



39th Year, 1971-2010

# The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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## \*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*

## June 2010 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting ..... Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 7:00 p.m.  
General Membership Meeting..... Wednesday, June 23, 2010, 6:30 p.m.



## Happy Father's Day - Sunday, June 20, 2010!

### June Membership Meeting Change

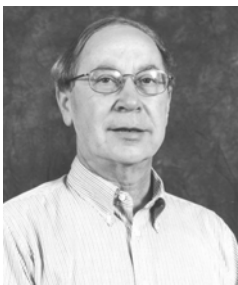
The general membership meeting for June **has been re-scheduled to Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at 6:30 pm**. The banquet hall is booked on the regularly scheduled 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Please jot this date on your calendar and remind fellow member(s). Please note, this is a Wednesday!

### No Meetings for July and 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** and the **Club Picnic**. Details of these events are mentioned in this newsletter. The Club Board meetings are cancelled as well during these two months. The monthly pasta event will continue during July and August.

**Have a safe and an enjoyable summer.**

### A Message from the Club President



Here we are in the middle of a spring heat wave – way too hot for some of us. But watch those plants grow! I hope you had a nice Memorial Day holiday with family and friends. Putting something on the grill makes it all happen. Summer brings us all outdoor.

On a special note, **Nick Caputo** was recently nominated to the Business Hall Board. Nick will bring the Hall fresh new ideas. He is dedicated at helping improve the bottom line of the Hall business. Congratulations to Nick for stepping up!

The **“Musical Memories”** Dinner Show was a success with 182 people attending. Everyone was pleased with the entertainment and the food.

The **May Pasta Event** was successful with 562 meals sold. Many thanks to the many members that helped out during the two days. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. The cannoli sale continues to be a big hit.

Coming up in July is the Wyandotte Independence Day parade and the Member's Picnic. (See related articles). Hope to see you all there. A chicken roast is scheduled on

September 19, 2010 to help defray cost of roof repair over the kitchen.

On Wednesday, June 16, 2010, the club will host the June Pasta Event. Thanks in advance to all the members who will be helping during the two days. The pasta events are a major fundraiser for the Club.

We hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health. God Bless you and your family. And please, support our fundraising events. **Frank A. Giannotti, Club President**

### Club By-Laws Changes Voting Result

The membership voting at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> general membership meeting voted to accept the changes to the Club By-Laws as proposed. As such, the changes can apply to this year's election process.

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

### Pasta Event - June 16, 2010



Our second Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner of the year was held on Wednesday May 19, 2010. We served a total of 562 dinners - up slightly from last month. A big thank you to the many Club members that volunteered their time on either Tuesday when we do most of the cooking or on Wednesday when we are open to the public. Sales of sauce, meatballs and cannoli were brisk. After introducing cannoli last month, we sold over 229 of this very Italian dessert. Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be Wednesday, June 16, 2010. 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, another way to support our dinners is to come yourself, or as many of you do, bring some friends. **Mark Grazioli - Chairman**

### DIAC Golf Outing - July 24, 2010



The Young Members of the Club are sponsoring a **Golf Outing** on **Saturday, July 24, 2010**, 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.

### Membership Picnic – July 25, 2010



The Annual Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. The picnic will be held at the Young Patriots Park, on Sibley Road in Riverview. The chairpersons for this event are **Mike and Vivian Palazzolo**, with the help from the Board. This event has always been a great success. See attached flyer in this newsletter. Return the coupon and your check (made out to **(Downriver Italian-American Club)** to Vivian Palazzolo at your earliest possible. Members will have a choice of steak or chicken. There will be music, good barbecue and a great opportunity to show off your bocce talent.

### Wyandotte Independence Day Parade

The Club will be participating in the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade** on Saturday, July 3, 2010. We will need volunteers to put rails and decorations to a flatbed trailer provided by **Tony Lumia** - this will begin at 8:00 am on the morning of. Details regarding the staging location will be provided by chairperson **Mary Cottone** 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 shown. A pizza snack and beverage will be provided at the Hall after the parade.

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

### Sick and Good Will



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

**Lil Agrusa, Ted Brockway and Vince Mannino** are hospitalized. **Jim Jensen and Stella Moccia** are in rehab. **Carmela Stralle** will be undergoing hip replacement surgery in late May. **Lena Brockway** is recuperating from a fall.

Get Well Wishes to all our members who are not feeling well. Please advise **Grace Pizzo** (734)379-9491 of anyone who is ill.

Condolences to the family of **Maria (Felocia) Sclafani** that passed away on May 2, 2010, at the age of 79. Felocia joined the Club in March, 1995. She helped out during pasta events and attended many club functions. She will be missed by the membership.

Condolences to the family of **Rosalie (Tony) Lazzarino**; And to the cousins: **Florence Coleman, Salvatore (Marguerite) Sclafani, Tony (Sherran) Sclafani**, and sister-in-law **Sue (Phil) Lupo** & the many other cousins.

Condolences to the family of **Rose Pagano** on the death of her husband **Giuseppe (Joe) Pagano**, who passed away on May 15, 2010, at the age of 84. Joe and Rose joined the club in July 1971, when the Club was formed. Both were very active members of the Club – including the festivals, pasta events, club functions and Joe supported the Club most in every aspect. Thank-you Joe - we will miss you.

Condolences to the families of: **Emily (Roger) Shifflett** and family; **Joe (Sharon) Pagano** and family; and to the in-laws: **Sam (Frances) Randazzo, Mary Randazzo, Margaret (Vito) Trupiano**. To the many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### 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>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 (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>Gina Villella (6/25)</i>
<i>Liliana Giannotti (6/17)</i>	<i>Loni Iacopelli (6/27)</i>
<i>Patricia Graziani (6/17)</i>	<i>Pina Milewski (6/27)</i>
<i>Cheryl Putz (6/17)</i>	<i>Rose Gerbi (6/29)</i>
<i>Lorraine Casali (6/18)</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.

<i>Sam and Nancy Cosentino (6/1)</i>	
<i>Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/2)</i>	
<i>Danny and Theresa Herbert (6/3)</i>	
<i>Matteo and Diana Giaimo (6/4)</i>	
<i>James and Juliann Bademian (6/6)</i>	
<i>Joseph and Vivian Cacioppo (6/6)</i>	
<i>Mike and Vivian Palazzolo (6/7)</i>	
<i>Vincent and Francesca Vitale (6/8)</i>	
<i>Richard and Yolanda Oslund (6/9)</i>	<i>60<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Rocky and Nancy Kaune (6/12)</i>	
<i>Johnny and Joyce Mitra (6/18)</i>	<i>55<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)</i>	<i>55<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Jason and Rosalie Karawan (6/19)</i>	
<i>Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (6/19)</i>	

*Matteo and Dora Agrusa (6/22)*  
*Ray and Emilia Gonella (6/23)*  
*Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25) 50<sup>th</sup>*  
*Fred and Stella Marzano (6/25) 50<sup>th</sup>*  
*Joseph and Mary Caparaotta (6/26)*  
*Gino and Barbara Biundo (6/27)*  
*Jack and Josephine Favazza (6/27) 35<sup>th</sup>*  
*Bill and Shirley Cavataio (6/29)*  
*Joe and Dolly Chirco (6/29)*

Father's Day  
 Over the years  
 As we grow old,  
 We remember our father  
 So brave and bold.  
 In the garden,  
 Leaning on the plow,  
 He would listen to me;  
 I see him now.  
 He would give advice  
 And understand;  
 He was always there  
 To lend a hand.  
 God made fathers  
 Strong and firm,  
 For he knew our lives  
 Would have great concerns.  
 So he gave us fathers  
 To teach us to pray,  
 And guide our lives,  
 And show us the way.  
 So on his day  
 Let's take the time  
 To say "Thanks, dad.  
 I'm glad you're mine."

Mary Frances Bogle

### Educational Achievement News

The following Educational Achievement news came to us from **Lenny and Pina Milewski**.

**Brian J. Quinn, MD.** graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine on May 8, 2010. Brian was the recipient of the Patricia Sharpley Award in Psychiatry and will be a resident at the University of Louisville in Psychiatry. Brian is a 2002 graduate of Zionsville High School and a 2006 graduate of Hanover College. He is the grandson of **Leonard and Josephine Milewski** and the son of **John and Joalenn Quinn** of Zionsville.

**Congratulations to the Milewski and the Quinn families.**

### A Message from Fay Palazzolo

Fay would like to thank **Karen Caputo, Linda Kerr and Rose Prato** for bringing dessert to the May membership meeting. The desserts were all very delicious.

**Mimi Kerr, Mary Randazzo and Gianna Trupiano** have volunteered to bring dessert to the June 23<sup>rd</sup> membership meeting. If you would like to bring a dessert, please contact **Fay Palazzolo** at (734) 282-0539.

### Election Year for Club Officers

It's that time of year for the club election process. The Club will be seeking 3 to 5 candidates for nomination to the **Nomination and Election Committee**, from the membership present at the September general membership meeting.

The nominations for 2011-2012 will include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide and 4 Trustees. The nominations will proceed in October with election in November.

### Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

- June 16, 2010** ..... **June Pasta Event.**  
 Pasta Committee + Membership.  
**July 3, 2010** ..... **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade**  
 Mary Cottone & the Board(s)  
**July 24 2010** ..... **Annual Golf Outing.**  
 Gaetano Vitale, T Lumia, M Grazioli.  
**July 21, 2010** ..... **July Pasta Event.**  
 Pasta Committee + Membership.  
**July 25, 2010** ..... **Annual Picnic Event.**  
 Mike/Vivian Palazzolo & Club Board.  
**Aug. 18, 2010** ..... **August Pasta Event.**  
 Pasta Committee + Membership.  
**Sept. 15, 2010** ..... **September Pasta Event.**  
 Pasta Committee + Membership.  
**Nov. 6, 2010** ..... **"Legends Live" Dinner Show.**  
 Nick Caputo & Tony Lumia

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# Downriver Italian-American Club

Presents the Fifth Annual:

## 2010 DIAC Golf Outing

### "Get into the Swing of Things"

#### Golf Scramble

Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

#### 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 pm

Shotgun Start: 1:30 pm

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**

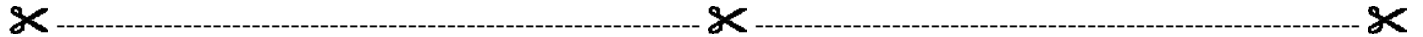
Reservations with payment only, due: July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

This ticket and payment must be received no later than July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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 - July 25, 2010

**WHERE:** Young Patriots Park, Sibley Rd, (West of Fort Street) - Riverview

**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 (Non Members)

One Guest of a Single Member: \$20.00

**WHO:** Club Members and their Children(s) Living at Home.

----- 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, July 17, 2010**. 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 bottom coupon, along with your check or money order to:

Vivian Palazzolo  
1037 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Wyandotte, MI 48192-3109  
Phone: (734) 281-1876

Board Members will be helping.  
Thank you for your promptness.  
Mike and Vivian Palazzolo

✂ ----- ✂ ----- ✂ ----- ✂ -----  
I/We will be attending the DIAC Annual Picnic, on Sunday, July 25, 2010.

Coupon must be received **no later than July 17, 2010**.

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): \_\_\_\_\_ Single Guest (\$20.00): \_\_\_\_\_

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



# 2010 Pasta Events

Choice of Spaghetti or Penne Pasta  
Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

## The Downriver Italian-American Hall

646 Biddle Avenue (North of Goddard)  
Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727  
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<del>Wednesday, April 21, 2010</del>	<del>Wednesday, May 19 2010</del>
<b>Wednesday, June 16, 2010</b>	Wednesday, July 21, 2010
Wednesday, August 18, 2010	Wednesday, September 15, 2010
Wednesday, October 20, 2010	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each Month



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

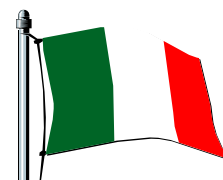
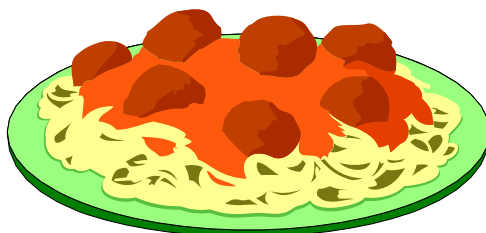
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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.



**Banquet Hall Available for Your Events**

