



41st Year, 1971-2012

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

June 2012 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, June 24, 2012, 6:30 p.m.



Happy Father's Day - Sunday, June 17, 2012

No Club Meeting for July & August



There will be no membership meetings for the months of July and August. The Club functions during this period include the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade, Golf Outing, Club Picnic and the Baseball**

Outing. 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 The newsletter will not be published during these months.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.

Message from the Club President



June and summer have arrived. We have been very fortunate with the weather. We served 543 dinners at our May Spaghetti Dinner, which is fifteen (15) more than last year. Thanks to the many volunteers that helped with the preparations on Tuesday and serving on Wednesday.

We could have used a few more people on Tuesday when we prepared 1,888 meatballs. The next Spaghetti Dinner is schedule for **Wednesday June 20th**.

As announced at our May General Membership meeting, we are scheduled to attend a **Tiger Baseball game on Thursday August 23rd**. A bus has been reserved, as well as 48 Tiger tickets. The bus will pick up people at the club, (see attached flyer). The deadline for members (including payment) is June 24th. After that date, the game is open to friends and family. If we do not get enough to fill the bus, the bus will have to be cancelled. You can contact me by phone (734-671-5884) and checks should be sent to my home at 21934 Knudsen; Grosse Ile, Michigan 48138. If the bus is cancelled, you will be given a refund for the bus portion on the price. Also, if you no longer want to attend the game, all of your money will be refunded. We had a very good time last year. Maybe the Tigers will reward us with a win.

The Club Board is also considering another **River Cruise in early August.** Look for more information at the June General Membership meeting.

As long as members participate in these events, we will continue to schedule these outings. It does take some time and effort.

Mark S. Grazioli, Club President

June Pasta Event - June 20, 2012



The next Pasta Lunch and Dinner Event will be on **Wednesday, June 20**. The May event had 543 meals served to members and the public. It

was a successful fundraiser. We hope to see an increase in attendance in the coming months.

This is an excellent opportunity for new (and existing) members to meet and socialize with our members. The workday begins on Tuesday morning, at about 8:30 a.m., with the preparation of the pasta sauce and meatballs, as well as other preparations. The men come back later at 4:30 p.m. to pre-cook the pasta. Then on Wednesday at 8:30 am, the food is prepared for the luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and then dinner from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you cannot work, another way to support the Pasta events is to come and bring your family and friends.

Wyandotte Independence Day Parade



The Club will participate in the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade on Wednesday, July 4, 2012**.

Volunteers are needed to decorate. At this time we are unsure if a flatbed trailer is available. The work begins at 8:30 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 21, 2012



One last reminder, the Young Members of the Club are sponsoring a **Golf Outing** on **Saturday, July 21, 2012**, 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 7th.

For further information, please contact:

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

Membership Picnic – July 29, 2012



The Annual Club Picnic will be held on **Sunday, July 29th**. This year, the picnic location is at the Club. The chairpersons for this event are **Tony Lumia** and **Sam Pizzo**, with help from the membership. This event has always been a great success. The main meal is steak or chicken. The Menna Room will be used for dining and refreshment. Bocce will be played at a neighboring lot and a horseshoe court will be setup at the Club's empty lot, (see attached flyer). Return the coupon with your check (made out to **(Downriver Italian-American Club)** to **Frank Giannotti** at your earliest opportunity. You can contact **Tony Lumia** at (313) 565-0671 regarding any questions you may have.

Arabella G. Shimkus – Born 4/13/2012



A daughter, **Arabella Grace Shimkus**, was born on April 13, 2012 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor to **Joseph** and **Tara (Poe) Shimkus** of Howell, MI.

The baby girl weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. **Arabella** is sister to **Nathan Grant** - 12, **Michael** - 10, and **Landon Joseph** - 2.

The grandparents are **Marty and Rosalie (Passalacqua) Shimkus** of Wyandotte. Great-grandmother is **Margaret Passalacqua** of Wyandotte.

Congratulations to the **Shimkus & Passalacqua** families.

Sick and Good Will



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

Florence Coleman, Vincent Mannino, Fannie Passalacqua, Mike T. Palazzolo.

We wish good health to all our members who are not feeling well – especially those who are living alone and those living in assisted living. Please advise **Grace Pizzo (734) 379-9491** if you know of a member who is ill or if there is a death in their family.

Condolences to the family of **Joe and Paola Ventimiglia**, on the death of Joe's father, **Andrea Ventimiglia**, who passed away on May 16, 2012, at the age of 88, who lived in St. Clair Shore, MI. Condolences to relatives, **Rose Pagano**, and to **Joe and Sharon Pagano** and **Emilie and Roger Shifflett**.

Condolences to the family of **Augustino Iacopelli**, on the death of his wife, **Loni Iacopelli**, who passed away on May 26, 2012, at the age of 81. May she rest in peace.

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members **Linda Kerr, Mary Lavine and Alice Patton** for bringing dessert to the May 20th membership meeting. The sweet desserts were very much appreciated and delicious.

Maria Graziani, Mimi Kerr and Carmela Stralle have volunteered to bring dessert to the **June 24th** membership meeting.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

<i>Joseph Cuva (6/1)</i>	<i>Patricia Graziani (6/17)</i>
<i>Randall Rice (6/3)</i>	<i>Lorraine Casali (6/18)</i>
<i>Vito A. Trupiano (6/3)</i>	<i>Arnaldo Fracassa (6/18)</i>
<i>Serafina Badalamenti (6/6)</i>	<i>Antoinette Cora (6/19)</i>
<i>Dennis Patton (6/10)</i>	<i>Donna Grazioli (6/20)</i>
<i>Fay Palazzolo (6/11)</i>	<i>Vito Trupiano, Sr. (6/22)</i>
<i>Anna Finazzo (6/13)</i>	<i>Nancy Kaune (6/23)</i>
<i>Stella Marzano (6/13)</i>	<i>Alex Cellini (6/24)</i>
<i>Susie Coch (6/14)</i>	<i>Paula Rice (6/24)</i>
<i>Liliana Giannotti (6/17)</i>	<i>Pina Milewski (6/27)</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 anniversary.

- Sam and Nancy Cosentino (6/1) 55th*
Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/2) 50th
Danny and Theresa Herbert (6/3) 45th
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)
Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16) 45th
Johnny and Joyce Mitra (6/18)
Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)
Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (6/19)
Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)
Fred and Stella Marzano (6/25)
Gino and Barbara Biundo (6/27)
Jack and Josephine Favazza (6/27)
Bill and Shirley Cavataio (6/29) 55th

Father's Day Thoughts

When I was:

Four years old: My Daddy can do anything.

Five years old: My daddy knows a whole lot.

Six years old: My dad is smarter than your dad.

Eight Years old: My dad doesn't know exactly everything.

10 years old: In the olden days, when my dad grew up, things were sure different.

12 years old: Oh, well, naturally, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.

14 years old: Don't pay any attention to my dad. He is so old-fashioned.

21 years old: Him? My Lord, he's hopelessly out of date.

25 years old: Dad knows about it, but then he should, because he has been around so long.

30 years old: Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience.

35 years old: I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.

40 years old: I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise.

50 years old: I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him.

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

- June 20, 2012** **June Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- July 4, 2012** **Independence Day Parade.**
Mary Cottone & Membership.
- Jul. 18, 2012** **July Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- July 21, 2012** **DIAC Annual Golf Outing**
Gaetano A. Vitale, T. Lumia
- July 29, 2012** **DIAC Annual Picnic**
Tony Lumia, Sam Pizzo
- Aug. 15, 2012** **August Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- Sept. 19, 2012** **September Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- Oct. 13, 2012** **"Legends Live" Fall Dinner Show.**
Nino Trupiano, Tony Lumia.
- Oct. 17, 2012** **October Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- Nov. 4, 2012** **Memorial Mass.**
Florence Coleman & Membership.
- Nov. 11, 2012** **Arts & Craft Show.**
Emily Shifflett & Membership.
- Dec. 15, 2012** **Member's Christmas Party.**
- Dec. 16, 2012** **Children's Christmas Party.**
- Dec. 31, 2012** **"Legends Live" New Year's Eve Party.**
Tony Lumia, Nino Trupiano

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Downriver Italian-American Club

Presents the Seventh Annual:

2012 DIAC Golf Outing "Get into the Swing of Things" Golf Scramble

Saturday, July 21st, 2012

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 p.m.

Shotgun Start: 1:30 p.m.

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 7th, 2012

Four-some groups preferred.

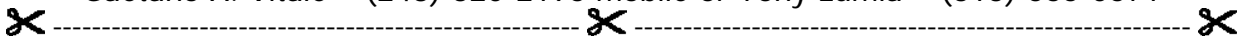


Sign Sponsorship: Have your company sign advertised at a tee box for only \$50.

(Non-members will receive member's cost for golf with a sign sponsorship)

For more information, contact:

Gaetano A. Vitale – (248) 320-2196 mobile or Tony Lumia – (313) 565-0671



I (We) will be attending the **DIAC Golf Scramble on Saturday, July 21st, 2012**

This ticket and payment must be received no later than July 07th, 2012.

Team Members (Player 1 to be main contact)	Phone Number	Payment Enclosed?
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

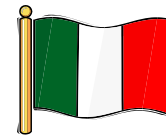
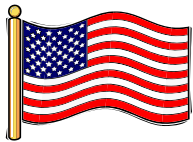
Sign Sponsorship – Company Name: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Make checks payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club**. Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail form and check to: Gaetano A. Vitale ♠ 8920 Robert St. ♠ Taylor, MI 48180-8300

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The Annual Wyandotte Independence Day Parade

Wednesday, July 4, 2012

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 at June GM Meeting

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



A pizza snack and beverage will be
provided to all the participants
of 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
Membership Picnic Party
Sunday – July 29, 2012

WHERE: Downriver Italian-American Hall – Wyandotte, MI

TIME: 12:00 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 July 21, 2012**. 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 below.**

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.
 Tony Lumia/Sam Pizzo & Committee

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I/We will be attending the DIAC Annual Picnic, on Sunday, July 29, 2012.

This coupon must be received no later than Saturday, July 21, 2012.

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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A Day at Comerica Park

DIAC 2nd Annual Event

Thursday, August 23, 2012

Detroit Tigers vs Toronto Blue Jays

Game Start Time 1:00 P.M.

**Lower Baseline Box Seats, Section 141,
(Left Field Foul Line)**

DIAC Club Package Includes:

Game Ticket (\$28.00) - One Soft Drink - One Hot Dog

Transportation (School Bus) To and From the Club.

Complete Price: \$37.00 per Person

Bus Capacity of 48 people. (First Come, First Serve)

Bus Leaves Club Parking Lot at 11:30 A.M.

**Deadline for Club member's monies is June 24, 2012.
After that date, tickets will be available to family members
and their friends.**

*** For Ticket Sales and Further Information *
Please Contact Mark S. Grazioli at (734) 671-5884**



2012 Pasta Events

“Downriver Best Kept Secret”[©]

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

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Wednesday, June 20, 2012	Wednesday, July 18, 2012
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	Wednesday, September 19, 2012
Wednesday, October 17, 2012	3 rd Wednesday of each Month

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

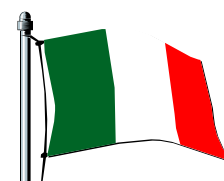
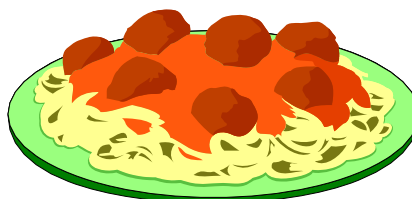
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$8.00

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Italian Sausage for \$1.50

Italian Cannoli Dessert for \$1.25



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.



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