



40th Year, 1971-2011

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

June 2011 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 8:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, June 26, 2011, 6:30 p.m.



Happy Father's Day - Sunday, June 19, 2011!

No Memb. Meetings for July & 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, Golf Outing and the Club Picnic**. Details of these events are located in this newsletter. The newsletter will not be published during these months. The monthly pasta event will continue during July and August.

Have a safe and an enjoyable summer.

June Board Meeting Change

The Club Board meeting set for **June 14 is re-scheduled to 8:00 pm., due to an event in the Menna Room**. Please jot this time change on your calendar and remind fellow Board member(s).

A Message from the Club President



It's finally June. Now if it will stop raining, we can begin to enjoy summer. The date of next General Membership meeting is Sunday, June 26, 2011. There will be no General Membership Meetings in July or August.

The Downriver Italian American Club has been in existence for forty years. The Club sponsors two events, which have given significant contributions to charity. To date, the **Saint Joseph Celebration** has donated \$93,000 to charity and the **Taste of Italy** has donated \$25,000 to charity. I would like to thank all the members that donate their time and talents to these events.

As part of our 40th year celebration, we are going to a Tiger baseball game on June 16th. Also on August 24th we will have lunch at Portofino followed by a boat ride on the Detroit River.

Other upcoming events in June, July and August include the following:

- Spaghetti Dinner**, Wednesday June 15, 2011.
- Wyandotte 4th of July Parade**, Monday July 4, 2011.

Spaghetti Dinner, Wednesday July 20, 2011.

Golf Outing, Saturday July 23, 2011.

Club Picnic, Sunday August 14, 2011.

Spaghetti Dinner, Wednesday August 17, 2011.

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

Club Pasta Event - June 15, 2011



At our May Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner we served 528 dinners. Our next Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner is scheduled for **Wednesday June 15,**

2011. We had a good turnout of volunteers and this is an excellent opportunity for new members to meet and make friends with Club members. Volunteers begin on Tuesday morning, starting at 8:30 am with the preparation of sauce and meatballs as well as set up. The men come in at 5 pm on Tuesday evening to pre-cook the pasta. On Wednesday, we start at 8:30 am, with Lunch served 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 Spaghetti Dinners is to come yourself or as many of you do, bring some friends.

Mark Grazioli, Chairperson

Wyandotte Independence Day Parade



The Club will participate in the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade** on **Monday, July 4, 2011**.

Volunteers are needed to set rails and decorate the flatbed trailer provided by **Tony Lumia**. The work begins at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the parade. Chairperson **Mary**

Cottone will provide details regarding the club staging location at the June membership meeting.

Members are encouraged to walk the parade route. Children are needed to carry the club banner and adults to carry the flags - bring your grandchildren, all are welcome. 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.

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 (Home) or (248) 320-2196 (Cell) or Tony Lumia (313) 565-0671

Membership Picnic – August 14, 2011



The Annual Club Picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 14th**. The picnic location is at the **Young Patriots Park**, on Sibley Road, in Riverview. The chairperson for this event is **Nick Caputo**, with help from the Club 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.

Portofino Boat Ride



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 Restaurant. The boat has a capacity of 60 people.

Cost is \$25.00 per person. Forty (40) members are attending. **The deadline has been extended to no later than June 11.** Make check payable to **DIAC** and send it to **Leslie Lupo**. Make your reservation early.

For reservation and further information, please contact:

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

Construction Work at Club Property



The Club outside parking lot storm drain and sidewalk areas will required extensive repairs. The storm sewer catch basin, (near the front of the building entrance), had collapsed and presented a dangerous condition to vehicles entering the parking lot. Similarly, a large section of concrete between the sidewalks and the road curb (along Biddle Avenue), sank down due to underground erosion caused by previous city water line breakage and road rain storm drainage lines.

Several contractors bid on the replacement work. The winning bid went to **Alastra Construction**, owned and operated by club member **Giuseppe Alastra** and his son, **John Alastra**. They dedicated a lot of their own time and labor in support of the Club. The work began on Tuesday, May 24. The past heavy rains delayed the concrete pouring and drying.

Congratulating New Club Members



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

Gene and Michelle (Prato) Hamel of Brownstown, MI., sponsored by **Algje and Rose Mary Prato**.

Father's Day Thoughts

The Heart Behind the Smile:

Marriage and a new family with love and respect.

A dad who had time to listen and time to share.

Laughter in our home.

A kiss on a stubbled cheek before bedtime.

And hugs in the night to calm nightmares.

Guidance during stormy teenage years.

The compassionate, understanding coach.

Leading by example in building trust, understanding and relationship.

Teaching self-reliance and responsibility. Accepting your best effort.

Believing in you. Listening to your dreams and hopes.

His confident smile.

The heart that reached out to all of us.

And the special family he built from different bloodlines and names.

We are his legacy and gift to the future.

Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)
Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (6/19)
Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)
Fred and Stella Marzano (6/25)
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)

Sick and Good Will



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

Joe Agrusa, Vincenza (Vinnie) DiClaudio, Mike Palazzolo, and Vito Trupiano Sr.

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.

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>Lorraine Casali (6/18)</i>
<i>Augustine Falzond (6/2)</i>	<i>Arnaldo Fracassa (6/18)</i>
<i>Randall Rice (6/3)</i>	<i>Antoinette Cora (6/19)</i>
<i>Vito A. Trupiano (6/3)</i>	<i>Donna Grazioli (6/20)</i>
<i>Serafina Badalamenti (6/6)</i>	<i>Vito Trupiano, Sr. (6/22)</i>
<i>Fay Palazzolo (6/11)</i>	<i>Nancy Kaune (6/23)</i>
<i>Anna Finazzo (6/13)</i>	<i>Alex Cellini (6/24)</i>
<i>Stella Marzano (6/13)</i>	<i>Paula Rice (6/24)</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>Patricia Graziani (6/17)</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 Giaimo (6/4)
James and Juliann Bademian (6/6)
Joseph and Vivian Cacioppo (6/6)
Mike and Vivian Palazzolo (6/7)
Vincent and Francesca Vitale (6/8)
Rocky and Nancy Kaune (6/12)
Johnny and Joyce Mitra (6/18)

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members **Phyllis Gandol** and **Linda Kerr** for bringing dessert to the May 22nd membership meeting. The dessert was very much appreciated.

Nancy Cosentino, Miriam Lumia and **Jeanette Schiraldi** have volunteered to bring dessert to the June 26th meeting.

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

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.

Aug. 17, 2011 **August Pasta Event.**
 Pasta Committee & Members.

Sept. 21, 2011 **September Pasta Event.**
 Pasta Committee & Members.

Oct. 15, 2011 **"Legends Live" Fall Show.**
 Nick Caputo, Tony Lumia.

Dec. 31, 2011 **"Legends Live" New Year's Eve Gala.**
 Nick Caputo, Tony Lumia.

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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 under 12 - meal includes hot dog, 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

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

This 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.

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

The Downriver Italian-American Hall

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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.

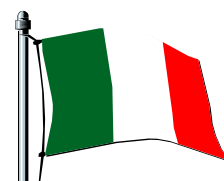
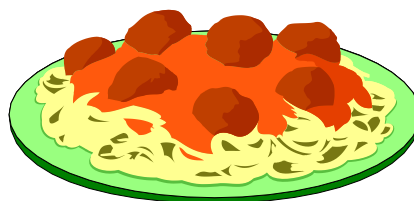
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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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