



40th Year, 1971-2011

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

May 2011 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, May 22, 2011, 6:30 p.m.



Happy Mother's Day - Sunday, May 8, 2011!

A Message from the Club President



May has arrived and hopefully there will be no more snow. The Detroit Tigers are well into the season and hope springs eternal. Our first Spaghetti Dinner was held on April 20th. We served 471 dinners.

The **Downriver Italian American Club** has been in existence for forty years. To celebrate our 40th year in existence, we have arranged three events for our members throughout the year. On June 16th, we are going to a Tiger baseball game. On August 24th we are planning a boat ride with buffet lunch, on the Detroit River. On October 24th we are planning a two day trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto Canada. Contact the chairpersons, so that you don't miss out on the fun!

Upcoming events in May and June include the following:

Taste of Italy, Wednesday May 11, 2011.

Spaghetti Dinner, Wednesday May 18, 2011.

Spaghetti Dinner, Wednesday June 14, 2011.

The Club will again be sponsoring a **Golf Outing**. The date is Saturday July 23, 2011, at Westburn Golf Club in South Rockwood, Michigan. Gather some family and friends and come join us for a day of golf, followed by a dinner with a prize for everyone. If you own a business, or know someone who owns a business, they can sponsor a hole for just \$50.

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

Club Pasta Event - May 18, 2011



We held our first Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner of the year on Wednesday April 20, 2011. We served a total of 471 dinners, less than last year when we served 542 dinners. Carry outs were also down from previous dinners. It was the Wednesday before Easter and the weather did not cooperate. A sufficient number of 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. On Tuesday we made 1,960 meatballs and 120 gallons of sauce. We sold 223 cannoli. Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be Wednesday, May 18, 2011. 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, you can support our events by your attendance. Come and invite your family and friends.
Mark Grazioli, Chair

Wyandotte Independence Day Parade



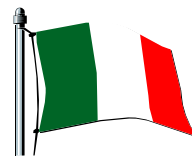
The Club will be participating in the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade** on **Monday, July 4, 2011**. We will need volunteers to put rails and decorate a flatbed trailer provided by **Tony Lumia** - We will begin at 8:00

am on the morning of the parade Chairperson Mary Cottone will provide details regarding the staging location at the June membership meeting.

We encourage members to walk the parade route. We need children to carry the banner and adults to carry the flags. Bring your grandchildren. Please wear your red, white, green attire. Those that cannot walk can sit on the trailer. The more people participating, the better our presence will be. We will provide a pizza snack and beverage at the Hall after the parade.

If you have any questions, please contact **Mary Cottone** at the Hall, (734) 285-4044.

Festa Della Repubblica



The **Italian-American Cultural Society** will once again be hosting the **Italian Independence Day, Festa Della Repubblica**, on Sunday, June 5, 2011, at the **Italian American Cultural Center, 43843 Romeo Plank Rd, Clinton Township, MI 48038**. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. This year, the theme is the 150th anniversary of the unification of Italy. Many Italian clubs will be represented, along with prominent guest speakers, live entertainment, ethnic foods and desserts from various clubs. The event is open to the general public.

This event is co-sponsored by **The Council of Presidents, COMITES, I.C.S.A. and the Italian-American Cultural Society.**

If you interested in attending, we will provide driving directions at the May membership meeting.

DIAC Golf Outing – July 23, 2011



The Young Members of the Club are sponsoring a **Golf Outing on Saturday, July 23, 2011, 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 9th.

For further information, please contact:

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

Membership Picnic – Aug. 14, 2011



The Annual Club Picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 14th**. The Club will hold the picnic at the Young Patriots Park, on Sibley Road in Riverview. The chairperson for this event is **Nick Caputo**, with help from the Board and Members. This event has always been a great success. The committee will cook the food this year. See attached flyer in this newsletter. Return the coupon with your check (made out to **(Downriver Italian-American Club)**) to **Frank Giannotti** at your earliest opportunity. You can contact **Nick Caputo** at (734)281-3556 regarding any questions you may have.

Italian Club 40th Anniversary Events



Portofino Boat Ride – Wednesday, August 24, 2010. Wyandotte, MI

Enjoy an afternoon boat ride on the Detroit River. The event starts at 11:30 am and returns at 3:00 pm. A lunch is provided at Portofino's. The boat has a capacity of 60 people.

Cost is \$25.00 per person. **Monies must be received no later than May 22, 2011.** Make check payable to DIAC and send it to Leslie Lupo. Make your reservation early.

Niagara Falls/Toronto Trip – Monday to Wednesday, October 24, 25, 26. Ontario Canada (U S passport, US passport card or an Enhanced Michigan Driver's license is required.)

This is a three-day/two-night event. The cost is \$310.00 per person (based on double occupancy). The trip includes a first night hotel stay at the Niagara Falls - Sheraton on the Falls. Dinner is provided at the Minolta Tower at the Falls. The bus will depart next morning for Niagara on the Lake for shopping and sightseeing. Lunch is on your own. The bus will depart in the afternoon for Toronto and will stop at either the Sheraton Center or Harbour Castle for the night. The bus will depart Wednesday late afternoon for home. Our President has suggested that we visit Toronto's Italian District and have dinner or lunch.

Round-trip transportation provided via deluxe highway motor coach, restroom equipped and reclining seats, via Bianco Tours. The bus will depart the Hall early in the morning and return in the evening.

A minimum of 45 attendees is required for this trip. **Monies must be received no later than May 22, 2011.**

For reservation and further information, please contact:

Leslie Lupo
459 Cedar St.
Wyandotte, MI 48192
(734) 282-1257

Congratulating New DIAC Members



Please welcome the following new member who recently joined The Downriver Italian- American Club:

James and Donna Gueli of Taylor, MI., sponsored by **Vincenzo Vitale**.

David and Lynn Hayward of Allen Park, MI., sponsored by **Mary Cottone**.

Wedding Announcement



Joseph and Paola Ventimiglia proudly announce the wedding of their daughter, **Jacqueline Ventimiglia**, to **Christopher Kujawski**. The date is on May 20, 2011. The reception will take place at the **Downriver Italian-American Hall**.

Congratulations to the **Ventimiglia** and the **Kujawski** families.

The Month of May

May walks in on slipped feet, quiet as a whisper,
But its gentleness belies its strength.

It enters in resplendent beauty,
Lavishing its benevolence on us, its recipients.

Glory there is in May; flowers full in bloom,
Grass thick and green and moist,

We honor mothers on their special day,
Without them, who would keep our home intact?

Best of all, Love knows no boundaries in this month.
It wraps its arms snugly around us.

We delight in its sunny days,
And rest on its pillow as evenings slip into darkness.
Beautiful, the month of May.

Chava Kaye, May 2011

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were/are ill or hospitalized:

Rose Pagano, Mike Palazzolo, Vito Trupiano Sr., Gloria Frassetto and Don Kerr.

We wish good health to all our members who are not feeling well. Please advise **Grace Pizzo** (734)379-9491 if you know of anyone who is ill or if there is a death in the family.

Condolences to the family of **Edith Gendron** on the death of her sister, **Patricia Linn**, who passed away on April 12, 2010, at the age of 66. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Giuseppe (Joe) and Providence (Pearl) Evola** and the death of Pearl's brother, **Francesco Paolo Vitale**, who passed away on April 15, 2011, at the age of 53. May he rest in peace.

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.

Kenneth and Angela Scott (5/01)

Gerald and Susan Conz (5/02)

Eugene and Catherine Kling (5/05) 55th

Gaetano and Laurie Randazzo (5/09)

Gaetano and Maria Chirco (5/11)

Charles and Gina Cosner (5/12)

Patrick and Nina McMahon (5/12)

Anthony and Robyn Vitale (5/15) 20th

Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (5/24)

Marco and Jennifer Vitale (5/24)

Douglas and Gail Melzer (5/27)

Mike and Nina Palazzolo (5/29)

Frank and Emma Checchio (5/31) 53rd

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

Rosalie Shimkus (5/1)

Diana Giaimo (5/2)

Vivian Palazzolo (5/2)

Frank Checchio (5/3)

Colleen Tabaka (5/5)

Theresa Talluto (5/8)

Nick Rigney (5/10)

Theresa Klavon (5/11)

Viola Birkett (5/13)

Joseph Caparotta (5/13)

Barbara Biundo (5/14)

Martha Guastella (5/16)

David Hayward (5/19)

Nancy McFaul (5/19)

Guy A. Vitale (5/20)

Rose Vitale (5/20)

Clarice Silveri (5/21)

Alfonso Stralle (5/21)

Rose Zerilli (5/21)

Teresa LeSage (5/22)

Sam Badalamenti (5/23)

Catherine Sclafani (5/23)

Joseph Ventimiglia (5/24)

Salvatore Vitale (5/24)

Joseph Cacioppo (5/25)

Grace Badalamente (5/26)

Gail Melzer (5/27)

Jeanette Schiraldi (5/28)

Lisa Vespa (5/29)

Anthony Lazzarino (5/30)

Carmela Stralle (5/31)

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special Thank-You to club members, **Liliana Giannotti, Linda Kerr and Miriam Lumia** for bringing dessert to the April membership meeting. The treats are always enjoyed and appreciated.

Nancy Cosentino, Phyllis Gandol and Linda Kerr have volunteered to bring dessert to the May 22nd meeting.

DIA Hall Banquet Facility



If you have a relative, such as a niece, nephew, or grandchild who is 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 closely with them. The Hall does need the business. **DIA Hall** is a beautiful banquet facility and provides long lasting memories for those special occasions in your life.

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



On Mother's Day



This is for all the mothers who didn't win Mother of the Year. The mothers too tired to enter or too busy to bother.

This is for all the mothers who froze on the metal bleachers at soccer games instead of watching from cars, so that when their kids asked, "Did you see my goal?" they could say, "Of course," and mean it.

This is for all the mothers who run car pools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes. And all the mothers who don't.

This is for all the mothers who mess up. And for all the mothers who yell at their kids in the grocery store.

This is for all the mothers who taught their daughters to tie their shoes before they started pre-school. And for all the mothers who chose Velcro instead.

This is for all the mothers who show up at work with stains on their blouses and diapers in their purses.

This is for all the mothers who teach their sons to cook and their daughters to sink a jump shot.

For all the mothers who bite their lips when their 14-year-olds dye their hair green.

This is for all the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see. And the mothers who took those babies and gave them homes.

What makes a good mother anyway? Is it patience? Compassion? The ability to fry a chicken and sew a button at the same time? Or is it the ache you feel when you watch your child walking to school alone for the very first time. The need to hug your child every time you hear news of a school shooting, a fire, a car accident?

This is for young mothers stumbling through diaper changes and sleep deprivation. And mature mothers learning to let go. For working mothers and stay-at-home mothers. Single mothers and married mothers. Mothers with money, mothers without. This is for you all. So hang in there. And better luck next year. We'll all be rooting for you.

Article from Ann Landers, May 2001

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 -

When Spring Arrives

When Spring arrives upon the scene
With grass and trees all turning green,
The birds then seem to take a cue
And build their nests all fresh and new.

The flowers soon awake once more
In shades of color at my door,
Spring just arrived this morn at dawn
On yonder hills and far beyond.

Spring never ceases to show her best
In pretty Springtime color dress,
And never puts her time aside
Her loveliness to run and hide.

When as the worlds in slumber deep
Spring's beauty too shall fall asleep,
To usher in so sweet and fair
The sights and sounds of Summer rare.

~Katherine Smith Matheney~

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

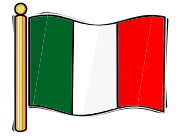
- May 11, 2011** **Taste of Italy – Charity Event.**
Tony and Miriam Lumia.
- May 18, 2011** **May Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- June 15, 2011** **June Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- July 4, 2011** **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade**
Mary Cottone & Members.
- July 23 2011** **Annual Golf Outing.**
Gaetano Vitale, T Lumia, M Grazioli.
- July 20, 2011** **July Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Members.
- Aug. 14, 2011** **Club Annual Picnic Event.**
Nick Caputo, Committee & Members.
- Oct. 15, 2011** **"Legends Live" Fall Show.**
Nick Caputo, Tony Lumia,
- Dec. 31, 2011** **"Legends Live" New Years Eve Gala.**
Nick Caputo, Tony Lumia

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The Annual Wyandotte Independence Day Parade

Monday, July 4, 2011

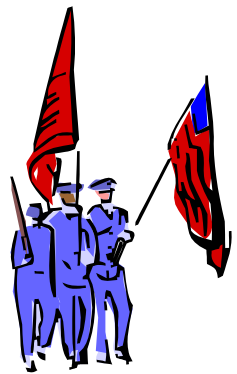
An invitation to Club members, their families,
grandchildren(s) and their friends

Wear clothing with colors of the Italian flag,
or something of Italian tradition

The assembly location and time will be
announced when available

A decorated flatbed trailer will be
available for those who cannot march

A pizza snack and beverage will be
provided to all those that participate
in the parade.



For more information, call
Hall Office - (734) 285-4044
Mary Cottone - (734) 285-1563

Come and Celebrate our Nation's Independence Day with us



Downriver Italian-American Club

Presents the Sixth Annual:

2011 DIAC Golf Outing "Get into the Swing of Things" Golf Scramble

Saturday, July 23rd, 2011

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 9th, 2011
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 23rd, 2011**
This ticket and payment must be received no later than July 9th, 2011.

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 Party

Sunday – August 14, 2011



WHERE: Young Patriots Park, Sibley Rd, (West of Fort Street) – Riverview, MI

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

Guests of Member: \$20.00

WHO: Club Members, their Family and their Friends.

----- 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 August 6, 2011**. 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 coupon below, along with your check or money order to:

Frank Giannotti
14823 Williamsburg Blvd.
Riverview, MI 48193-7703
Phone: (734)283-7394

Board Members will be helping.
Thank you for your promptness.
Nick Caputo and his Committee

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I/We will be attending the D.I.A.C. Annual Picnic, on Sunday, August 14, 2011.

Coupon must be received **no later than Saturday, August 6, 2011**.

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): _____ Guest (\$20.00): _____

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

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Please consider the Downriver Italian-American Hall for your festivity needs.



2011 Pasta Events

“Downriver Best Kept Secret”[©]

Choice of Spaghetti and/or Penne Pasta with House Sauce
Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

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	Wednesday, May 18 2011
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Wednesday, July 20, 2011
Wednesday, August 17, 2011	Wednesday, September 21, 2011
Wednesday, October 19, 2011	3 rd Wednesday of each Month



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

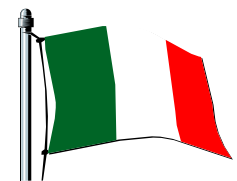
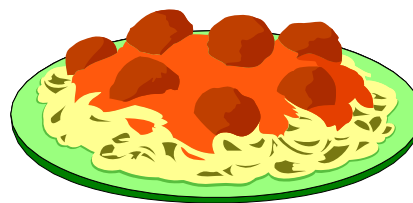
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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 Your Needs

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