctor's office. After his checkup, the doctor called the wife into his office alone.

He said, "Your husband is suffering from a very severe disease, combined with horrible stress. If you don't do the following, your husband will surely die:

"Each morning, fix him a healthy breakfast. Be pleasant, and make sure he is in a good mood. For lunch, make him a nutritious meal he can take to work. And for dinner, prepare an especially nice meal for him. Don't burden him with chores, as this could further his stress.

"Don't discuss your problems with him; it will only make his stress worse. Try to relax your husband in the evening by wearing lingerie and giving him plenty of back rubs. Encourage him to watch some type of team sporting event on television.

"And, most importantly make love with your husband several times a week and satisfy his every whim. If you can do this for the next 10 months to a year, I think your husband will regain his health completely."

On the way home, the husband asked his wife, "What did the doctor say?"

"You're going to die," she replied.

My Friend

When you are sad
 I will dry your tears.
 When you are scared
 I will comfort your fears.
 When you are worried
 I will give you hope.
 When you are confused
 I will help you cope.
 And when you are lost
 And can't see the light
 I shall be your beacon
 Shining ever so bright.

DIA Hall Banquet Facility

If you have a relative, such as a niece, nephew, or grandchildren who are getting married and looking for a nice place to hold a party - we will give them the same discount price as a club member. The Hall is willing to work very close with them. The Club does need the business. **DIA Hall** is a beautiful banquet facility and provides long lasting memories for those special occasions.

For further information, please call **Diana Holmes** or **Mary Cottone** at (734) 285-4044. We would like to book your party and give us an opportunity to serve you.

Senior Moment on the Road

Sitting on the side of the road waiting to catch speeding drivers, a state trooper sees a car pattering along at 22 mph. He thinks to himself, "This driver is as dangerous as a speeder!"

So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five elderly ladies - two in the front seat and three in the back, wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand. I was going the exact speed limit. What seems to be the problem?"

The trooper trying to contain a chuckle, explains to her that 22 was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before you go, Ma'am, I have to ask, is everyone in this car OK? "These women seem awfully shaken."

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute, officer. We just got off Route 127."

Senior Quotes

- ❖ I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- ❖ My wild oats have turned into All Bran.
- ❖ I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.
- ❖ Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.
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- ❖ If all is not lost, where is it?
- ❖ It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- ❖ The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
- ❖ If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
- ❖ It's not hard to meet expenses; they're everywhere.

A Poem for June

Oh, my love is like a red, red rose,
That's newly sprung in June;
Oh, my love is like the melody,
That's sweetly played in tune

- Robert Burns -

Special Request for Host Families for Italian Exchange Students

Ciao. We really need your help! We have several Italian Exchange students arriving in August that we need to have host families for right away. Without host families, they will not have the opportunity to come and experience life in America. Please make announcements or pass along this information to possible interested families.

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in possibly hosting an exchange student for the 09/10 school year. We have students 15-18 years old from around the world that will be arriving in August for 5 or 10 months. We need host families for these students.

Without host families, we would not be able to help these students achieve their American Dream! Host families need only to provide a bed for the student and meals at home. Students can share a room with another kid. All other expenses are the student's responsibility. Host Families can consist of all makeup's such as single families, couples with no kids, retirees, empty nesters, etc. These students make great mentors to younger children as well. Students participate in a variety of interests including, soccer, basketball, arts, cooking, track, baseball, volleyball, music, etc.

Please pass my information along to anyone that might be of interest.

Your help is greatly appreciated, as we still have several students to place with good host families! Exchange students can be a positive influence on your family, school, and community!

Grazie Mille
Sincerely,
Lisa Cabadas
Area Administrator- Michigan
Cultural Homestay International
chilisa@chinet.org
877-706-2508 toll free
313-580-9594 cell

To report membership information, please contact:

Member Illness/Death:	Grace Pizzo	(734)379-9491
Members Deceased Notification	Grace Randazzo	(734)284-7251
Membership Info:	Leslie Lupo	(734)282-1257
Change of Address and Newsletter Information	Frank Giannotti	(734)283-7394

Calendar of Coming Events

- June 17, 2009** **June Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee + Club Membership.
- July 4, 2009** **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade.**
Mary Cottone and Friends.
- July 25, 2009** **Annual Golf Outing.**
Gaetano Vitale, T Lumia, M Grazioli.
- July 26, 2009** **Annual Picnic Event.**
Mike/Vivian Palazzolo + Club Board.
- Aug. 19, 2009** **August Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee + Club Membership.
- Sept. 16, 2009** **September Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee + Club Membership.
- Oct. 3, 2009** **"Dancing with the Stars".**
Phyllis Gandol, J Labadie, M Wierzba
- Oct. 21, 2009** **October Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee + Club Membership.
- Nov. 1, 2009** **Memorial Mass.**
Florence (Sclafani) Coleman & ???.
- Dec. 12, 2009** **Member's Christmas Dinner Party.**
Sadie Kusic, Leona Vizzini.
- Dec. 13, 2009** **Member's Children Christmas Party.**
Rosalie (Vitale) Karawan & ???.

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Downriver Italian-American Club

Presents the Fifth Annual:

2009 DIAC Golf Outing "Get into the Swing of Things" Golf Scramble

Saturday, July 25th, 2009

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 11th, 2009

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 – (313) 914-2400 home or (248) 320-2196 mobile

Tony Lumia – (313) 565-0671



I (We) will be attending the **DIAC Golf Scramble on Saturday, July 25th, 2009**

This ticket and payment must be received no later than July 11th, 2009.

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 ♣ 8920 Robert St. ♣ Taylor, MI 48180



Downriver Italian-American Club

Membership Picnic

Sunday - July 26, 2009

WHERE: Young Patriots Park, Sibley Rd, (West of Fort Street) -



TIME: 12 Noon - Until 6:00 p.m.

PRICE: Adults: \$15.00 - Children Under 12 Free (Children Meal)

Children of Ages 12 to 17: \$15.00

Children over 18: \$20.00 (Non Members)

One Guest of a Single Member: \$20.00

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 Saturday, July 18, 2009**. 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 D.I.A.C. Annual Picnic, on Sunday, July 26, 2009.

Coupon must be received **no later than July 18, 2009**.

NAME: _____ Steak _____ Chicken _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Number of Adults (\$15.00): ____ Children under 12 (Free): ____ Ages: _____

Children 12 to 17 (\$15.00): ____ Children over 18 (\$20.00): ____ Single Guest (\$20.00): ____

A check or money order in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.



2009 Pasta Events

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

The Downriver Italian-American Club

646 Biddle Avenue (North of Goddard)
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(734) 285-4044

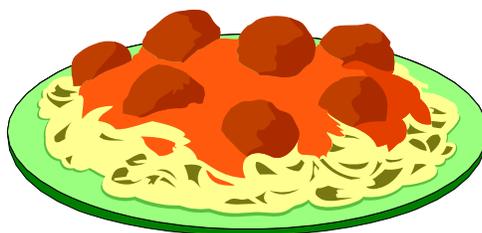
Wednesday, April 15, 2009	Wednesday, May 20 2009
Wednesday, June 17, 2009	Wednesday, July 15, 2009
Wednesday, August 19, 2009	Wednesday, September 16, 2009
Wednesday, October 21, 2009	3 rd Wednesday of each Month



Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Adults: \$7.00 (Same Low Price as Last Year)
Children 10 & Under: \$4.00
Sausage addition for \$1.50



Delicious Meat Sauce and Meatballs Available for Take-Home

Enjoy a Delicious Italian Home Cooked Meal
Public Welcome – Advise and Bring Your Friends
We Deliver Carry-Outs Orders of 8 or More Meals
During the Luncheon Period Only.



Banquet Hall Available for Public Rental