



39th Year, 1971-2010

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

May 2010 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, May 23, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

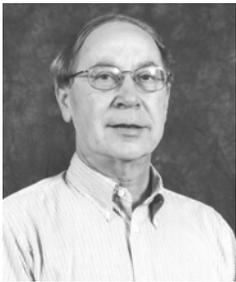


Happy Mother's Day - Sunday, May 9, 2010!

June Membership Meeting Change

The general membership meeting for June **has been re-scheduled to Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at 6:30 pm**. The banquet hall is booked on the regularly scheduled 4th Sunday. Please jot this date on your calendar and remind fellow member(s). Please note, this is a Wednesday!

A Message from the Club President



Good to see our weather is moving toward summer. The days are getting longer and we have our hands full at planting and arranging our front and back yards. This is also a good time for us to un-clutter our basement. For some of us, painting a few rooms is on our to-do list.

I want to comment on a few events the Club had in April. The Good Friday Fish Fry and the Easter Brunch were both successful. The food was great and we all had a great time.

Our first Pasta event on April 21st was equally successful. More meals were served this year than last year. I want to thank the many members that helped-out during the two days. If it wasn't for your generous support, we would not be as successful. The committee stays on top of things by having all the necessary supplies ordered and available as needed. The cannoli sale was a sold out success. Thanks to **Nick and Karen Caputo** for bringing the idea to us and for preparing them.

The **Hall Board and Jeanne's Catering** will be hosting the **Mother's Day Buffet** on May 9th. We hope to see a lot of members, their families and friend attend this annual event. Avoid the long lines at restaurants and enjoy a delicious meal in our fabulous banquet hall.

Nick Caputo and **Tony Lumia** will be chairing the "**Musical Memories**" Dinner Show on May 14th. Ticket sales are going well - tickets are still available. Riding on the success of the "**Bring on the Spring**" show in March, this will prove equally as successful. Tickets for a future dinner show in November are currently being sold and reservations taken. See related article in this newsletter.

On Wednesday, May 19, 2010, the club will host another pasta event. Thanks in advance to all the members who will be helping during the two days. If you cannot work, please come and invite your friends. The pasta events is a major fundraiser for the club.

We hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health. God Bless you and your family. And please, support our fundraising events. **Frank A. Giannotti, Club President**

Voting on Club By-Laws Changes

The Club Constitution and By-Laws are being revised to reflect changes needed since the last revisions in 2009. Attached in this newsletter are the changes. The changes were approved by the Club Board on April 13, 2010. A discussion session was held at the April 25, 2010 membership meeting. The membership will be voting on the changes at the May 23, 2010 membership meeting. Please read the changes carefully. The changes are needed to move the Club forward. Please vote and be counted. Two-thirds of the membership present is needed to approve the changes. Please make an effort to attend the meeting.

Mother's Day Buffet - Sunday, May 9th



There will be a Mother's Day Dinner Buffet on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, 2010** between the hours of 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. at the **Downriver Italian-American Hall**. See the attached flyer for the meal selection. Advanced tickets are: \$17.00 per Adult, \$16.00 for Seniors, and \$8.00 for Children between 4 and 10 years of age. Tickets purchased at the door are \$1.00 more. See attached flyer for menu information. It is suggested you call early and make your reservation. Last reservation is at 4:00 pm.

This event is open to the **General Public**. Advise your family, friends and neighbors. There is no need to spend time waiting in long lines at restaurants, when you can be accommodated immediately at the Hall. Your seating time will be based on a schedule to avoid over-crowding. Make your reservations early.

For further information and ticket sales, please contact **Diana Holmes** at the Hall (734) 285-4044.

Pasta Event - May 19, 2010



Our first Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner of the year was held on Wednesday April 21, 2010. We served a total of 544 dinners, which was 8% greater than last year. Fifty-seven 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. Sales of sauce and meat balls were brisk. Also, we introduced cannoli dessert, which were prepared by **Karen and Nick Caputo**. They filled 196 cannoli, which were all sold before the evening ended. Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be Wednesday May 19, 2010. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and dinner from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

Mark Grazioli - Chairman

"Musical Memories" Dinner Show

There will be a "**Musical Memories" Dinner Show**" at the DIA Hall on Friday, May 14, 2010. The show will host the personalities of celebrities like **Cal Roberts** (formerly of the Platters) and **Wayne Tierney (a.k.a. Roy Orbison)**. They will sing songs that made them famous. It will be like walking back in time and remembering the moments in your life when they were popular hits.

The chairpersons are **Nick Caputo** and **Tony Lumia**. Prior to the entertainment, the meal includes pizza, salad, and dessert. See attached flyer for details. This is a club revenue-making event. Please show your support by attending and inviting your friends.

This will be a fun night. For ticket sales, contact **Nick Caputo** at (734)281-3556 or **Tony Lumia** at (313)565-0671. Please send your reservation to:

Nick Caputo
16400 Dix-Toledo Rd. Apt 401
Southgate, MI 48195-2992

DIAC Golf Outing – July 24, 2010



The Young Members of the Club are sponsoring a **Golf Outing on Saturday, July 24, 2010**, at **Westburn Golf Club** in South Rockwood. It includes 18 holes of golf, a power cart, luncheon prior to shotgun start, steak/chicken barbeque dinner, along with contests, raffles and prizes.

Registration and Lunch between 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Shotgun Start at 1:30 pm. Dinner and awards immediately following.

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. See attached flyer in this newsletter.

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 10th.

For further information, please contact:

Gaetano Vitale (313) 914-2400 (H) or (248) 320-2196 (Cell)
Tony Lumia (313) 565-0671

Club Annual Picnic

Vivian and **Mike Palazzolo** want to remind the membership, the **Club Annual Picnic** is on Sunday, July 25, 2010 - at the Riverview Civic Center.

Information will be forthcoming in the June newsletter. Vivian or Mike can be reached at (734)281-1876

"The Legends Live" Dinner Show

There will be "**The Legends Live" Dinner Show**" at the DIA Banquet Hall on Saturday, November 6, 2010. The show will host the personalities of celebrities like **Cal Roberts** (formerly of the Platters), **Elvis Presley**, **Rod Stewart**, **Marvin Gaye**, **Neil Diamond** and **MC Rocking Ronnie**. This will be an outstanding show – you will not be disappointed. Tickets and table locations are available. Reserve your table and seating early, before tickets are sold out.

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A Message from Fay Palazzolo

Fay would like to thank **Nancy Cosentino**, **Linda Kerr** and **Hermine Norscia** for bringing dessert to the April membership meeting. The desserts were very delicious – we had many compliments from the members.

Karen Caputo, **Linda Kerr** and **Rose Prato** have volunteered to bring dessert to the May 23rd membership meeting. If you would like to bring a dessert, 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: **Joe Pagano**, **Violet Jenson**, **Maria Sclafani** and **Mary Wierzba**. **Ted Brockway** remains

seriously ill at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit; **Lena Brockway** is recovering from a fall injury.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

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| <i>Rosalie Shinkus (5/1)</i> | <i>Alfonso Stralle (5/21)</i> |
| <i>Salvatore Finazzo (5/2)</i> | <i>Rose Zerilli (5/21)</i> |
| <i>Diana Giaino (5/2)</i> | <i>Teresa LeSage (5/22)</i> |
| <i>Vivian Palazzolo (5/2)</i> | <i>Sam Badalamenti (5/23)</i> |
| <i>Frank Checchio (5/3)</i> | <i>Catherine Sclafani (5/23)</i> |
| <i>Colleen Tabaka (5/5)</i> | <i>Joseph Ventimiglia (5/24)</i> |
| <i>Theresa Talluto (5/8)</i> | <i>Salvatore Vitale (5/24)</i> |
| <i>Theresa Klavon (5/11)</i> | <i>Joseph Cacioppo (5/25)</i> |
| <i>Viola Birkett (5/13)</i> | <i>Grace Badalamente (5/26)</i> |
| <i>Joseph Caparaotta (5/13)</i> | <i>Gail Melzer (5/27)</i> |
| <i>Barbara Biundo (5/14)</i> | <i>Jeanette Schiraldi (5/28)</i> |
| <i>Martha Guastella (5/16)</i> | <i>Lisa Vespa (5/29)</i> |
| <i>Nancy McFaul (5/19)</i> | <i>Anthony Lazzarino (5/30)</i> |
| <i>Guy A. Vitale (5/20)</i> | <i>Carmela Stralle (5/31)</i> |
| <i>Clarice Silveri (5/21)</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.

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| <i>Kenneth and Angela Scott (5/01)</i> | <i>45th</i> |
| <i>Gerald and Susan Conz (5/02)</i> | <i>40th</i> |
| <i>Eugene and Catherine Kling (5/05)</i> | |
| <i>Gaetano and Laurie Randazzo (5/09)</i> | <i>30th</i> |
| <i>Gaetano and Maria Chirco (5/11)</i> | |
| <i>Charles and Gina Cosner (5/12)</i> | |
| <i>Patrick and Nina McMahon (5/12)</i> | |
| <i>Anthony and Robyn Vitale (5/15)</i> | |
| <i>Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (5/24)</i> | |
| <i>Marco and Jennifer Vitale (5/24)</i> | |
| <i>Douglas and Gail Melzer (5/27)</i> | <i>15th</i> |
| <i>Mike and Nina Palazzolo (5/29)</i> | <i>35th</i> |
| <i>Frank and Emma Checchio (5/31)</i> | |
| <i>Frank and Fara Pizzo (5/31)</i> | |

DIA Hall Banquet Facility

Do not forget to remind your family and friends about our facility at the Hall. If your niece, nephew, or grandchildren 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.

A Poem for May

Month of little hands with daisies
 Lover's love, and poets' praises;
 O thou merry month complete,
 May, thy very name is sweet!

- Leigh Hunt -

Five Tips for a Woman

1. It is important that a man helps you around the house and has a job.
2. It is important that a man makes you laugh.
3. It is important to find a man you can count on and doesn't lie to you.
4. It is important that a man loves you and spoils you.
5. It is important that these four men don't know each other.

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

- May 9, 2010** **Mother's Day Buffet.**
 Jeanne's Catering and DIA Hall Board.
- May 14, 2010** **"Musical Memories" Dinner Show.**
 Nick Caputo & Tony Lumia.
- May 19, 2010** **May Pasta Event.**
 Pasta Committee & Membership.
- June 16, 2010** **June Pasta Event.**
 Pasta Committee + Membership.
- July 3, 2010** **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade**
 Mary Cottone & the Board(s)
- July 24 2010** **Annual Golf Outing.**
 Gaetano Vitale, T Lumia, M Grazioli.
- July 21, 2010** **July Pasta Event.**
 Pasta Committee + Membership.
- July 25, 2010** **Annual Picnic Event.**
 Mike/Vivian Palazzolo & Club Board.
- Nov. 6, 2010** **"Legends Live" Dinner Show.**
 Nick Caputo & Tony Lumia

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Sections of Constitutions and By-Laws Changes. April 25, 2010
(Text deleted is (Strikethrough) – New text added is in (Bold))

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE OF APRIL 25, 2010. TO BE VOTED ON MAY 23, 2010.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Club. He shall preside at all meetings of the Club, including those of the Executive Committee. He, when available, shall be the officer to execute any documents concerning the Club, and shall countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer or ~~Financial/Corresponding Secretary~~. He shall appoint all standing committees, with the cooperative approval of the Executive Committee and members in good standing. Preferably, as the leading factor in the Club, he should be exemplary in forwarding the Club's interest and be conversant in programmatic and parliamentary accomplishments. The term of President shall be for two (2) years and he shall not be eligible to serve as President again for four (4) years, after serving his term as President.

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The following paragraph is added (following the above paragraph) to Section 1.

In the rare situation when there is no candidate for the Office of President, then, the Nominations and Election Committee may ask from the membership present, a nomination from current and past presidents (who are bound by term limits) for the Office of President. Then, he/she may run for an additional term of two (2) years. However, once he/she has served four (4) continuous years as President he/she shall not be eligible to serve as President again for two (2) years.

Club By-Laws amendment change process:

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and/or By-Laws may be amended, in whole or in part by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all regular members, in good standing, present at such meeting, regular and/or special, providing that such amendment shall be submitted in writing at any meeting with just a reading thereof, and then contained in a due notice to all members sent by the Financial Corresponding Secretary at least three (3) weeks before such meeting, at which a timed discussion and vote thereon shall be had. As amendments are made to the Constitution and/or By-Laws, it shall be the responsibility of the Recording Secretary to record these changes on a master copy to facilitate future reviews

**Jeanne's Catering and the
Downriver Italian-American Hall**



646 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, MI 48192



**Mother's Day Buffet
(All You Can Eat)**

Sunday May 9, 2010

12:00 noon – 5:00 pm (Last Reservation at 4:00 pm)

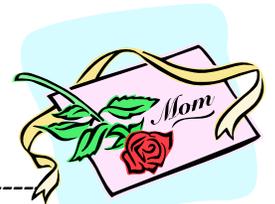
Call Now for Your Reservation - (734) 285-4044

Chef Carved Beef Sirloin, Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce,
Fish Florentine, Italian Sausage w/Peppers and Onions,
Chicken Chablis, Pork Marsale, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Bow Tie Pasta with Pesto Sauce, Salads, Relishes,
Cheese & Crackers, Chicken Noodle Soup, Peel & Eat Shrimp.

Dessert Table Which Includes Jeanne's Signature

"Carmel French Toast," Coffee & Tea

Cash Bar Available



Adults – \$17.00 in Advance / \$18.00 at the Door

Seniors (62+) – \$16.00 in Advance / \$17.00 at the Door

Children (4 to 10 Years) – \$8.00 in Advance / \$9.00 at the Door

Public Welcome – Bring Your Family and Friends

Downriver Italian-American Banquet Hall

646 Biddle Ave. Wyandotte, MI 48192

Proudly Presents

Musical Memories

Friday, May 14, 2010

Featuring:



Cal Roberts

Of the Platters

The Best in
50's & 60's
Entertainment
and Beyond
&
Sounds
of Motown



Wayne Tierney

A.K.A. Roy Orbison

Tickets \$18.00 Includes Pizza, Salad, Desserts and Show.

Cash Bar- Beer \$2.00, Well Mix Drinks \$3.00

Dinner at 6:30p.m. Show at 8:00p.m.

Doors open at 5:30

For Reservations or more information

Please Call

D.I.A Banquet Hall (734) 285-4044

Nick Caputo (734) 281-3556/ Tony Lumia (313) 565-0671

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Downriver Italian-American Club

Presents the Fifth Annual:

2010 DIAC Golf Outing

"Get into the Swing of Things"

Golf Scramble

Saturday, July 24th, 2010

Westburn Golf Club

5617 S. Huron River Drive
South Rockwood, MI

(Located between Telegraph & I-75, Exit 26)



Registration and Lunch: 12:30-1:30 pm

Shotgun Start: 1:30 pm

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

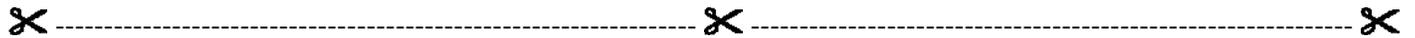
Reservations with payment only, due: July 10th, 2010

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 24th, 2010**

This ticket and payment must be received no later than July 10th, 2010.

| Team Members (Player1 to be main contact) | Steak or Chicken? | Phone Number | Payment Enclosed? |
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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-



2010 Pasta Events

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

The Downriver Italian-American Hall

646 Biddle Avenue (North of Goddard)
Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727
(734) 285-4044

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| Wednesday, April 21, 2010 | Wednesday, May 19 2010 |
| Wednesday, June 16, 2010 | Wednesday, July 21, 2010 |
| Wednesday, August 18, 2010 | Wednesday, September 15, 2010 |
| Wednesday, October 20, 2010 | 3 rd Wednesday of each Month |



Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

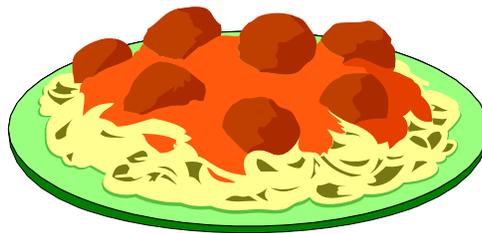
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7.50

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Sausage addition for \$1.50

Italian Cannoli Dessert Available.



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

