



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 **

Club Board Meeting	*** Meeting Cancelled ***
General Membership Meeting.....	*** Meeting Cancelled ***

December 2015 Newsletter



Buon Natale a Tutti – Merry Christmas to All

** No Meetings in December **



The Club Board and General Membership meetings for December have been cancelled.

The next general meeting is on

Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

The Club Officers and Trustees wish all of our members a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. Be safe, be healthy and see you next year

Message from the President



I can't believe the year is almost over, it sure went fast. We have accomplished a lot this year and we are thankful it has all worked out well. I would like to thank everyone who has helped us get it all done.

We had (46) members attend the November General Meeting. (40) were there for a nice lunch served by The Silver Spoon in Allen Park. I know a lot of you are anxious to see how the voting turned out regarding the General Meetings day. We have had so much discussion on this and it finally over. The final tally was (39) for Sunday and (40) for Wednesday afternoon. They were counted several times by two Board members during the meeting. We had (57) vote at the October General Meeting and we received (12) votes in the mail. The total members who voted were (79). Our General Meeting will continue to be held on the 3rd Wednesday, lunch at 12:00 noon, meeting at 1:00 p.m.

We have (20) people who are going to see **The Jersey Boys**. Thanks to our Social Committee for setting up this trip and those to follow. Try to attend our Christmas Party at **Silver Shores** in Wyandotte. They have a great evening

planned. I would like to see as many of you as possible attend. We have a lot to celebrate and this is a great time to spend some time together. Members are getting a discount on the event. It is open to the public so please bring your friends.

Remember, we have to work together to keep our Club going. It is important to attend the meetings so you are always informed. You DO NOT have to come for lunch, the meetings start at 1:00 p.m.

Hope you all had a very nice **Thanksgiving** and have **A Very Merry Christmas**. Please try to attend the January General Meeting.

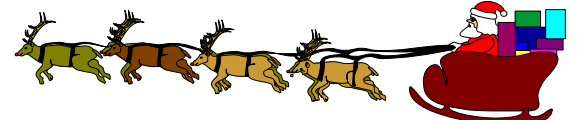
Florence (Sclafani) Coleman – Club President.

Trip to Greektown Casino



Grace Pizzo is advising members and their friends, a trip to **Greektown Casino** on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 with **Indian Trails** bus line.

Please call **Indian Trails** at (800) 292-3831 to reserve your seat. They have 2 pick-up sites, one is at Fort St. & Pennsylvania, at the former **K-mart** parking lot (park towards **Crystal Gardens**) at 12:50 p.m. returning at about 7:00 p.m. and the other site is at the **Meijer's Store** in Lincoln Pk. on Dix & Emmons, park behind the cleaners) at 1:05 p.m. returning about 7 p.m. Make sure you tell them which site you want to be picked up and the exact time of pick-up. The cost is \$15.00 - you pay when you get on the bus, but D.I.A.C. members will be reimbursed \$5.00 of that. You will also get \$30 of free play plus another \$5 if you are a senior.



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



Important News Regarding Honorary Members and their Dues



Club members with 25+ continuous membership years, have an Honorary membership status. A motion was made (and approved) at the October 13, 2015 Board meeting, to give Honorary Members free membership dues, starting with 2016.

"Legends Live" New Year's Eve Show



Silver Shores Waterfront of Wyandotte will be hosting a "Legends Live" New Year's Eve Show on **Thursday, December 31, 2015**. This is a non-sponsored club event. The contact persons are **Leslie Lupo (734)282-1257** and **Paula Rice (734)285-8516**.

A flyer and information is included in this newsletter. Make your reservation early for those good tables.

Amending the Club By-Law



The **By-Laws Committee** recently reviewed the Club By-Laws and has recommended changes, will be voted by the general membership, at the January 20, 2016 meeting. The changes pertain to wording (no longer applicable), due to the sale of the building and business. Attached with this newsletter are the deleted and the proposed new changes. The changes will be discussed at the Jan. 20th membership meeting, prior to the voting. Be there and be heard.

Sick and Good Will



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

Arnaldo Fracassa has been in and out of the hospital. **Nancy Marcantonio** is in rehab

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**.

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.

Don and Emilia (Mimi) Kerr (12/31) 25th

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.

Bruce Yinger (12/5)

Sylvia Vitale (12/6)

Giovanna Vitale (12/14)

Francesco DeMelis (12/16)

Tom Talluto (12/17)

Giuseppe Alastra (12/19)

Paul Consiglio (12/19)

Angela M Palazzolo (12/20)

Sharron Bryson (12/22)

Vivian Cacioppo (12/22)

Shirley Cavataio (12/22)

Nancy DiPasquale (12/26)

George Lavine (12/26)

Marian Maniaci (12/28)

Steven Vitale (11/28)

Robyn Vitale (12/30)

Congratulating New Club Members



Please welcome the following new club members who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club**:

Anthony and Marilyn Bomarito of Woodhaven, MI, sponsored by **Florence Coleman**.

Twins Born to the Trupiano Family



Nino and Gianna Trupiano proudly announce the birth of their twin granddaughters, **Katherine Lily and Juliana Faith Dunlop**. They were born on November 18, 2015. Katherine weighted in at 5 lbs. – 10 oz., while Juliana weighted in at 6 lbs. – 8 oz. The proud parents are **Mike and Luisa Dunlop**. Congratulations to the **Trupiano** and the **Dunlop** families.

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

Dec. 13, 2015 Club Christmas Party.

Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice, & Others

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

New Year's Eve Legends Live Celebration

Ring in the New Year in style at the Bentley Banquet and Event Center (formerly Downriver Italian American Club) at 646 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan. This new banquet facility is planning a spectacular New Year's Eve Dinner Show, Thursday, December 31, 2015, featuring the Legends Live Tribute Show, starring Gene Pitney, Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, Johnny Rivers, Reba McEntire and Roy Orbison. Tickets are \$60 per person, including a fabulous Buffet Dinner, the Legends Show, DJ/Dancing and Midnight Champagne Toast.

Doors Open at 6:00 P.M., Dinner 7:00 P.M., Show 8:30 P.M.

~ 2015 New Year's Eve Buffet Menu ~

Hors D'oeuvre Table

Domestic Cheese and Cracker Display
Italian Sausage with Sunburst Sauce
Vegetable Crudit  with Dip

Main Course

Garden Salad
Marinara Pasta
Salmon with B arnaise Sauce
Pork Tenderloin with Cognac Mushroom Sauce
Chicken Piccata
Roasted Tri-Colored Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetable Mix
Dinner Rolls

Dessert: Blueberry Bread Pudding, Vanilla Ice Cream with Whiskey Sauce

This event was a sellout last year, so to make reservations, please contact

Leslie Lupo at (734) 282-1257, **Paula Rice** at (734) 285-8516 or **The Bentley** at (734) 285-4044.

The Bentley Center is a brand new facility in Wyandotte, it was formerly the Downriver Italian American Club and has undergone renovations and will be a showcase event area for your special occasion (weddings, showers, retirement parties, etc.).

Celebrate 2015 New Year's Eve at the Bentley.....

LEGENDS LIVE
MICHIGAN'S #1 TRIBUTE SHOW FEATURING



GENE PITNEY



JOHNNY RIVERS



EVERLY BROTHERS



ROY ORBISON



BUDDY HOLLY



REBA MCENTIRE

NEW YEARS EVE DINNER SHOW



THE BENTLEY

646 BIDDLE AVE WYANDOTTE, MI 48192
FORMALLY KNOWN AS THE DOWNRIVER ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

DJ & DANCING CASH BAR DRINK SPECIALS

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM . DINNER AT 7:00PM . SHOW AT 8:30PM . TICKETS \$60

FOR RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFO CALL LESLIE LUPO 734-282-1257 - PAULA RICE 734-285-8516 - THE BENTLEY 734-285-4044

LEGENDS LIVE IS PRODUCED BY EMPIRE ENTERTAINMENT - WWW.LEGENDSLIVEMI.COM