



39th Year, 1971-2010

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

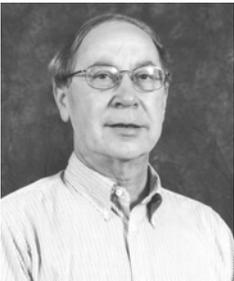
April 2010 NEWSLETTER

Club Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Sunday, April 25, 2010, 6:30 p.m.



First Pasta Event – Wed. April 21, 2010!

A Message from the Club President



Today, the temperature outside is nearing 70 degrees. It feels like May/June – what an unexpected surprise this early in the year. We are awaiting for the grass to turn green; with tulips and all the plants to sprout their buds. Say Good-Bye to Winter!

I want to comment on a few events the Club had in March. The **St Patrick's Corned Beef** luncheon/dinner was a great success. We were overwhelmed by the huge attendance, the food ran out and we had to turn away customers to other local sites. Thanks to **Mary Cottone** and her helpers for chairing this event.

The **St. Joseph Day Celebration** was equally as successful. Over 127 people attended, not including those members that helped in the preparation and the serving. It was great to see a packed hall and the neatly decorated alter table. All the profits will go to charitable organizations and needy families in our community. Many thanks to chairpersons, **Florence Coleman, Nancy Cosentino, Grace Pizzo** and all the members that helped out.

The **"Bring on the Spring"** dinner show of March 27th was beyond expectation. The entertainment was just superb with an excellent meal. There was a great response from the membership, their families and friends, as well from the public. Some 340 people were in attendance. It was an excellent revenue making opportunity for the Club. Many thanks to **Nick and Karen Caputo** along with **Tony and Miriam Lumia** for chairing this event.

On Wednesday, April 21, 2010, the Club will begin the first pasta event for the year. We are hoping for a better attendance than last year. Our meals are second to none – with home made Italian recipes. Thanks in advance to all the members who will be helping during the two days. If you cannot work, please come and invite your friends. The pasta events is a major fundraiser the club has.

Riding on past success, **Nick Caputo** and **Tony Lumia** will be chairing another great dinner show, **"Musical Memories"** on Friday, May 14th. The entertainment is by

Cal Roberts and **Wayne Tierney**. There will be food and lots of great oldies songs. Please make an effort to attend this fine event.

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**

1st Pasta Event - April 21, 2010



Our first **Spaghetti Lunch and Dinner** of the year will be held on **Wednesday April 21, 2010**. This year we will be adding fresh made

cannoli as an optional dessert. Last year, several members worked for the first time, including some new members. This is an excellent opportunity for new members to meet and make friends with club members. Volunteers begin on Tuesday at about 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. with the preparation of sauce, meatballs and set up. The men come in at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday to pre-cook the pasta. On Wednesday, we start at 8:00 a.m., 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 - Chairman

"Musical Memories" Dinner Show

There will be a **"Musical Memories" Dinner Show** at the DIA Hall on Friday, May 14, 2010. The show will host the personalities of celebrities like **Cal Roberts** (formerly of the Platters) and **Wayne Tierney (a.k.a. Roy Orbison)**. They will sing songs that made them famous. It will be like walking back in time and remembering the moments in your life when they were popular hits.

The chairpersons for this event are **Nick Caputo** and **Tony Lumia**. Prior to the entertainment, the meal includes pizza, salad, and dessert. See attached flyer for details. This is a club revenue-making event. Please show your support by attending and inviting your friends.

This will be a fun night. For ticket sales, contact **Nick Caputo** at (734)281-3556 or **Tony Lumia** at (313)565-0671. Please send your reservation to:

Nick Caputo
16400 Dix-Toledo Rd. Apt 401

Southgate, MI 48195-2992

Club Annual Picnic

Vivian and Mike Palazzolo want to remind the membership, the club annual picnic this year is on Sunday, July 25, 2010 - at the Riverview Civic Center.

More information will be forthcoming. Any suggestions? Please contact Vivian or Mike at (734)281-1876

Arts and Craft Show at the Hall

Emalie (Pagano) Shifflett will be chairing an "Arts and Craft" show on November 14, 2010, in the main hall. Vendors can rent round or long tables. Members can bake goods and desserts to sell. Admission is free. Emalie feels this could be a wonder fundraiser for the club. Flyer and details will be forthcoming later in the year. Emalie is looking for volunteers to help out.

Nick and Karen Caputo will be selling baked food, desserts and snacks during the event.

For further information, please contact **Emalie Shifflett** at (734)284-6671 and **Nick and Karen Caputo** at (734)281-3556.

A Message from Fay Palazzolo

Fay would like to thank **Joyce Mitra, Elisa Norscia and Rose Vitale** for bringing dessert to the March membership meeting. The desserts were very delicious – we had many compliments from the members.

Nancy Cosentino, Linda Kerr and Hermine Norscia have volunteered to bring dessert to the April 25th membership meeting. If you would like to bring a dessert, please contact **Fay Palazzolo** at (734) 282-0539.

Congratulating New DIAC Members

Please welcome the following new members who recently joined the DIAC membership:

John and Maryann Graziani of Southgate. Sponsored by **Frank and Liliana Giannotti**.

Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were ill or hospitalized: **Rosalie Giaimo, Tony Sclafani (of Georgia), Maria (Filocia) Sclafani, Sadie Kusic, Sam Cosentino and Tony Lumia**. In addition, **Ted Brockway** is hospitalized at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit; **Lena Brockway** fell and broke a bone; **Mary Wierzba** fell and bruised her head, along with bruising her shoulder and back.

The Downriver Italian-American Hall - Banquet & Conference Center

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

Treasured Moments

We make our world in the way we live,
By what we keep and by what we give.

By daily plans and words we say,
By things we cherish or thrust away.

We make our world from the beauty we see,
In Nature's rhythmic pageantry,
In sunlit stream or pale moonrise,
The haunting wonder of Spring butterflies.

We make our world by the joy we give,
In heart-warming ways to treasure and live,
By spreading comfort through hope and care,
By deeds of courage and love to share.

We make our world by the goals we set,
In measured course with purpose met,
By daring dreams that reach the sky,
Keeping our vision as time goes by.

- Elisabeth Weaver Winstead -

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

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

Salvatore Curcuru (4/1)

Rosina Martino (4/01)

Paola Ventimiglia (4/3)

Angela Vassallo (4/5)

Linda Carrier (4/6)

Maria Giammalva (4/6)

Fannie Randazzo (4/7)

Nina Liberati (4/8)

Joseph Palazzolo (4/8)

Grace Randazzo (4/8)

Dora Agrusa (4/9)

Matteo Agrusa (4/9)

Mary Caparaotta (4/9)

Giuseppe LaFata (4/9)

Lina Frassetto (4/10)

Janice Labadie (4/11)

Lia Giannotti (4/12)

John Parisi (4/12)

Eugene Kling (4/13)

Vito Badalamente (4/17)

Phillip Lupo (4/20)

Augustino Iacopelli (4/21)

Josephine Palazzolo (4/21)

Louise Mysliz (4/22)

Fred Marzano (4/23)

Gaetano DiCarlo (4/25)

Luisa Dunlop (4/25)

Angela Palazzolo (4/26)

Norman Tabaka Jr. (4/27)

Joyce Mitra (4/29)

Maria Vitale (4/29)

Theresa Herbert (4/30)

Joseph A. Pagano (4/30)

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.

Phil and Sue Lupo (4/7)

Gino and Wynnith Martino (4/8)

Anthony and Dora Mangiapane (4/12)
Augustino and Loni Iacopelli (4/14)
Giuseppe and Providence Evola (4/15)
Vito and Margaret Trupiano (4/15)
John and Joan Cadorin (4/19) 60th
Joseph and Rose Donofrio (4/19)
Sam and Fannie Randazzo (4/23) 55th
Joseph and Nicolina Susin (4/23) 50th
Bill and Pauline Barraco (4/24)
John and Anna Finazzo (4/24)
Jim and Shirley Bommarito (4/28)
Patrick and Patricia Mastrogiacomo (4/28) 10th
Vincenzo and Catherine Mannino (4/29) 60th
David and Leontina Webster (4/30)

DIA Hall Banquet Facility

If you have a relative, such as a niece, nephew, or grandchildren who are getting married and looking for a nice place to hold a party - we will give them the same discount price as a club member. The Hall is willing to work very close with them. The Club does need the business. DIA Hall is a beautiful banquet facility and provides long lasting memories for those special occasions.

For further information, please call **Diana Holmes** or **Mary Cottone** at (734) 285-4044. We would like to book your party and give us an opportunity to serve you.

A Moment in the Court

A woman is brought to court after stealing from a supermarket.

"Mrs. Krupnick," says the judge, "what did you take?"

"Just a small can of peaches," she answers. "There were only six peaches in the can."

"Six peaches ... hmm ... I sentence you to six nights in jail, a night for each peach."

The woman is crushed. She is about to collapse to the floor when her husband, seated in the gallery, leaps to his feet.

"Your Honor," he shouts, "she also stole a can of peas!"

A Birthday Meditation
 You can chart your course in life
 With high ideals and love,
 For high ideals are like the stars
 That light, the sky above...

 You may not reach them,
 But lift your heart up high,
 And your life will be as shining
 As the stars up in the sky.

A Woman's Prayer

Dear Lord, I pray for:

WISDOM, to understand a man.

LOVE, to forgive him.

PATIENCE, for his moods,

Because, Lord, if I pray for

STRENGTH, I'll just beat him up.

Success is ...

- ◆ That old A, B, C, – Ability, Breaks, Courage.
- ◆ Just a matter of attitude.
- ◆ Doing what you want to do, when you want, where you want, with whom you want, as much as you want.
- ◆ Peace of mind that is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming.
- ◆ The sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.
- ◆ Largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go.
- ◆ The maximum utilization of the ability you have.
- ◆ Not a doorway, but a staircase.

Calendar of Coming Club/Hall Events

April 2, 2010 **Good Friday Lent Fish Fry.**

Jeanne's Catering and DIA Hall Board.

April 4, 2010 **Easter Brunch/Dinner.**

Jeanne's Catering and DIA Hall Board.

April 21, 2010 **April Pasta Event.**

Pasta Committee + Membership.

May 9, 2010 **Mother's Day Luncheon.**

Jeanne's Catering and DIA Hall Board.

May 14, 2010 **"Musical Memories" Dinner Show.**

Nick Caputo, Tony Lumia.

May 19, 2010 **May Pasta Event.**

Pasta Committee + Membership.

June 16, 2010 **June Pasta Event.**

Pasta Committee + Membership.

July 3, 2010 **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade**

Mary Cottone and the Board(s)

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Downriver Italian-American Banquet Hall

646 Biddle Ave. Wyandotte, MI 48192

Proudly Presents

Musical Memories

Friday, May 14, 2010

Featuring:



Cal Roberts
Of the Platters

The Best in
50's & 60's
Entertainment
and Beyond
&
Sounds
of Motown



Wayne Tierney
A.K.A. Roy Orbison

Tickets \$18.00 Includes Pizza, Salad, Desserts and Show.

Cash Bar- Beer \$2.00, Well Mix Drinks \$3.00

Dinner at 6:30p.m. Show at 8:00p.m.

Doors open at 5:30

For Reservations or more information

Please Call

D.I.A Banquet Hall (734) 285-4044

Nick Caputo (734) 281-3556/ Tony Lumia (313) 565-0671

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**Jeanne's Catering and the
Downriver Italian-American Hall**



646 Biddle Avenue
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**Mother's Day Buffet
(All You Can Eat)**

Sunday May 9, 2010

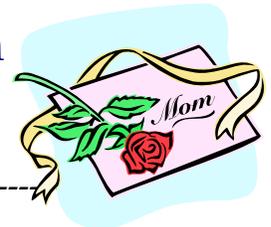
12:00 noon – 5:00 pm (Last Reservation at 4:00 pm)

Call Now for Your Reservation - (734) 285-4044

Chef Carved Beef Sirloin, Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce,
Fish Florentine, Italian Sausage w/Peppers and Onions,
Chicken Chablis, Pork Marsale, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Bow Tie Pasta with Pesto Sauce, Salads, Relishes,
Cheese & Crackers, Chicken Noodle Soup, Peel & Eat Shrimp.
Dessert Table Which Includes Jeanne's Signature

"Carmel French Toast," Coffee & Tea

Cash Bar Available



Adults – \$17.00 in Advance / \$18.00 at the Door

Seniors (62+) – \$16.00 in Advance / \$17.00 at the Door

Children (4 to 10 Years) – \$8.00 in Advance / \$9.00 at the Door

Public Welcome – Bring Your Family and Friends



2010 Pasta Events

Choice of Spaghetti or Penne Pasta

Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

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Wednesday, April 21, 2010	Wednesday, May 19 2010
Wednesday, June 16, 2010	Wednesday, July 21, 2010
Wednesday, August 18, 2010	Wednesday, September 15, 2010
Wednesday, October 20, 2010	3 rd Wednesday of each Month



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

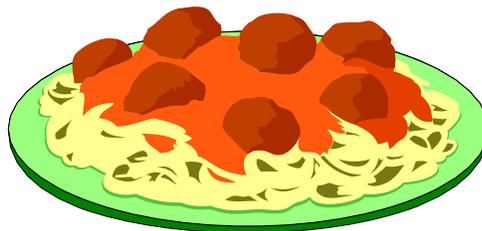
Dinner: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7.50

Children 10 & Under: \$4.00

Sausage addition for \$1.50

Italian Cannoli Dessert at \$1.50 ea.



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 Public Rental

