



45th Year, 1971-2016



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

April, 2016 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Apr. 12, 2016 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus

General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Apr. 20, 2016 – 1:00 p.m., Silver Shores

Earth Day – April 22, 2016

Meeting Dates for April



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

Board Meeting: Tues. Apr. 12, 2016, 3:00 p.m., at **Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192.**

General Membership Meeting: Wed. Apr. 20, 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 monthly luncheon.

Message from our President



Florence Coleman, as of this writing (March 24th) is still recuperating at the main Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Her stay there started with a blood work procedure, and while that was being

done, she experienced chest pain, so they rushed her to Oakwood Hospital for observation, and she's been there since. We are all hoping for a fast recovery and we're keeping Florence in our prayers.

She stated she wants to be back home and preside at our April 12th Board Meeting, along with the April 20th general membership meeting. We are all praying for you Florence!

The March 16th luncheon was well received by those attending. Having a change in the menu is always appreciated. We may surprise you again in April. We also had a great turnout of members attending the meeting. There was a good participation from the membership. After all, this is your

Club, the Board does listen to the ideas from the members.

I would like to extend a big thank-you to our **Social Committee** for a great job they've done on trips and events. See the sidebar on this page for their names. Please read the upcoming events in this newsletter for the future events. Members do receive a discount from a subsidy allotted from the club treasury. As always, please attend our membership meetings and do bring up suggestion(s) on events you would like to participate. There are plenty of activities out there to be enjoyed with friends. So speak up!

As always, I hope to see you all enjoying our club, whether it's at our monthly luncheon, a membership meeting or on a trip event. Remember, this club is your club, so come out and enjoy.

Until next time, stay safe and healthy. Keep in your prayers the loss of innocent lives and those with injuries at the Brussel, Belgium back-to-back bomb attack this week.

Frank A. Giannotti – Club Vice President.

April Luncheon @ Silver Shores Waterfront Hall



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

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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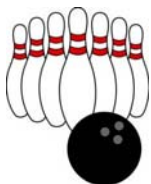
~ Greektown Casino Trip ~
Friday, April 13, 2016



We are planning another trip, **Wednesday, April 13th** - 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 \$15.00 - you pay when you get on the bus, but DIAC members will be reimbursed \$5. You will get \$30 of free play.

Call **Grace Pizzo (734) 379-9491** or **Paula Rice (734) 285-8516** for more information.

Charity Bowling with Family and
Friends – Sunday, May 15, 2016



The club is hosting a charity 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 upcoming newsletters.

Contact **Julie Bademian (313)388-2264** or **Miriam Lumia (313) 565-0671** for more information

~ Toledo Mud Hens ~
Friday, June 17, 2016



Take me out to the ball game.... We have scheduled a bus trip to Toledo to see the Toledo Mud Hens. The trip includes bus, dinner at **Tony Packo's** (original location) and ball game ticket. Cost is \$50 per person DIAC members and \$68 per person for non-members. We will meet at the old DIAC hall at 4:15 PM. See attached flyer for more information.

Call **Grace Pizzo (734) 379-9491** or **Paula Rice (734) 285-8516** for tickets or for more information.



Welcoming New Family Addition



Edith Gendron proudly announce the birth of her grandson, **Scott Michael Bowman**, born on January 28, 2016. The proud parents are **Glenn** and **Michelle Bowman**. Edith stated Scott is her first grandson in 22 years.

Congratulations to the Gendron and Bowman families.

Welcoming New Family Addition



Rose Gaglio proudly announce the birth of her grandson, **Santino Benedetto Gaglio**, born on February 16, 2016. Santino weighed in at 5 lbs. 8 oz., and was 18.5 inches long. The proud parents are **Faro** and **Sara Gaglio**.

Congratulations to the Gaglio families.

Educational Achievement



Nancy and Sam Cosentino proudly announce the graduation of their granddaughter **Stephanie Cosentino**. Stephanie graduated from **Michigan State University - School of Nursing**, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She also graduated with Honors. Stephanie is the daughter of Michael and Amy Cosentino.

Congratulations to the Cosentino families.

Sick and Good Will



Get Well Wishes to the following members who were/are ill or hospitalized: **Nick Caputo** had shoulder surgery, **Sam Randazzo** had a procedure to remove kidney stones.

Maria Horvath was in the hospital, **Karen Caputo** was in the hospital, **Florence Coleman** is in the hospital, **Liliana Giannotti** had cataract surgery.

Condolences to the family and relatives of **Rosalie Shimkus**, on the death of her husband, **Martin (Marty) Shimkus**, who passed away on March 17, 2016, at the age of 88. Marty and Rosalie have been club members since May, 1990. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family and relatives of **Barbara Bianchi**, on the death of her husband, **Frank Bianchi**, who passed away on March 20, 2016, at the age of 88. Frank and Barbara have been Charter Members since the inception of the Club July, 1971. In the early years he was the electrician who did a lot of work at our club building, and later did the electrical work at the Club

Festivals at the Yack Arena, in Wyandotte. 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 birthdays this month.

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| <i>Salvatore Curcuru (4/1)</i> | <i>Vito Badalamente (4/17)</i> |
| <i>Paola Ventimiglia (4/3)</i> | <i>Josie Palazzolo (4/21)</i> |
| <i>Angela Vassallo (4/5)</i> | <i>Louise Myslisz (4/22)</i> |
| <i>Linda Carrier (4/6)</i> | <i>Norm Tabaka (4/27)</i> |
| <i>Maria Giammalva (4/6)</i> | <i>Joyce Mitra (4/29)</i> |
| <i>Fannie Randazzo (4/7)</i> | <i>Maria Vitale (4/29)</i> |
| <i>Nina Liberati (4/8)</i> | <i>Joseph Pagano (4/30)</i> |
| <i>John Parisi (4/12)</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 this month.

- Gino and Wynnith Martino (4/8)*
Joseph and Nicolina Susin (4/23)
John and Anna Finazzo (4/24)
Vito and Jessica Trupiano (4/25)
James and Shirley Bommarito (4/28)
Patrick and Patricia Mastrogiacomo (4/28)

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.



Ladies, Listen to this ...

- Q - What is the thinnest book in the world?
 A - "What Men Know About Women."
 Q - How many men does it take to change a roll of toilet paper?
 A - We don't know. It's never happened.
 Q - What is a man's idea of helping with the housework?
 A - Lifting his leg so you can vacuum.
 Q - What did God say after creating man?
 A - I can do better.
 Q - What do men think Row vs. Wade is?
 A - Two ways to cross a river.

Thoughts . . .

*When you're tired and worn at the close of the day
 And things don't seem to be going your way,
 When even your patience has come to an end,
 Try taking time out and confide in a friend.*

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

- April 13, 2016..... Greektown Casino Trip**
 Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice
May 15, 2016..... Charity Bowling Fundraising
 Julie Bademian, Miriam Lumia
June 17, 2016 Mud Hens Game
 Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice
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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Mud Hens

Toledo, OH

A Ball Park where you are close enough to see the action!



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

"Take me out to the ball game, take me out with the crowd. Buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks. I don't care if I never get back..."



Join the group for a fun-filled evening in Toledo. See the Mud Hens as they host the Rochester Red Wings. Join "Muddy" and cheer on the team!

"...Let me root, root, root for the home team. If they don't win it's a shame. For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out at the old ball game!"

This year, we are having dinner at the World Famous Tony Packo's Restaurant.

Whether the Mud Hens are winning, losing, or tied, we must depart by 10:15pm in order to get home in time.



Suggested things to bring: A sweater, sunglasses, visor or hat, binoculars, and a glove to catch a stray ball!

*Living on Earth is expensive. . .
But it does include a free trip around the Sun every year.*

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Reservations need to be in by June 1 or until sold out. If you cancel there is no refund. You can get a substitute at any time and incur no penalty.

Friday, June 17
DIAC Club Member Price

\$50

Non-member

\$68

4:15pm-11:00pm -Pick up and return to old DIAC Hall
Dinner at 5:30 pm
Ball game at 7:30 pm

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Today my travel companion is: _____ I want really close seats for # _____ people.