



45th Year, 1971-2016

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

March 2016 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Mar. 8, 2016 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Mar. 16, 2016 – 1:00 p.m., Silver Shores



Happy Easter † Buona Pasqua - Mar. 27



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Meeting Dates for March



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

Board Meeting: Tues. Mar. 8, 2016, 3:00 p.m., at **Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192.**

General Membership Meeting: Wed. Mar. 16, 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 was just looking at a newsletter article I wrote when I was president in 2006. We had eighty-three members attend the January General Meeting. How great was that. We HAVE to get more of us attending these meetings. Like I have said before, ideas are GREAT. Please come and don't hesitate to speak This month we had forty attend for lunch and eleven came just for the meeting. The meeting went great. Members enjoyed each other's company, a lot of discussions were going on. We are holding them on the third Wednesday, which was our Spaghetti Day, a day when we were all together. Please try to attend the meetings and enjoy the company of good friends. You don't have to come for lunch. Just come at 1:00 pm for the meeting. Everything is going great.

Remember, it is our time to give back to our members. Members receive a discount on tickets for each trip. We have set a give back amount for trips. The amount varies

depending on the actual price of the outing. This is for all members. Please consider joining us. Our Social Committee has done a great job setting a trip for every month. Trips are listed in this letter. Please try to attend these functions and the meetings.

The renovations on our former building are coming along great. It should be done very soon. Then I will see if we will be able to hold our meetings in the Menna Room, **which is no longer the Menna Room**, but it will always be that for us..... we have many memories in that building. We have to keep this Club going. **Remember we are Italian and we are strong.....** Hope to see **MANY** of you at the March General Meeting - Stay Happy and Healthy.

Florence Coleman – Club President.

March Luncheon @ Silver Shores Waterfront Hall



The Club luncheon for February is on Wednesday, March 16, 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.

DUES DUES DUES



DIAC Dues for 2016 are now due – deadline is **March 31, 2016.** Please remit check to me, \$60 per couple \$30 single for

those who have been member less than 25 years.

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.

Also, if you have any changes in your membership status, example: new phone, new address, email etc., please call me to update the records.

Frank Giannotti will mail out your dues paid receipt with your newsletter.

If you have any questions, call or write me, Charles Lupo, Corresponding Financial Secretary, 734 282-1257, 459 Cedar Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192.

Thanks You, Charles Lupo

Frank Sinatra - April 2nd



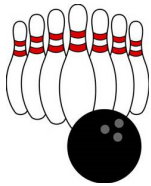
A Salute to Ole' Blue Eyes - Cherry Hill Village Theater. April 2, 2016 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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 45 tickets together, center stage and this event is **SOLD OUT**. We will meet at **Rose's Restaurant** at 4:00 PM on Saturday, April 2nd. **Rose's Restaurant** is located at 201 N. Canton Center Rd. - Phone 734-981-9904. For the meals - Individual checks will be issued, which will include the tax and tip. **Please bring cash for payment** Call **Alice Patton** to reserve a seat or for more information at (734) 697-7902.

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



Congratulating New DIAC Members



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

Sarah A. Eaton of Lincoln Park, MI, sponsored by **Jim and Juliann Bademian**.

Gerald R. Wenzel of Allen Park, MI, sponsored by **Jim and Juliann Bademian**.

Sick and Good Will

Get Well Wishes to the following members who were/are ill or hospitalized: **Fannie Randazzo** had surgery, **Rosalie Shimkus** had back surgery.



Condolences to the family of **Rose Gaglio**, on the death of her brother-in-law, **Emanuele Gaglio**, who passed away on February 5, 2016, at the age of 76. May he 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>Rosalie Giammalva (3/4)</i> | <i>Joseph Susin (3/19)</i> |
| <i>Ann Lepidi (3/4)</i> | <i>Edith Gendron (3/22)</i> |
| <i>Jim Jenson (3/5)</i> | <i>Charles Lupo (3/22)</i> |
| <i>Stephanie Badalamenti (3/10)</i> | <i>Nick Caputo (3/24)</i> |
| <i>Rose Vitale (3/10)</i> | <i>Sal DiPasquale (3/24)</i> |
| <i>Matteo Giaimo (3/15)</i> | <i>Luigi Biundo (3/28)</i> |
| <i>Anthony J Vitale (3/17)</i> | <i>Gaetano A. Vitale (3/29)</i> |
| <i>Joseph Leone (3/19)</i> | <i>Douglas Melzer (3/30)</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.

Sal and Nancy DiPasquale (3/22)

Membership Application



Attached in this newsletter is a membership application form. If you know of anyone interested in joining the Club, please make a copy for them.

The requirements for membership are shown in the form. New members enjoy all the benefits of regular member, along with getting discounts on trips and events the club is sponsoring. The membership application for an Associate Member will be contained in the April newsletter.

Scholarship for Higher Education



DIAC is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to a son or daughter of a club member; those attending higher education in the fall of this year. Some eligibility applies. If you are interested, a form can be mailed to you. Please contact **Frank Giannotti**, 14823 Williamsburg Blvd., Riverview, MI 48193-7703 or frankgiannotti@comcast.net or by phone (734)283-7394. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and conduct an interview. Good luck to all.

Thoughts for the Month

- People seldom become famous for what they say until after they are famous for what they've done.
- It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.
- Plans are only good intensions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work.
- To love what you do and feel that it matters – how could anything be more fun?
- If you can't excel with talent, triumph with effort.
- Make the most of your regrets ...to regret deeply is to live afresh.
- Never let a difficulty stop you; it may be only sand on your track to prevent your skidding.
- Since we cannot get what we like, let us like what we can get.
- Have the courage of your desire.
- Be wiser than other people if you can; but do not tell them so.

Don't Give Up So Fast

There are good days and bad days
and days of stormy weather
and times when it seems that everything
is going wrong all together
but the longest lane has a turning point
and sunshine follows rain
and springtime follows winter
and the world grows bright again

- Author Unknown -

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

- 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
- June ??, 2016..... Mud Hens Game
- July ??, 2016..... Detroit Tiger Game
- July 31, 2016 Club Summer Picnic
- Aug. 18, 2016..... Diamond Jack Boat Trip
- Nov. ??, 2016 Club Memorial Mass
Florence Coleman
- Dec. ??, 2016..... Club Christmas Party



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(For people of Italian heritage ONLY)

Domanda D' iscrizione per Membri Application for Club Membership

(Per gente di eredità Italiano)

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership in the Downriver Italian-American Club

Nome: _____ Data di Nascita: (M/D/Yr) _____
Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Marito/Moglie: _____ Data di Nascita: (M/D/Yr) _____ Anniversario: (M/D/Yr) _____
Spouse (Maiden) Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Anniversary: _____

Indirizzo: _____ Telefono (casa) _____
Address: _____ Telephone (home): () _____

Citta: _____ Stato: _____ Codice Postale: _____ Telefono _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Telephone: () _____

E-Mail Indirizzo: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Luogo di Nascita: _____
Place of Birth: _____

Citta _____ Provincia _____ Nazione _____
City _____ Province _____ Country _____

Cittadinanza: _____ Impiego: _____
Citizenship: _____ Occupation: _____

Stato Civile: Celibe/Nubile Sposato/Sposata Vedovo/Vedova
Marital Status: Single [] Married [] Widow/Widower []

Titolo di Studio: Elementare Media Scuole Superiori Università
Education: (Optional) Elementary [] Secondary [] High School [] University []

Se Laureato, Indicare la Laurea: _____
If Graduated, Specify Degree: _____

Figli meno di 18 anni: _____ Eta: _____
Children under 18 years: _____ Age: _____

Do not write in the block below:

Membership Date: _____
Membership Chairperson: _____

Recomandato da: _____
Recommended by (Member in Good Standing): _____
If you are a son or daughter of a DIAC member, please list their name(s): _____

Date: _____ Firma: _____
Date: _____ Signature: _____

Yearly dues: Couple: \$60.00 Individual: \$30.00 Payable from January 1 to March 31st, of each year.
Membership Initiation fee: \$100.00 for a couple and \$50.00 for a single member. Initiation fee for a son or daughter of a Club Member: \$25.00. (Payment will be refunded if membership is denied.)

(Dues are prorated after June 30th.) FORM REVISED/APPROVED: 2/9/2016

If you have any questions, please call: Charles Lupo (Financial Corresponding Secretary) – (734)282-1257
Please Return Form and Payment Payable to: Downriver Italian American Club, P.O. Box 1797 Southgate, MI 48195-0797

For office use only:
Date Accepted: _____ Amount of Check: _____ Check # _____ Cash: _____ DIAC Receipt #: _____