



42nd Year, 1971-2013

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

May 2013 NEWSLETTER

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, May 14, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, May 19, 2013, 6:30 p.m.



Happy Mother's Day - May 12, 2013

Membership Meeting Time/Date Change



At the request of the members present at the May 28, 2013 membership meeting, all future membership meetings will start at 6:30 PM (instead of 5:00 PM). In addition, the

May Membership Meeting has been rescheduled to May 19, 2013 – the regular meeting falls on the Memorial Day weekend. Please jot this down on your calendar-remind your friends.

Voting on Club By-Laws Changes



The Club Constitution and By-Laws are being revised to reflect changes needed since the last revisions of May, 2010. Attached in this

newsletter are the changes. The changes were approved by the Club Board on April 9, 2013 and were read out to the membership present at the April 28, 2013 membership meeting. The membership will be voting on all the changes at the May 19, 2013 membership meeting. *Approval is required by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all regular members present at such meeting. Due notice (this newsletter) to all members shall be provided at least three (3) week before such meeting, at which a timed discussion and vote thereon shall be had.* **

Please read the changes carefully. The changes allows for non-Italian (couple or single person) to become an Associate Member in the Club. The changes allows for growth in membership. Please participate and vote. Please make an effort to attend the May 19th membership meeting.

** Club By-Laws amendment procedure.

Club Membership Drive



DIAC Board approved a resolution to waiver new membership initiation fees (\$50.00), starting December 1, 2012. If you know of friend(s)

who are of Italian descent, please let them know of this special membership discount offer. This is for a limited time

Club Pasta Event - May 15, 2013



The April pasta event was a success with just less than 500 meals served.

There was a good turnout

of members to prepare and help out on both days. The next event will be on **Wednesday, May 15, 2013.** We love to see a large turnout of members on hand in support of this great fundraiser.

This is an excellent opportunity for new (and existing) members to meet and socialize with Club members. The workday begins on Tuesday morning, at about 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. with the preparation of sauce and meatballs, as well as set-up. The men come in at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening to pre-cook the pasta. On Wednesday, we start about 8:00 a.m., with lunch being 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, enjoy a great meal with us.

Holy Family Church Memorial Mass, May 26, 2013



Federazione Siciliana del Michigan presents its "Annual Memorial Mass" on Sunday, May 26, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. at **Holy Family Church**, located at 641 Chrysler Drive, Detroit, MI. The Memorial Mass is

for everyone in the Italian-American



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Community. The mass will be a special in which the deceased loved-one name(s) will be read out-loud during the mass.

Anyone interested is asked to write down the name(s) of the deceased loved-one(s) in a letter, with a donation of \$10.00 per individual name, payable to: **Federazione Siciliana del Michigan**, mailed to **Alfonso Chirco, 46080 Snowbird, Macomb, MI 48044**.

For further information, please call **Rosolino LoDuca** at (313)381-0617 or **Alfonso Chirco** at (586)243-1070

Festa della Repubblica - June 2, 2013



The **Italian-American Cultural Society** will once again be hosting the **Italian Independence Day, Festa della Repubblica**, on Sunday, June 2, 2013, at the **Italian American Cultural Center**,

43843 Romeo Plank Rd, Clinton Township, MI 48038. The program begins at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. Many Italian clubs will be represent, along with prominent guest speakers, live entertainment, ethnic foods and desserts from various clubs.

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

Wyandotte Independence Day Parade



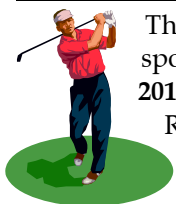
The Club will participate in the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade** on **Thursday, July 4, 2013**. Volunteers are needed to decorate. At this time we are unsure if a flatbed trailer is available. The work begins at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the parade. Chairperson **Mary**

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. There will be a pizza snack and beverage at the Hall after the parade.

If you have any questions, please contact **Mary Cottone** at (313)689-5313 (cell) or the Hall office (734) 285-4044.

DIAC Golf Outing - July 20, 2013



The Young Members of the Club are sponsoring a **Golf Outing** on **Saturday, July 20, 2013**, 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 6th.

For further information, please contact:

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

Membership Picnic - July 28, 2013



The **Annual Club Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, July 28, 2013**. The picnic location is at the Club. The chairpersons for this event are **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo** and **Sam and Darlene Randazzo**, with help from the membership. This event has always been a great success. The main meal is steak or chicken or ??? 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. A flyer will appear in the June newsletter

Diamond Jack Boat Ride - Aug. 15th



Diamond Jack Boat Ride - Wednesday, August 15, 2013. Bishop Park, Wyandotte, MI

Enjoy an afternoon boat ride on the Detroit River, going south, toward the Bob-lo Island. The boat departs at 3:30 p.m. and returns at around 5:30 pm. Detailed information can be found at their website: <http://diamondjack.com/wyandotte.htm>.

Cost for the tour is \$15.00 per person. **Leslie Lupo** is chairing this event. You can call her at (734)282-1257. Make check payable to **DIAC** and mail it to **Leslie Lupo**. Make your reservation early.

For reservation and further information, please contact:

Leslie Lupo
459 Cedar St.
Wyandotte, MI 48192-4301

Sick and Good Will



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

Joe Agrusa (Brownstown), **Shirley Cavataio**, **Florence Coleman**, **Rosalie Giaimo**, **Mary Jane Grazioli**, **Don Kerr**,

Ann Lepidi, Mariam Lumia, Pina Milewski, Hermine Norscia, Frances Randazzo, Mary Randazzo, Sam Randazzo (Trenton), **Sam Randazzo** (Woodhaven) and **Mary Wierzba**

We wish good health to all our members who are not feeling well – especially those 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 an emergency in their family.

Condolences to the family of **Tony and Miriam Lumia** on the death of Tony's sister, **Petrina Lemire**, who passed away on April 3, 2013, at the age of 88. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Tony and Miriam Lumia** on the death of Tony's brother-in-law, **Donald G. Skrzycki**, who passed away on April 4, 2013, at the age of 86. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Leonard and Rose Zerilli** on the death of Rose's mother, **Gaetana (Tanina) Eacopelli**, who passed away on April 6, 2013, at the age of 92. May she rest in peace.

Congratulating New DIAC Member



Please welcome the following new members who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club**:

Connie Curcuru of Southgate, MI., sponsored by parents, **Salvatore and Marianna Curcuru**.

Marianna Curcuru.

Urbano Rutigliano of Southgate, MI., sponsored by **Salvatore and Marianna Curcuru**.

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>Rosalie Shimkus (5/1)</i>	<i>Rose Zerilli (5/21)</i>
<i>Diana Giaimo (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>Connie Curcuru (5/12)</i>	<i>Grace Badalamenti (5/26)</i>
<i>Barbara Biundo (5/14)</i>	<i>Gail Melzer (5/27)</i>
<i>Martha Guastella (5/16)</i>	<i>Jeanette Schiraldi (5/28)</i>
<i>Nancy McFaul (5/19)</i>	<i>Lisa Vespa (5/29)</i>
<i>Clarice Silveri (5/21)</i>	<i>Anthony Lazzarino (5/30)</i>
<i>Alfonso Stralle (5/21)</i>	<i>Carmela Stralle (5/31)</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.

Kenneth and Angela Scott (5/01)
Gaetano and Laurie Randazzo (5/09)
Charles and Gina Cosner (5/12) 35th
Patrick and Nina McMahon (5/12) 40th
Anthony and Robyn Vitale (5/15)
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) 55th

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members **Mary Cottone and Mary Lavine** for bringing dessert to the April membership meeting. The desserts were very much appreciated and delicious.

Paula Rice and Leslie Lupo have volunteered to bring dessert to the **May 19th** membership meeting.

Contacting the Hall During an Emergency



Members who wish to contact the Hall during an emergency situation, (when the Hall is not staffed), can contact **Mary Cottone** at (313)689-5313 (cell); **Nino Trupiano** at (734)837-6959 (cell) or **Charlie Lupo** at (734)282-1257 (home).

The information will be forward to the Hall Secretary/ Receptionist, **Diana Holmes**, the next day. Diana will contact the people and she will make the necessary arrangement. Please provide as much lead time as possible. The Hall telephone number is (734)285-4044.

Members Emergency Notification List



If you wish to be on a membership call list and be notified by a telephone call when a member passes away. Please call **Frank Giannotti** at (734) 283-7394. There are a number of members on this list.

The flow diagram shows who calls whom. The diagram will be sent to you.

My Mother

A total self commitment
Not fame nor fortune need
She gave herself completely
In thought, in word, in deed.

She never stopped to wonder
On blessings she might earn
But tried instead to teach me
And prayed that I might learn.

And now I'm older, wiser
I understand much more
And look with admiration
Her presence I adore.

Mother gave me everything
A debt I can't repay
So help me God to show her
My love in every way.

~ Rosemary Wynings ~

"You see: The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries, or the way she combs her hair." "The beauty of a woman must be seen in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart - the place where love resides."

Calendar of Upcoming Club/Hall Events

- May 15, 2013** **May Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- June 19, 2013** **June Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- July 4, 2013** **Wyandotte Independence Parade.**
Mary Cottone & Membership.
- Jul. 17, 2013** **July Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- July 20, 2013** **DIAC Annual Golf Outing**
Gaetano A. Vitale, Tony Lumia
- July 28, 2013** **DIAC Annual Picnic**
Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and
Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene
Randazzo
- Aug. 15, 2013** **Diamond Jack Boat Ride.**
Leslie Lupo.
- Aug. 21, 2013** **August Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- Sept. 18, 2013** **September Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- Oct. 16, 2013** **October Pasta Event.**
Pasta Committee & Membership.
- Nov. 3, 2013** **Memorial Mass.**
Florence Coleman & Membership.
- Nov. 10, 2013** **Arts & Craft Show.**
Emily Shifflett & Membership.
- Dec. 14, 2013** **Member's Christmas Party.**
Charlie and Leslie Lupo, Randy and
Paula Rice
- Dec. 31, 2013** **"Legends Live" New Year's Eve Party.**

Being a Mother

A little boy asked his mother "Why are you crying?" "Because I'm a woman", she told him. "I don't understand", he said. His mom just hugged him and said, "And you never will" Later the little boy asked his father, "Why does mother seem to cry for no reason?" "All women cry for no reason", was all his dad could say The little boy grew up and became a man, still wondering why women cry. Finally he put in a call to God; and when God got on the phone, he asked, "God, why do women cry so easily?" God said: "When I made the woman she had to be special. I made her shoulders strong enough to carry the weight of the world; yet, gentle enough to give comfort" "I gave her an inner strength to endure childbirth and the rejection that many times comes from her children" "I gave her a hardness that allows her to keep going when everyone else gives up, and take care of her family through sickness and fatigue without complaining"

"I gave her the sensitivity to love her children under any and all circumstances, even when her child has hurt her very badly"

"I gave her strength to carry her husband through his faults and fashioned her from his rib to protect his heart" "I gave her wisdom to know that a good husband never hurts his wife, but sometimes tests her strengths and her resolve to stand beside him unflinchingly" "And finally, I gave her a tear to shed. This is hers exclusively to use whenever it is needed."

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Sections of Constitutions and By-Laws Changes. April 28, 2013
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PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE OF APRIL 28, 2013. TO BE VOTED ON MAY 19, 2013.

(CONSTITUTION) ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Non-Italian membership is available by the status of Associate Membership. This membership is open to all persons who wish to become members of the Club. The individual(s) shall be of good moral character and shall be sponsored by a regular member in good standing and shall be approved by the Membership Committee, the Club Board, and with final approval of the General Assembly.

In the event of the death of the member of Italian ancestry, the (non-Italian spouse) remaining member shall continue as a member, but for as long as said member does not remarry to a person other than of Italian ancestry, by blood. **If such member remarries a non-Italian spouse, they both qualify to status of Associate Membership.**

(BY-LAWS) ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Addition.

Associate Membership shall be limited to 50 members. The limit shall be determined from time to time by the Club Board and with the approval of the General Assembly.

Section 2. New Additions.

B. An Associate Member shall be a (husband and wife), or a single person, who is not married, who shall qualify under Article III of the Constitution, and both husband and wife, or single person, shall be in good standing with respect to all dues and assessments. No person shall be eligible to be a member of the Club until he/she shall have attained the age of 18 years. However, he/she shall be entitled to attend and participate in all social activities that are derived from the membership of his/her parents.

H An individual who becomes a member, through marriage to a Club member, his/her membership date shall be recorded as the date of their marriage.

(BY-LAWS) ARTICLE II - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 3. New Addition.

Section 3. A single Club member who becomes permanently disabled may apply to the Club Board for a free membership, provided he/she has been a member in good standing for the previous 15 years, continuous. The determination to provide free membership shall be at the sole and absolute discretion of the Club Board.

(BY-LAWS) ARTICLE VI - TRUSTEES

New Addition

D An Associate Member may run for the elected office of Trustee and shall have all governing duties and rights of that office.

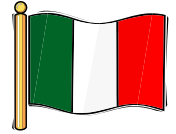
Club By-Laws amendment change process:

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

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The Annual Wyandotte Independence Day Parade

Thursday, July 4, 2013

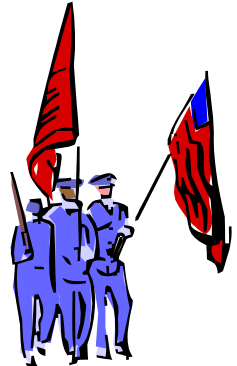
An invitation to Club members, their families,
grandchildren(s) and their friends

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

Presents the Seventh Annual:

2013 DIAC Golf Outing "Get into the Swing of Things" Golf Scramble

Saturday, July 20th, 2013

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 6th, 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

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I (We) will be attending the **DIAC Golf Scramble on Saturday, July 20th, 2013**

This ticket and payment must be received no later than July 6th, 2013.

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



2013 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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Tel. (734) 285-4044 – Fax (734) 285-3752 – Web: www.diahall.com

	Wednesday, May 15 2013
Wednesday, June 19, 2013	Wednesday, July 17, 2013
Wednesday, August 21, 2013	Wednesday, September 18, 2013
Wednesday, October 16, 2013	3 rd Wednesday of each Month



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

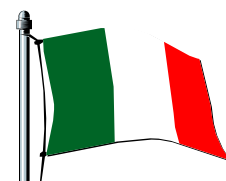
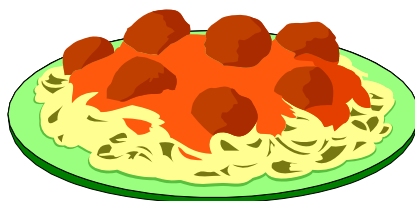
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$8.00

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Sausage addition 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.

The Downriver Italian-American Hall

~ Food Service by Silver Shores Waterfront ~

