



42nd Year, 1971-2013

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

June 2013 NEWSLETTER

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, June 11, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, June 23, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.



Happy Father's Day – Sunday, June 16, 2013



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No Membership Meeting for July and 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 Diamond Jack Boat Trip**. Details of these events are located in this newsletter. The newsletter will not be published during these months. The monthly Pasta Event will continue in July and August.

Have a safe and an enjoyable summer.

Message from the President



Dear Club Members:

Well at this time we have carefully planted our shrubs, trees, vegetables and flowers without fear of frost damage. We now have many summer club events scheduled: **July 4th**

Wyandotte Parade, July 27th Golf Outing, July 28th Club Picnic, August 8th Diamond Jack Boat Ride and our ongoing **Spaghetti Dinners**: - June 19, July 17, August 21, Sept. 18 and Oct. 16. Please keep these dates in mind because due to summer vacations we need your continued help as always.

If you have not been to the hall this year try to do so and see our beautiful hall. Your friends that are of non Italian heritage can now join our club, as of the May 19th General Membership Meeting we have 50 new openings for non Italian membership. Call the DIAC Hall 285-4044 or **Frank Giannotti** (DIAC Membership Chairman) at (734) 283-7394, for your application. Call a close non-Italian friend you have not talked to in a

while and encourage him or her to join and become a club family together.

I would like to thank my wife, **Leslie, Paula** and **Randy Rice, Kelsey and Brett Rice**, and **Mary Cottone** for helping me to beautify the outside of our hall. We pulled weeds, removed shrubs, trimmed the large spruce tree at the back of lot, planted a wide variety of flowers, swept the parking lot and cleaned up around the shed.

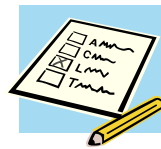
There is always more to do, regularly cutting of grass, weeding, etc. So help when you can.

It's not to early to plan for **New Year's Eve**. The DIAC party will be a blockbuster **Legend's Live** event with **Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Marilyn Monroe, Madonna , Cher and Keith Ruff...**mark your calendar now.

Have a safe and pleasant summer holiday...

Ciao, **Ciro (Charlie), Club President**

Club By-Laws Change Voting Results



The membership voting at the May 19th general membership meeting voted to accept the changes to the Club By-Laws as proposed. As such, the changes are applied immediately to allow for Associate (non-Italian) Membership. The initiation fee is also deferred during this period.

From time to time, the By-laws are reviewed for correctness and for changes needed to move the club forward.

Pasta Event - June 19, 2013



The May pasta event was a success with 470 meals, between dining and carry-outs. There was a good turnout of members to prepare and help out on both days. A big **thank-you** to all those members that helped out. The next event will be on **Wednesday, June 19, 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, come and enjoy a great meal with us.

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 27, 2013



The Young Members of the Club are sponsoring a **Golf Outing on Saturday, July 27, 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. **Note: this is a date change.**

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.

The Downriver Italian-American Hall - Banquet & Conference Center

Deadline for reservation and payment is July 13th. A flyer is attached, with a coupon to be returned.

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 ribs. 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. The committee has decided to introduce other games the members can play – including water balloon. A flyer is attached, with a coupon to be returned.

Diamond Jack Boat Trip – Aug. 8th



Diamond Jack Boat Trip – Thursday, August 8, 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 coordinating 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. Attendees can park their cars at the club parking lot (2:30 p.m.) and carpool to Bishop park to avoid parking hassle. See attached flyer.

For reservation and further information, please contact:

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

Sick and Good Will



Wierzba.

We wish good health to all our members who are not

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

Vincenza DiClaudio, Hermine Norscia, Vivian Palazzolo, MaryJane Grazioli, Pina Milewski, Paula Rice and Mary

feeling well – especially those living alone and those 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 **Sam G. Randazzo** on the death of his wife, **Frances Randazzo**, who passed away on April 29, 2013, at the age of 85. Sam and Frances joined the club in July 1971 – one of the charter members of the club. They both were very active in the club, during the Italian festivals at Yack Arena, and later with the pasta events. They attended and supported many of our club fundraisers. We will all miss Frances. Condolences to the sister-in-laws **Rose Pagano** and **Mary Randazzo**, along with brother-in-law Vito Trupiano, Sr. And, to the many nieces and nephews and their families. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Josephine Palazzolo** on the death of her husband, **Joseph V. Palazzolo**, who passed away on May 6, 2013, at the age of 73. Joe and Josie first joined the club during the Italian Festivals at Yack Arena. Joe worked with the ad book. They later rejoined the club in 1992. They were both supporters of club and attended many functions. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Angelo Giaimo** on the death of his wife, **Rosalie Giaimo**, who passed away on May 11, 2013, at the age of 86. Angelo and Rosalie joined the club in September, 1987. They were both very active in the club during the Italian festivals and later both worked for the pasta events. Condolences to the sisters and their families: **Nancy Marcantonio**, **Fay Palazzolo** and the many nieces and nephews. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the families of **Nancy McFaul** and **Joseph Leone** and the death of their brother, **Sam M. Leone**, who passed away on May 14, 2013, at the age of 90. 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 anniversary.

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)
Vincent and Francesca Vitale (6/8) 45th
Rocky and Nancy Kaune (6/12)
Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16)
Johnny and Joyce Mitra (6/18)

Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)
Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (6/19)
Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)
Gino and Barbara Biundo (6/27)
Jack and Josephine Favazza (6/27)
Joe and Dolly Chirco (6/29)

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>Liliana Giannotti (6/17)</i>
<i>Randall Rice (6/3)</i>	<i>Patricia Graziani (6/17)</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>Allison Vitale (6/6)</i>	<i>Donna Grazioli (6/20)</i>
<i>Dennis Patton, Sr. (6/10)</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>Pina Milewski (6/27)</i>

A Special Thank-You to Our Members



A special thank-you to club members **Leslie Lupo** and **Paula Rice** for bringing dessert to the May 19th membership meeting. The dessert was very delicious – including the moist (Nancy Cosentino recipe) ricotta pie cake and the peanut butter Oreo cookie delight.

Elisa Norscia, **Jeanette Schiraldi** and **Carmela Stralle** have volunteered to bring dessert to the **June 23rd** membership meeting.

Education Achievement News



It's that time of year to recognize scholars within our membership. There are many students who are high achievers and have received special merit, those planning on attending college and university and those who will be graduating - your grandchildren, nieces and nephews apply. We would like to recognize these individuals. Please submit their name(s) and a brief article on their accomplishment; we will publish this information in the future newsletters. Send information to: Frank Giannotti, DIAC Newsletter, 14823 Williamsburg Blvd, Riverview, MI 48193-7703.

Senior Quotes

❖ I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

- ❖ My wild oats have turned into All Bran.
- ❖ I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.
- ❖ Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.
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- ❖ If all is not lost, where is it?
- ❖ It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- ❖ The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
- ❖ If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
- ❖ It's not hard to meet expenses; they're everywhere.

Grandfathers Are Fathers Who Are Grand

Grandfathers are fathers who are grand,
 Restoring the sense that our most precious things
 Are those that do not change much over time.
 No love of childhood is more sublime,
 Demanding little, giving on demand,
 Far more inclined than most to grant the wings
 Allowing us to reach enchanted lands.
 Though grandfathers must serve as second fathers,
 Helping out with young and restless hearts,
 Each has all the patience wisdom brings,
 Remembering our passions more than others,
 Soothing us with old and well-honed arts.

Author Unknown

Planting your Garden Today?

First, plant 3 rows of peas:
 Patience
 Promptness
 Prayer

Next, plant 3 rows of squash:
 Squash gossip
 Squash indifference
 Squash criticism

Then, plant 4 rows of lettuce:
 Let us obey the Lord
 Let us be loyal
 Let us be true to our obligations
 Let us be unselfish

Finish with 4 rows of turnip:
 Turn up when needed
 Turn up with a smile
 Turn up with a vision
 Turn up with determination

Calendar of Upcoming Club/Hall Events

- 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 27, 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. 8, 2013** **Diamond Jack Boat Trip.**
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.**
Emalie 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.**
Charles and Leslie Lupo, Randy and Paula Rice, Nino and Gianna Trupiano



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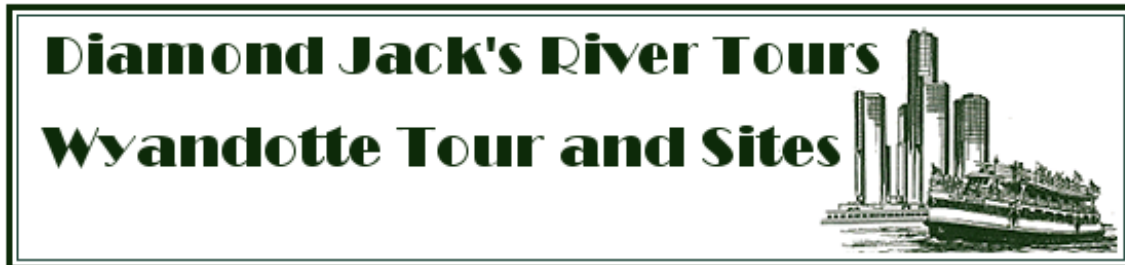
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Senior Boat Cruise

Thursday – August 8, 2013, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM



◆ Bishop Park Wyandotte Dock Directions

Board the Diamond Jack at quaint Bishop Park in Wyandotte for a two hour cruise on the sparkling waters of the lower Detroit River. Enjoy waterside views of the surrounding American and Canadian communities and beautiful wetland areas, while listening to interesting historical narration and anecdote. Ride alongside Great Lakes and ocean ships, pass steel mills, marine terminals and shipyards, historic LaSalle, Ontario and "explore" Canadian island backwaters rarely transited by commercial vessels. View historic waterfront mansions and an historic 1906 lighthouse. Relax - enjoy - and learn too! Passengers of all ages enjoy this truly unique "nautical adventure."

The Cost is \$15.00 per Senior. Contact Leslie Lupo at (734) 282-1257 for Ticket Information

Senior Group Tours

Because tickets for the public tours are purchased first come first served, we can better accommodate senior groups on other days during the week. Senior tours are the same as our two hour narrated public tour, but your group will have a reservation. These tours are offered May - October, please call our office for a schedule. Our senior rate is \$15.00 per person.





Downriver Italian-American Club

Presents the Seventh Annual:

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

Saturday, July 27th, 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 13, 2013

Four-some groups preferred.

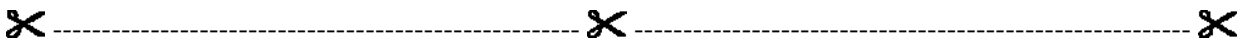


Sign Sponsorship: Have your company sign advertised at a tee box for only \$50.

(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 27, 2013**

This ticket and payment must be received no later than July 13, 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



Downriver Italian-American Club

Membership Picnic Party

Sunday – July 28, 2013

WHERE: Downriver Italian-American Hall – Wyandotte, 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: Ribs, Steak or Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn, Bread Roll, Beverage, Watermelon, Dessert.

Children's under 12 meal includes Hot Dogs, dessert and beverage only.

Volunteers to bring baked good (for dessert) would be appreciated. Call Alice Patton (734)697-7902

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 20, 2013**. 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 food choice on the return coupon.**

The picnic is chaired by: **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo**. Mail the coupon below, along with your check to:

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

Board Members will be helping.
Thank you for your promptness.
**Dennis, Alice, Sam, Grace,
Sam and Darlene.**

I/We will be attending the D.I.A.C. Annual Picnic, on Sunday, July 28, 2013.

Coupon must be received **no later than Saturday, July 20, 2013**.

NAME: _____ # Rib _____ # 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.



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

The Downriver Italian-American Hall

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

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

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.

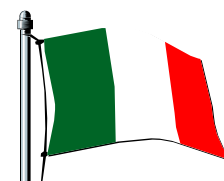
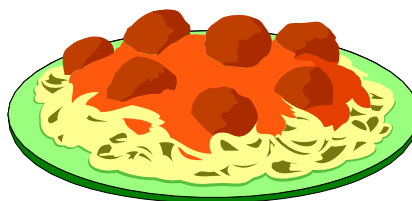
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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 ~

