



44th Year, 1971-2015

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

P.O. BOX 1797. ♣ SOUTHGATE, MICHIGAN 48195-0797 ♣ TEL. (313) 909-0090 ♣ website: <http://www.diac.us>

** IMPORTANT DATES **

October 2015 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting **Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015 – 3:00 p.m., Menna**
General Membership Meeting..... **Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015 – 1:00 p.m., Silvershore**



Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 12, 2015

*** Club Meeting Changes for October 2015 Only ***



The Club meeting location for the month of October have changed to as follows:

Board Meeting: Oct. 13, 2015, 3:00 PM, in the

previous Menna Room.

General Membership Meeting: Oct. 21, 1:00 PM, at the **Silvershore Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI.** Silvershore is located behind the Wyandotte Ford Hospital. The GM meeting will immediately follow the luncheon, at 12:00 noon, in the same location.

The time and location changes are needed to accommodate the construction phase at our previous owned building. As a note, the building will be renamed: **The Bentley Banquet and Conference Center.**

As stated previously, the DIAC Club address is: **Downriver Italian-American Club, P.O. Box 1797, Southgate, MI 48195-0797.** Use this address for Club correspondence. Use **Florence Coleman's** cell phone number (313) 909-0090, if you need a voice response.

Message from the President



I was very happy to see forty-eight (48) members attend our September General meeting. I cannot stress how important it is for you to attend these meetings. We have many decisions to make and I

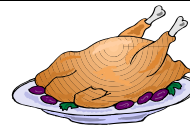
would like to have as many members present to help make the right ones. This is your time to express your opinions. I will not do anything without the membership approval. So, if you have anything to say, you have to attend the meeting and let us know how you feel.

At the September Meeting, we formed the following committees; who will bring ideas to the Board meetings and then to the General Meetings for approval. **Social:** will work on events for us to attend. Plan trips to see some shows or visit different locations in our area. There is a lot out there we can do just to enjoy each others company. **Planning:** will do the budget planning for our future. **Membership:** will come up with ideas regarding dues. **By-Laws:** There are very few changes that have to be made, but they do have to be approved by the General Membership. You should be a part of the decisions made.

I hope to see many of you at the October General Meeting. Please remember we are the **Downriver Italian American Club** and we have to work together to keep it going. We are purchasing a portable sound system so everyone will be able to hear what is being said. We had a little trouble with this at the September Meeting. You will **ALL be able to hear** at this meeting.....

Florence (Sclafani) Coleman – Club President.

October Luncheon @ Silvershore



The Club luncheon for October will be on **Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 12:00 noon,** at

Silvershore Banquet facility, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (located behind Wyandotte Ford Hospital. Silvershore will provide the buffet meal.

Those attending the luncheon will share the cost as we normally do. Please notify **Florence Coleman**, (734) 281-7126 (home) or (313) 909-0090 (cell) if you plan to attend. The General Membership meeting (1:00 pm) will immediately follow the luncheon. You do not have to come to the luncheon to attend the General Membership meeting.



2015-2016 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

President
FLORENCE (SCLAFANI) COLEMAN

Vice President
FRANK A GIANNOTTI

Recording Secretary
LINDA BURNETT

Financial Corresponding Secretary
CHARLES M LUPO

Treasurer
MARK S GRAZIOLI

Assistant Treasurer
GEORGE W. LAVINE

Inside Guard
PAULA F RICE

Outside Guard
DAMIANO VITALE

Guide
GRACE PIZZO

TRUSTEES
JAMES BADEMIAN
SADIE KUSIC
TONY LUMIA
ALICE PATTON
DENNIS PATTON SR.
TONY PIETRANGELO
SAM RANDAZZO
LEONA M. VIZZINI

HALL ACCOUNT COMMITTEE

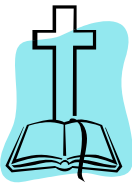
President
ANTONINO TRUPIANO

Secretary
ROCKY KAUNE

Treasurer
MARY COTTONE



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.

The luncheon will be served at **The Silver Spoon, 4939 Allen Rd. Allen Park, MI. (located just south of Outer Drive)**. The cost is \$10.00 per person. The luncheon starts at 1:30 p.m. Further details are included in the Memorial Mass flyer located in this newsletter. We will be honoring the 201 deceased club members. Please return the reserve coupon with your check or money order to Florence Coleman.

Finance Committee



The committee consisting of **Mark Grazioli, Florence Coleman, Frank Giannotti, Tony Lumia, Tony Pietrangelo, Charles Lupo, Paula Rice and Vivian Palazzolo** will be looking at the current and future finances of the Club. They will project and forecast cash-flow thru which the members Bonds will be paid off – the Bonds mature on December 31, 2017.

Social/Trip Committee



The committee consisting of **Julieann Bademian, Paula Rice, Miriam Lumia and Grace Pizzo** will organize social events and trips. The committee is seeking suggestions from the members. If you have a suggestion, please see one of the committee members. All suggestions will be considered.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee



This committee consisting of **Frank Giannotti, Florence Coleman, Mark Grazioli and Linda Burnett** will review the current Club Constitution and By-Laws and determine if changes/additions are impacted by the sale of the Club building. Any modification(s) must be approved by the Club Board, brought to the membership. Approval by the membership via a voting process.

Membership Committee



The committee consisting of **Charles Lupo** (and volunteers), will seek how to best serve

the membership, with regards to membership drive and dues/initiation fees. The committee will make recommendation to the Club Board, with final approval by the membership.

Sick and Good Will



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

Joe Cuva had eye cataract surgery.

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 **Lenny and Pina Milewski** on the death of Pina's brother, **Anthony Cavataio**, who passed away on August 31, 2015 at the age of 82, who resided in Bedford, TX. Condolences to the relatives: **Shirley Cavataio** and **Charlie Lupo**. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Vincenzo and Lilla Vitale** on the death of Lilla's niece, **Enza Giammanco**, who passed away on September 13, 2015, at the age of 44, in Sicily. May she rest in peace.

DIAC Christmas Party



The date for the **Club Christmas Party** has been set for **Sunday, December 13, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.** at **Silvershore Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI**. Silvershore is located behind the Wyandotte Ford Hospital. Details need to be finalized, including the chair-people. Information will be forthcoming in a future newsletter.

Keegan Quinn – Born Sept. 10, 2015



Lenny and Pina Milewski proudly announce the birth of their first great-granddaughter, **Keegan Quinn**. She was born on September 10, 2015. The proud parents are **Dr. Brian and Anne Quinn**. Congratulations to the **Milewski** and the **Quinn** families.

The Little Things in Life

Enjoy the little things in life. For one day, you'll look back and realize they were the **BIG THINGS**.



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.

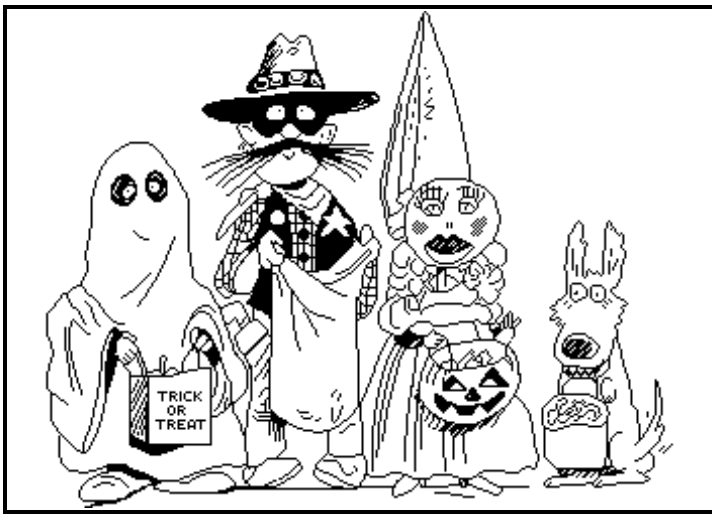
- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Wynnith Martino (10/2)</i> | <i>Marco Talluto (10/17)</i> |
| <i>Bettina Vitale (10/2)</i> | <i>Darlene Randazzo (10/18)</i> |
| <i>Vivian Martino (10/3)</i> | <i>John Finazzo (10/19)</i> |
| <i>Mike Palazzolo (10/7)</i> | <i>Maria Graziani (10/22)</i> |
| <i>Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8)</i> | <i>Karen Caputo (10/24)</i> |
| <i>Linda Burnett (10/0)</i> | <i>Giuseppe Giammalva (10/24)</i> |
| <i>Joan Luzac (10/9)</i> | <i>BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25)</i> |
| <i>James Bademian (10/10)</i> | <i>Rino Pagnucco (10/26)</i> |
| <i>Josie Klube (10/11)</i> | <i>Michael McNally (10/27)</i> |
| <i>Gino Martino Jr. (10/11)</i> | <i>Rena DeMelis (10/30)</i> |
| <i>Daniele Graziani (10/17)</i> | <i>Angela McCarty (10/31)</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.

- Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3)*
Lenny and Pina Milewski (10/3)
John and Maryann Graziani (10/6)
Ted and Lena Brockway (10/7)
Joseph and Josie Badalamenti (10/9)
Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14)
Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)
Tony and Miriam Lumia (10/19)
Rino and Marie Pagnucco (10/31)



Thoughts for the Month

- ❖ If money is the root of all-evil, then I want to be bad, bad, bad!
- ❖ One is not born a genius, one becomes a genius.
- ❖ To profit from good advice requires more wisdom than to give it.
- ❖ From a tiny spark may burst a mighty flame.
- ❖ Anger manages everything badly
- ❖ If you don't climb the mountain, you can't enjoy the view.

The Blessings of Service

I must do something for someone today,
 Round up my love and give it away.
 Telephone a friend just over the hill,
 Who's a whole lot lonely and a little bit ill.

Write on my heart several things to do;
 T'will be such a pleasure not to mention the fun!
 Say a few words on a little bitty note,
 To make somebody glad that I wrote.

Remember a friend if I can't be there,
 Open my heart and just send a prayer.
 The day moves on and I'm getting in high,
 To give away that which money can't buy.

... Mildred H. Bell

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

- Nov. 8, 2015 Club Memorial Mass.**
 Florence Coleman
- Dec. 13, 2015 Club Christmas Party.**

The *Downriver Italian-American Club Newsletter* is published monthly for the Downriver Italian-American Club membership.
 Editor: Frank A. Giannotti. (734) 283-7394
 Forward your comment, correction and items of interest to:

DIAC Newsletter,
 c/o Frank A. Giannotti
 14823 Williamsburg Blvd.
 Riverview, MI 48193-7703

©2015 Downriver Italian-American Club. All rights reserved. The DIAC logo is a trademark of the Downriver Italian-American Club. This newsletter shall not be reproduced without the prior consent of the Downriver Italian-American Club. Printed on partially recycled paper.

The Seventh Annual DIAC Memorial Mass/Luncheon Sunday, November 8, 2015



Presented by:
The Downriver Italian-American Club
P.O. Box 1797
Southgate, MI 48195-0797 Tel. (313) 909-0090

Mass Service at:
St. Vincent Pallotte Catholic Church
(formerly St. Joseph Catholic Church)
334 Elm St. (between 4th and 3rd Street)
Wyandotte, MI 48192
Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Buffet Luncheon at Silver Spoon
4939 Allen Rd. (just south of Outer Drive)
Allen Park, MI 48101
(313) 914-5726
Time: 1:30 p.m.

Adults: \$10.00

Children (7 to 10 yrs. old): \$6.00

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**

I/We will be attending the **Memorial Mass/Luncheon** on Sunday – Nov. 8, 2015, at St. Vincent Pallotte Church Luncheon at Silver Spoon. This coupon and payment must be received **no later than Friday- October 30, 2015**

Name

Phone Number

No. Attending Mass: _____ Luncheon: Adults: \$ 10.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Children 7 -10 yrs of age: \$6.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Make your check payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club or DIAC**

Return coupon and your check to: Florence Coleman, 14157 Stratford, Riverview, MI 48193-7550