



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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45th Year, 1971-2016



** IMPORTANT DATES **

May, 2016 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting **Tuesday, May 10, 2016 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus**

General Membership Meeting **Wednesday, May 18, 2016 – 1:00 p.m., Silver Shores**

Happy Mother's Day – May 8, 2016

Club Meeting Dates for May



The Club meetings location for this month are as follows:

Club Board Meeting: Tues. May 10, 2016, 3:00 p.m., at

Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192.

General Membership Meeting: Wed. May 18, 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.

Message from our President



I would like to thank all of you who sent cards and prayers for me to get better while I was in the hospital over Easter. I am doing better, just have to take it easy. But, you know me, nothing will

get me down as long as I can move, I will move. Everything is going great with the Club. We had 52 members attend the meeting and 45 were there for another GREAT lunch prepared for us by **Silver Shores**. They plan to open the new building sometime in May. It is going to be the talk of the town.

We have a couple new committees formed. **Scholarship** and **Charity** Events. The Scholarship is for **children of members**, who are graduating from High School. If you have any grandchildren, try to get their parents to join and apply for the Scholarship. The Charity Committee will decide who we will be holding events for. These will be brought to the Board first and then to the General Membership for opinions and approval. All the funds received from our St. Joseph Events held

through the years went to help needy families and children. We would like to continue doing the same. The first event is the Family

Bowling to be held at the **Belmar Bowling Alley** in Lincoln Park. This family event will be held for the **Penrickton Center**, (See related flyer for information) Please try to attend, you don't have to bowl. Bring your children and grandchildren with you.

We have a total of 216 members; of this total, 106 are Honorary Members. They have been with us for 25 years. Most of them have been there helping in many different ways throughout the years. From the Festival days to the sale of the building. Thank you for being faithful members.

...Hope to see **MANY** of you at the May General Meeting. If you have not signed the sheet for the May meeting lunch, please call me. If you plan to come to lunch, I have to know as early as possible. If you have signed and are unable to make it, please notify me or leave a message. **Remember we are Italian and we are strong....**

Florence Sclafani Coleman – President.

May Luncheon @ Silver Shores Waterfront



The Club luncheon is on **Wednesday, May 18, 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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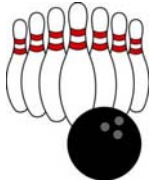
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To make your lunch reservation, please call **Florence Coleman** at (313)909-0090 no later than a week before the monthly luncheon.

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. See attached flyer.

**~ Greektown Casino Trip ~
Wednesday, June 1, 2016**



We are planning another trip, **Wednesday, June 1st** - 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.

Festa della Repubblica – June 5, 2016



The **Italian-American Cultural Society** will once again be hosting the **Italian Independence Day, Festa della Repubblica**, on Sunday, June 5, 2016, at the **Italian American Cultural Society Banquet & Conference Center**, 43843 Romeo Plank Rd, Clinton Township, MI 48038. The program begins at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. Many Italian clubs will be present, along with prominent guest speakers, live entertainment, ethnic foods and desserts from various clubs.

This event is co-sponsored by **The Council of Presidents, COMITES, I.C.S.A. and the Italian-American Cultural Society**. The event is open to public.

**~ 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 Pazzo'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 flyer in the April 2016 newsletter.

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

Membership Picnic – July 31, 2016



The **Annual Club Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, July 31, 2016**. **The location is the same as last year - Crown Pointe Condos Club House**. The chairpersons for this event are **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo, and Tony and Miriam Lumia** with help from the membership. This event has always been a great success. The main meal is steak, or chicken, or baby back ribs. Bocce will be played near the clubhouse. Here are the directions: (Signs will be placed along the way).

Starting at Fort Street & Sibley Road, (in Riverview), go west on Sibley Road, you pass Grange Rd, come to Hilltop Drive (on your right) and you make right turn into Hilltop. Hilltop turns into Golfview Drive. Follow this curve drive until you see the Club House building on the right side. There are ample parking spaces for you to park your car. The facility has a kitchen and a room with tables and chairs. You may bring your own chair(s) to sit outdoor.

Many thanks to **George and Mary Lavine** for reserving this very nice location to hold our picnic.

Diamond Jack Boat Ride – Aug. 18th



Diamond Jack Boat Ride – Thursday, August 18, 2016. Bishop Park, Wyandotte, MI

Enjoy an afternoon boat ride on the Detroit River, going north, toward the Ambassador Bridge. Be at the Bishop Park by noon to form a line. The cost is \$10.00 per person, for all those in line. Contact **Tony or Miriam**

Lumia (313) 565-0671, for further information. You will pay at the boat dock. You may bring a friend along.

Upon returning from the ride, the group will enjoy a meal at **Silver Shores Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192**. The cost for the meal is unknown at this time, the Club will subsidize part of the meal cost to club members.

Marco and Jennifer Vitale (5/24)

Douglas and Gail Melzer (5/27)

Mike and Nina Palazzolo (5/29)

Sick and Good Will



Get Well Wishes to the following members who are ill: **Catherine Sclafani** is recuperating from a hip surgery.

Condolences to the family and relatives of **Sam G. Randazzo**, who passed away on March 30, 2016, at the age of 90. Sam and his late wife, **Frances**, have been club members since the inception of the Club, which was July, 1971. They both helped out at our Italian Festivals at the Yack Arena and later at our monthly Pasta Events. They attended many club functions, were very supportive to the Club and were respected by many. Condolences to Sam's sister, **Rose Pagano**, and to all the **nieces and nephews (and their families)**. May **Sam** rest in peace.

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>Rosalie Shimkus (5/1)</i> | <i>Rose Zerilli (5/21)</i> |
| <i>Diana Giaino (5/2)</i> | <i>Catherine Sclafani (5/23)</i> |
| <i>Vivian Palazzolo (5/2)</i> | <i>Joseph Ventimiglia (5/24)</i> |
| <i>Colleen Tabaka (5/5)</i> | <i>Salvatore Vitale (5/24)</i> |
| <i>Theresa Talluto (5/8)</i> | <i>Joseph Cacioppo (5/25)</i> |
| <i>Theresa Klavon (5/11)</i> | <i>Grace Badalamente (5/26)</i> |
| <i>Martha Guastella (5/16)</i> | <i>Gail Melzer (5/27)</i> |
| <i>Nancy McFaul (5/19)</i> | <i>Jeanette Schiraldi (5/28)</i> |
| <i>Guy A Vitale (5/20)</i> | <i>Anthony Bomarito (5/30)</i> |
| <i>Clarice Silveri (5/21)</i> | <i>Carmela Stralle (5/31)</i> |
| <i>Alfonso Stralle (5/21)</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.

this month.

- Gaetano and Laurie Randazzo (5/09)*
Anthony and Robyn Vitale (5/15) 25th
Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (5/24)



Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

- May 15, 2016..... Charity Bowling Fundraising**
 Julie Bademian, Miriam Lumia
- June 1, 2016 Greektown Casino Trip**
 Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice
- June 5, 2016 Festa Della Repubblica**
 Frank Giannotti
- June 17, 2016 Mud Hens Game**
 Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice
- July ??, 2016..... Detroit Tiger Game**
- July 31, 2016 Club Summer Picnic**
 (See listing in article)
- Aug. 18, 2016..... Diamond Jack Boat Trip**
 Tony and Miriam Lumia
- Nov. ??, 2016 Club Memorial Mass**
 Florence Coleman
- Dec. ??, 2016..... Club Christmas Party**
 Social Committee

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Bowling Fundraiser

Sunday, May 15th—2 PM

The money raised from this event will go to Penrickton School for the Blind.

Belmar Lanes
(Goddard & Fort St.)
4035 Fort St.
Lincoln Park

\$20 Per Person—for
Bowlers - Includes :
Bowling, Shoes,
Pizza and Pop



Non Bowlers—\$10
Per Person—Pizza
and Pop

Social Committee— Project Coordinators: Julie Bademian (313) 388-2264, Miriam Lumia (313) 565-0671