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The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

January 2016 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016 – 1:00 p.m., Silver Shores

Felice Anno Nuovo - Happy New Year!



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It's a New Year!

*May your New Year be the best you've ever had,
and may you have many more New Years
that are even better!*

A Safe, Prosperous and a Happy 2016

Meeting Dates for January



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

Board Meeting: Jan. 12, 2016, 3:00 PM, at **Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192.**

General Membership Meeting: Jan. 20, 2016, 1:00 PM, at the **Silver Shores Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Dr., Wyandotte, MI 48192.** Silver Shores is located just behind Wyandotte Hospital. The general meeting will immediately follow the luncheon at 1:00 p.m.

Message from our President



As we start the year 2016, I wish you all a **Very Happy and Healthy New Year.**

We had a great Christmas party in December, held at **Silver Shores Waterfront.** We were pleased with the good turnout. I would like to thank the Social Committee **Paula Rice, Grace Pizzo, Julie Bademian and Miriam Lumia** for all they did to make it a success. A special thanks goes to **Paula Rice** who put together a slide show from pictures she copied out of the old albums we had from way back in the early 70's and from our website; it was fun to see how we have aged through the years.

Our next general meeting will be on January 20th, at Silver Shores Waterfront.

We will have a lunch at 12:00 noon, meeting will start at 1:00 p.m..

This is going to be an important meeting and I am hoping to see many of you there. We are going to be voting on the few By-Law Changes we have had to make due to the fact we no longer own a business. These have already been discussed at the November General. Questions were asked and answered. All of our members have been notified of the changes in the Newsletter you received in December. Please do your best to attend. I don't want anyone to say they were NOT notified of what is happening. We are doing our best to keep you all informed. If you have any questions feel free to call, or send a note to **me (313)909-0090, or Frank Giannotti (734)283-7394.**

Here is a little update on what is happening to our old home. The renovations are coming along. The building is down to the bare walls; the stage is gone. It is going to be spectacular. It will be known as the "**Bentley Banquet and Conference Center**". As you know, the new owner, **Ziad Nakad**, was our past chef from **Silver Shores Waterfront.** I can't wait to see it finished. Think I'll suggest we hold a party in the Spring to show it off.

Please try to come to the January meeting. Stay healthy and happy. That is what I wish for all of you

Florence Coleman – Club President.

January Luncheon @ Silver Shores Waterfront Hall



The Club luncheon for January will be on **Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 12:00 noon**, at the **Silver Shores Waterfront Banquet Hall, 1 DeSana Drive,**

Wyandotte, MI 48192. Silver Shores Waterfront is located behind the Wyandotte-Ford Hospital.

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.

2016 Club Membership Dues



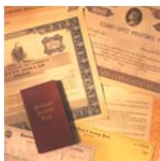
The 2016 membership dues are now payable. The dues are \$30.00 for a member who is single and \$60.00 for a married couple. The dues can be paid at the general membership meeting or you can mail a check or money order

(payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**), to: **Charles M. Lupo, 459 Cedar, Wyandotte, MI 48192-4301**. The deadline for dues is **March 31, 2016**.

For **Honorary Members**, (those with 25+ years of continued membership), there are **NO dues** to be paid. A listing of **new** (and all) the Honorary Members is included in this newsletter.

Your dues receipt will be mailed in the upcoming newsletter. The membership card is no longer being issued.

DIAC Certificate of Deposit News



During the month of January, Club Treasurer, **Charlie Lupo**, will be mailing the interest earned on the DIAC Bond Certificate for the year 2015. If you do not receive your letter by the end of January, please contact **Charlie** at (734) 282-1257.

Amending the Club By-Laws



As was stated in the December newsletter, the **Club By-Laws** proposed revisions will be reviewed, discussed and voted on, at the January 20th membership meeting. Bring your copy of the changes with you to the meeting. The changes pertain to wording (no longer applicable), due to the sale of the building and business. There are some new additions. Be there for the discussion and the voting.



Sick and Good Will



Condolences to the family of **Mark and Maryjane Grazioli**, on the death of Mark's sister, **Donna Grazioli**, who passed away on December 23, 2015, at the age of 75. Donna has been ill for a number of years. May she rest in peace.

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 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>Nancy Cosentino (1/1)</i>	<i>Grace Pizzo (1/16)</i>
<i>Anthony V. Vitale (1/2)</i>	<i>Rose Pagano (1/20)</i>
<i>Emma Checchio (1/4)</i>	<i>Mark Grazioli (1/22)</i>
<i>Pat Mastrogiacomo (1/4)</i>	<i>Sam Randazzo (1/22)</i>
<i>Gianna Trupiano (1/4)</i>	<i>Joyce Pietrangelo (1/23)</i>
<i>Frank Giannotti (1/5)</i>	<i>Marty Shimkus (1/25)</i>
<i>Miriam Lumia (1/6)</i>	<i>Alice Patton (1/26)</i>
<i>Nino Vitale (1/6)</i>	<i>Nino Trupiano (1/28)</i>
<i>Lilla Vitale (1/13)</i>	<i>Larry Simone (1/30)</i>
<i>Angela Scott (1/14)</i>	

Happy Anniversary - Buon Anniversario



We wish to extend our Best Wishes for many happy and healthy years together, to our couples who will be celebrating their anniversary.

Vincenzo and Lilla Vitale (1/4)
Frank and Barbara Bianchi (1/9) 40th

Five Tips for a Woman

1. It is important that a man helps you around the house and has a job.
2. It is important that a man makes you laugh.
3. It is important to find a man you can count on and doesn't lie to you.
4. It is important that a man loves you and spoils you.
5. It is important that these four men don't know each

DIAC Honorary Member Listing

Joseph A. Agrusa
Giuseppe & Vita Alastra
Grace Asteriou
Grace Badalamente
Pauline Barraco
Frank and Barbara Bianchi
James and Shirley Bommarito
Joseph Bozzo
Tred and Lena Brockway
Joseph and Vivian Cacioppo
Nancy Capezza
Angelina Carlone
Linda Carrier
Dolly Chirco
Florence Coleman
Sam and Nancy Cosentino
Mary Cottone
Sal and Nancy DiPasquale
Betty Jean Ferraiuolo
John and Anna Finazzo
Arnaldo and Elda Fracassa
Rose Gaglio
*** *Giorlando Giammalva***
Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva
Frank and Liliana Giannotti
Emilia Gonella
Donna Grazioli
Mark and MaryJane Grazioli
Martha Guastella
Maria Horvath
Jacqueline Jagiello
James Jenson
Rocky and Nancy Kaune
Josie Klube
Grace Lewis
Charlie and Leslie Lupo
Rose Lupo
Sue Lupo
Joan Luzac
Emanuele and Marian Maniaci
Nancy Marcantonio
Vivian Martino
Stella Marzano
Nancy McFaul
Lena Menna
Cora Muffi
Rose Pagano
*** *Sam A Palamara***
Angela M Palazzolo
Mike and Nina Palazzolo
Vivian Palazzolo

*** *John and Diana Parisi***
Stephanie Parrino
Tony Pietrangelo
Sam and Grace Pizzo
Fannie Randazzo
Gaetano and Laurie Randazzo
Sam G. Randazzo
*** *Randall and Paula Rice***
Anthony and Sherran Sclafani
Catherine Sclafani
Martin and Rosalie Shimkus
Giacinto and Theresa Simone
Joseph and Nicolina Susin
*** *Marco and Theresa Talluto***
Nino and Gianna Trupiano
Angela Vassallo
*** *Joe and Paola Ventimiglia***
Anthony J Vitale (Riverview)
Nino and Fara Vitale
*** *Benedetta Vitale***
Damiano and Piera Vitale
Marco Vitale
Margaret Vitale
Rose Vitale
*** *Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale***
*** *Vincenzo and Francesca Vitale***
Leonard and Rose Zerilli

*** 2016 Honorary Members**

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

See the events the Social Committee has proposed for 2016, on the last page of this newsletter. Do you know of others to be considered? Contact the committee.

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES -DIAC FAMILYAND FRIENDS



December 1— Jersey Boys—See Full Page Flyer for details

December 13th — Club Christmas Party-See Newsletter

December 31st— New Year's Eve Party-Legend's @ Silver Shores

Starring—Gene Pitney, Everly Bros, Roy Orbison, Johnny Rivers, Reba McEntire, Buddy Holly

\$60 per person—Contact Leslie Lupo at (734) 282-1257 Show , Dinner and Dancing—Doors open at 7 PM

January—Casino Trip—Date and Time to be Determined

February 18th -Yakety Yak-Turkeyville, Marshall, MI-9:30 AM -6:30 PM

Two friends, Ray and Robert, have decided to buy an old diner and fix it up. The two get more than they bargained for. As they arrive to see the "Double D" diner for the first time they fall in love with it. Not just with the diner, but with the two beautiful young ladies. As the friends turn on the juke box, they are thrown back in time to the 1950's. Who would not want another chance to relive their childhood? The show is a flash back in time to hula hoops, poodle skirts, and Rock and Roll, baby. Packed with songs we all know, from: "Rockin around the Clock," "Shake Rattle and Roll",

"Sh-Boom", "Ain't it a Shame", Blueberry Hill, and many, many more.

Join us for the return to the 50's.



Restaurant

Cornwell's Turkeyville

Menu: Fresh carved Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, vegetable, casserole, rolls, drink.

March 23rd—Calendar Girls—Meadowbrook Theater-10AM to 5 PM

Based on the true story of eleven Women's Institute members who posed nude for a calendar to raise money for the Leukemia Research Fund, Calendar Girls is a hilarious, yet beautifully touching play. Annie and her best friend, Chris resolve to raise money for a new settee in the local hospital waiting room. The ladies manage to persuade four fellow Women's Institute members to pose nude with them for an "alternative" calendar, with a little help from a hospital porter and amateur photographer.

Enjoy the sculptures on the grounds as you are driven on to the campus of Oakland University.

Restaurant:

Castle Grill

Entrée: Chicken Village. Chicken breast lightly breaded and sautéed, topped with white wine sauce, julienne zucchini served with mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables.

Dessert and drink

April—Chicago Trip—Million \$ Quartet & Tommy Gun 's Garage

May-Bowling Fundraiser— Local bowling alley

June-Mud Hens Game w/Buffer Dinner

July-Tiger Game-Friday or Saturday Night with Fireworks

August-Diamond Jack Boat Trip

Social Committee—Julie Bademian, Miriam Lumia, Alice Patton, Grace Pizzo, & Paula Rice



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!

