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The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

February 2016 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 – 1:00 p.m., Silver Shores

Happy Valentine's Day – Feb. 14, 2016!



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Meeting Dates for February



The Club meeting locations for the month of February are as follows:

Board Meeting: Feb. 9, 2016, 3:00 p.m., at **Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192.**

General Membership Meeting: Feb. 17, 2016, 1:00 p.m., at the **Silver Shores Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Drive, 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



I hope you are all handling this cold weather we are having. Just remember, before you know it, summer will be here. We had (30) members attend the casino trip. Everyone had

a great time. We are planning to do it again this month. I was very happy with the General Meeting attendance. We had (52) members present. The By-Law changes were discussed again, questions were asked and answered. There was some discussion on the change that stated: If you wish to run for the office of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, you should have computer knowledge, or are willing to learn. We are now in the computer age. It is much easier and faster to send mail through e-mail. We are not trying to discriminate in anyway. If you have a family member who can do this for you (with no problem), you might consider holding an office. But, you **MUST** be able to do the job and have it ready as

soon as possible. That is the whole problem of not being able to do it yourself, it's not always easy to have someone do it for you.

The February General Meeting will be held at Silver Shores Waterfront (See previous article for location). If you plan to attend the luncheon before the meeting, please call me and let know as soon as possible. It is important to know, so we have enough food prepared, (734)281-7126 home or (313)909-0090 cell. You may also bring a desert if you wish. We were a little short in January.

I would also like to say, if anyone has a concern about the club (that is bothering you), PLEASE, call me. I hear a lot of hearsay from people and I want you to know that it almost always gets back to me through other members. So please give me a call and I will do my best to discuss it with you.

Hoping to see many of you at the February meeting, stay happy and healthy.

Florence Coleman – Club President.

February Luncheon @ Silver Shores Waterfront Hall



The Club luncheon for February is on **Wednesday, February 17, 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.

The membership meeting at 1:00 p.m. will immediately follow the luncheon. You do not have to come to the luncheon to attend the General Membership meeting.



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Calendar Girls - March 23rd

DIAC Dues for 2016 are now due – deadline is March 31, 2016.

Those members over 25 years of continuous membership (Honorary Members) will not have to pay dues. Single members under 25 continuous years of membership, dues are \$30. Couples under 25 continuous years of membership are \$60.

If one spouse is Honorary Member, no dues is due, if other spouse has not been a member for 25 continuous years, dues is \$30 for that spouse.

Please send check, payable to DIAC, to **Charles Lupo, 459 Cedar, Wyandotte, MI 48192**. Also if you have any changes in your membership status, example: new phone, change of address, email, etc., please forward that information with your dues. 2016 dues receipt will be mailed to you with your newsletter.

The DIAC will continue to exist with new events, trips, Xmas party, etc., so please continue to renew your dues. On December 2017 all outstanding bonds will be paid off. I would like to propose a reduction in dues, but until then, we will not be able to address this issue.,

If you have any questions, please contact Charles Lupo, Financial Corresponding Secretary, at 734-282-1257. Thanks You, **Charles Lupo**

Turkeyville Trip - "Cancelled"

The DIAC trip scheduled for Feb 18th has been cancelled due to low interest and seating conditions (bench seating). If you are interested in attending this event, **Custom Holidays** has a trip scheduled for March 1st. Contact them at 313-388-0448

Greektown Casino Trip - Feb 24th

The last trip was so successful, we are planning another trip, **Wednesday, Feb 24th** - call **Indian Trails** at (800) 292-3831 to reserve your seat. They pick up at two sites; Fort St & Pennsylvania, former K-mart parking lot (parks towards Crystal Gardens) at 12:50 p.m. returning at 7:00 p.m. and the second pick up is at Meijer's in Lincoln Park - Dix & Emmons, park behind the cleaners) at 1:05 p.m. returning at 7:00 p.m. Make sure to tell them which site you want to be picked up at and confirm the exact pick up time. The cost is \$15 - you pay when you get on the bus, but DIAC members will be reimbursed \$5. You will get \$30 of free play. Call **Grace** (734) 379-9491 or **Paula** (734) 285-8516 for more information

Meadowbrook Theater – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Price is \$55 per person for DIAC members - Guests \$76.00 per person. Pick up/drop off is at 646 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte (old DIAC Club). Park in the back lot to avoid any possible construction. The play is based on a true story of eleven women who posed nude for a calendar to raise money for Leukemia Researc; funny and beautiful. Call **Grace** (734) 379-9491 or **Paula** (734) 285-8516 for tickets or for more information.

Frank Sinatra - April 2nd

A Salute to Ole' Blue Eyes - Cherry Hill Village Theater. April 2, 2016 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Nine outstanding, 'Vegas quality' vocalists will pay tribute to the great **Frank Sinatra** celebrating Sinatra's 101st birthday. For the event you will need to provide your own transportation, we suggest carpooling with friends. **Cherry Hill Village Theater**, is on Cherry Hill, west of Beck Rd.

We have pre-ordered, pre-paid for 45 tickets (of which 37 are already reserved). In addition, we have reserved 15 additional ticket, for a total of 60 tickets all located together, center stage. As you can see tickets are going fast. **The deadline for ordering tickets is February 12th**. You must contact **Alice Patton** (734) 697-7902 by that date to attend this event. After that date, tickets may still be available, but we cannot guarantee the seats will be with the group.

\$15.00 per person (senior price) This event is open to members and guest. The ticket price is the same for both, the discount will be taken for DIAC members only at the restaurant

Charity Bowling with Family and Friends - May 15th

The club is hosting a **Charity Bowling Fundraising** event at **Belmar Lanes** in Lincoln Park (Fort St just north of Goddard). The money raised from this event will go to **Penrickton School for the Blind**. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes 3 games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop (cash bar for alcohol). If you do not wish to bowl, we ask that you please join us for the laughs and good times, pizza and pop only, cost is \$10. Reserve the date - additional information will be provided in the upcoming newsletters

Sick and Good Will



Get Well Wishes to the following members who were/are ill or hospitalized: **Grace Asteriou** and **Lisa Vespa**.

Condolences to the family and friends of **Emma J. Checchio**, on the death of her husband, **Frank Checchio**, who passed away on January 5, 2016, at the age of 81. **Frank and Emma** joined our club in Feb. 1994. They enjoyed and supported our club. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family and cousins of **Nancy Marcantonio**, who passed away on January 16, 2016, at the age of 87. **Nancy** joined our Club in May 1979. They enjoyed and supported our club. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Grace B. Lewis**, on the death of her sister, **Rosina (Rose) Bozzo**, who passed away on January 19, 2016, at the age of 96. Condolences also to brother-in-law, **Joseph A. Bozzo**. Rose was a past member of the club, until she became ill. 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.

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| <i>Ciccina Vitale (2/1)</i> | <i>Shirley Bommarito (2/19)</i> |
| <i>Grace Asteriou (2/5)</i> | <i>Leona Vizzini (2/19)</i> |
| <i>Elisa Norscia (2/6)</i> | <i>Stephanie Parrino (2/22)</i> |
| <i>Marianna Curcuru (2/7)</i> | <i>Ted Brockway (2/23)</i> |
| <i>Frank Liberati (2/7)</i> | <i>Florence Coleman (2/23)</i> |
| <i>Rosemary Prato (2/9)</i> | <i>Pat Mastrogiacomo (2/25)</i> |
| <i>John Graziani (2/10)</i> | <i>Don Jenson (2/26)</i> |
| <i>Jim Bely (2/11)</i> | <i>Marie Pagnucco (2/26)</i> |
| <i>Delores Phillips (2/11)</i> | <i>Sam Cosentino (2/27)</i> |
| <i>Chris Dingell (2/13)</i> | <i>Sue Lupo (2/27)</i> |
| <i>Rose Lupo (2/13)</i> | <i>Sam G. Randazzo (2/27)</i> |
| <i>Tony Palazzolo (2/13)</i> | <i>Joseph J. Agrusa (2/30)</i> |
| <i>Frank Bianchi (2/15)</i> | <i>Vita Alastria (2/28)</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.

Robert and Jacqueline Jagiello (2/1)

Marty and Rosalie Shinkus (2/25) 40th

Isn't This the Truth...

Having raised a family, Sam and Doris decided to sell their large house. After taking all the necessary information, the real estate agent quoted a price and added: "Bet you didn't expect it to be worth that much more than it was 20 years ago, did you?"

Sam thought that over for a few seconds. "Son," he said finally, "my house ain't worth more. Your money is worth less."

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

Feb. 24, 2016 **Greektown Casino Trip**

Grace Pizzo

Mar. 23, 2016 **Calendar Girls.**

Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice

Apr. 2, 2016 **A Salute to Ole' Blue Eyes.**

Alice Patton

May 15, 2016..... **Charity Bowling Fundraising**

Paula Rice



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Meadowbrook Theater

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PURE MICHIGAN

*FRIENDS ARE LIKE SNOWFLAKES. . . NO TWO ARE ALIKE!
MAKE A NEW FRIEND TODAY.*

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 drive on to the campus of Oakland University. Did you know that OU has 20,000 students?

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Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

E-mail _____ Cell phone _____ Trip: CGM150323TBA

In case of emergency, please notify: _____ Phone # _____

Today my travel companion is: _____

Wed., March 23, 2016

\$55

10:00 am—5:00 pm

Departure & Return
Formerly: Downriver
Italian American Club
646 Biddle—Wyandotte

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Entrée: Chicken Village.
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and sautéed, topped with white
wine sauce, julienne zuc-
chini served with mashed
potatoes and sautéed vege-*



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