



44th Year, 1971-2015

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

September 2015 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting..... Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.



Labor Day – Monday, September 7, 2015

Club Address Change



Due to the sale of the Club building, the DIAC club address has been changed to: **Downriver Italian-American Club, P.O. Box 1797, Southgate, MI 48195.** Use this address for Club correspondence. Use **Florence Coleman's** home phone number **(734) 281-7126** if you need voice (telephone) response. Please Note: **Meetings and luncheons will be in the previous Menna Room.**

Message from the President



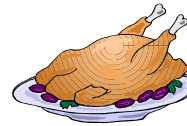
Hope you all had a nice summer. As you all have heard by now, the building has been sold; the liquor license for the business has been transferred. The new owner is **Ziad Nakad**, our caterer and owner of Silver Shores Waterfront, behind Wyandotte Hospital. He is very excited about it and has plans to make many changes inside and out of the building. I'm happy to see him so excited about it. I want to thank everyone who has worked on this sale. It has taken one year to accomplish. Especially those who helped transfer our stuff out of the building into a rental unit. It is hard to let go of this building. We worked hard here and have many memories of great events. But, it's time to move on, stand tall and make our families who started it proud of what we have done here through the past forty four (44) years. We have left our mark on this community. **Joe Menna**, I'm sure he is up there smiling. We are leaving with a little sadness and excitement for what comes next. As I've said before we are still the **Downriver Italian American Club** and we have to work together and keep it going. We are mostly

seniors, but we are strong, maybe not too healthy, but we will keep moving on **together**, we are ITALIANS and proud.

We have some nice ideas to present at the Club Board meeting in September. We will present them to you at our General Meeting for discussion and approval (see info at top of page for time) **PLEASE** try to attend. I want you to hear the Boards ideas and express your opinions about future ideas. See you at the meeting.....

Florence (Sclafani) Coleman – Club President.

September Luncheon at the Hall

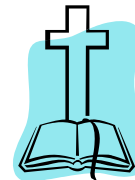


There will be a **Club Luncheon** for club members and their friends, on **Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 12:00 noon.** The menu

is baked chicken, lunchmeat tray, bread, salad, coffee, tea and soft beverage. Members and friends can bring their favorite dessert to share.

The cost is \$8.00 per person. Please notify **Mary Cottone**, (734) 285-1563 (home) or (313) 689-5313 (cell). If you plan to attend, bring cash or check (made out to **DIAC**). The General Membership meeting to follow. You do not have to come to the lunch, but please try to attend this very informative meeting. It's your time to ask questions.

Memorial Mass - Nov. 8, 2015



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is Sunday, November 8, 2015.

It will be held at **St. Vincent Pallotte (St. Joseph Catholic Church)**, located at 334 Elm Street (Between 3rd and 4th Street) in Wyandotte, MI 48192.

Details need to be finalized. The October newsletter will provide the final details. Please mark this date on your calendar and please remind your family and friends.



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Club Picnic Report



The Club picnic was a success - the weather cooperated, the food was great. The picnic was held at the Crown Pointe Condo's Clubhouse. Many thanks to chairpersons: **Tony and Miriam Lumia, Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo and Sam and Darlene Randazzo.** The meal was just outstanding – the ribs proved to be excellent. The members had a great time. A special thanks to **Don and Mimi Kerr** and **George and Mary Lavine** for suggesting the new picnic location. The weather also cooperated.

THE BOCCE GAME RESULTS:

The teams of men and women bocce were randomly selected. Amazing how you can support the team's effort. After a few rounds of competition, a team emerges as victorious and great honor is bestowed to them with a certificate to remember the occasion.

First place honors went to the following teams:

Men's Team Champion: Sam Cosentino, Mark Grazioli, George Lavine, Tony Pietrangelo and Sam Pizzo (alternate).

Women's Team Champion: Grace Asteriou, Miriam Lumia, Helen Sryniawski and Rose Zerilli

Congratulations to the winners and to all the participants. A memorable certificate will be presented at the September membership meeting. View the activity pictures at the club website, www.diac.us.

Report on Independence Day Parade



I would like to thank the members that came to the 4th of July parade. We were some 40 people strong. A special thanks to **Joe Alastra** for the use of his truck and trailer and the **Santa Rosalia Club** for marching with us and carrying our banner. After the parade we came back to the hall for pizza and drinks .

Mary Cottone.

July 4th Parade Chairperson

Diamond Jack Boat Ride Report



The Diamond Jack Boat Ride of August 20th went well. Some 25 people joined the boat ride going south, towards the Bob-Lo Island. Special thanks to the chairpersons: **Sam Randazzo, Tony Lumia, and Tony Pietrangelo.** We hope to continue this tradition next year.



Men's 2015 Bocce Champion: Sam Pizzo (alternate) George Lavine, Sam Cosentino, Mark Grazioli, and Tony Pietrangelo.



Women's 2015 Bocce Champions: Miriam Lumia, Helen Sryniawski, Rose Zerilli and Grace Asteriou.

Golf Outing on September 26th



Tony Pietrangelo is organizing a golf outing for club members and their friends. The outing is on Sept. 26, 2015 at Westburn. Tee off is at 10:00 AM. The players should be there at 9:15 a.m. Advise the person at the desk that you are with the Downriver Italian-American Club. Everyone will pay for his or her own fee. You can contact Tony Pietrangelo at (734)771-4660. This is also open to the women and their friends. Please note: this is not a club fundraiser.

This will be a great opportunity to show your golf skills

Sick and Good Will



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

Angela Palazzolo, Nancy Kaune .

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 **Damiano and Piera Vitale** on the death of Piera's nephew, **Salvatore Pizzo**, who passed away on June 22, 2015, at the age of 57, in Brooklyn New York. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Mary A. Randazzo** who passed away on July 24, 2015 at the age of 87. Condolences to the relatives: **Sam Randazzo, Rose Pagano, Sam and Darlene Randazzo, Gaetano (Tom) and Laurie Randazzo, Nino and Gianna Trupiano.** May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Fannie Randazzo** on the death of her husband, **Sam R. Randazzo**, who passed away on August 3, 2015 at the age of 92. Condolences to the relatives. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Nick and Karen Caputo** on the death of Karen's brother, **Bradley Harleton**, who passed away on August 5, 2015 at the age of 62. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **John and Maryann Graziani** on the death of Maryann's dad, **Thomas Caras**, who passed away on August 14, 2015 at the age of 85. May he rest in peace.

Happy 100 Years Young Louise Francis (Sebastianelli) Rinna

Don and Emilia (Mimi) Kerr proudly announce the following milestone of Mimi's mother, **Louise Francis (Sabastianelli) Rinna**, who turned 100 years old, on July 18, 2015.

She resides at Rivergate Terrace in Riverview, MI and is very happy there. **Congratulations at reaching this milestone.** Congratulations to the **Kerr** family.

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.

George and Mary Lavine (9/03) 55th

Lenny and Rose Zerilli (9/03) 60th
Damiano and Piera Vitale (9/06) 42nd
Francesco and Rena DeMelis (9/17) 10th
David and Rose Zahara (9/22) 59th
Joe and Rosalie Giammalva (9/24) 21st
John and Diana Parisi (9/26) 45th
Giacinto and Theresa Simone (9/28) 58th

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.

Joseph Bozzo (9/02)	Valerie Yinger (9/17)
Lenny Milewski (9/03)	Sherran Sclafani (9/18)
Emanuele Maniaci (9/04)	Mary Cottone (9/20)
Vincenzo Vitale (9/04)	Rose Gaglio (9/20)
Diana Parisi (9/05)	Johnny Mitra (9/20)
Lenny Zerilli (9/05)	David Zahara (9/20)
Paul Clark, Jr. (9/08)	Kelli McNally (9/22)
Phyllis Gandol (9/08)	Fara Vitale (9/22)
Anthony Sclafani (9/10)	Kenneth Scott (9/23)
Theresa Simone (9/11)	Pauline Barraco (9/24)
Giuseppe Agrusa (9/13)	Rocky Kaune (9/24)
Steven Badalamente (9/14)	Julie Bademian (9/26)
Sadie Kusic (9/16)	Nicolina Susin (9/26)
Lena Menna (9/16)	Robert Jagiello (9/30)

Calendar of Upcoming Club/Hall Events

Sept. 26, 2015 **September Golf Outing.**
 Tony Pietrangelo.

Nov. 8, 2015 **Memorial Mass.**
 Florence Coleman & Membership.

Dec. ??, 2015 **Club Christmas Party.**

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The Seventh Annual
DIAC Memorial Mass/Luncheon

Sunday, November 8, 2015

Presented by:

The Downriver Italian-American Club

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Mass Service at:

St. Vincent Pallotte Catholic Church

(former St. Joseph Catholic Church)

334 Elm St. (between 4th and 3rd Street)

Wyandotte, MI 48192

Mass time: (to be finalized)

Luncheon at: (to be finalized)

Immediately Following the Mass

Adults: \$

Children (7 to 10 yrs. old): \$

If you are unable to attend the Mass, then please join us for the luncheon.

Further information call: **Florence (Sclafani) Coleman at (734)281-7126**

**** Volunteers are needed to bring dessert to the luncheon. ****

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Please Note: More information and RSVP slip will be included in the October Newsletter

