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# The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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## \*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*

June, 2016 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, June 14, 2016 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus

General Membership Meeting ..... Wednesday, June 15, 2016 – 1:00 p.m., Silver Shores



## Happy Father's Day – June 19, 2016



### 2016 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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### No Membership Meetings for July and August



There will be no membership meetings for the months of July and August. The Club functions during this period include the **casino trips?**, **Club Picnic and the Diamond Jack Boat Trip**. Details of these events are located in this newsletter. The newsletter will not be published during these months.

Have a safe and an enjoyable summer.

### Club Meeting Dates for June



The Club meetings location for this month are as follows:  
**Club Board Meeting:** Tues. June 14, 2016, 3:00 p.m., at **Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192.**  
**General Membership Meeting:** Wed. June 15, 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 was happy to hear that we had 60 members attend the May General Meeting; fifty-two were there for lunch. That was great. I received nice remarks about another great meal prepared for us by Silver Shores. It's important for you to attend these meetings so you are aware of what is happening and have a say in any final decisions that need to be made. Let's see if we can get a larger attendance in June.

That will be our last meeting until September. We were unable to get a chairperson(s) for the Wyandotte 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade at our last meeting, so we will not be participating this year.

Please read and respond to the information regarding the events we have scheduled: the casino trip, Detroit River Boat ride and the Club picnic. We will be having lunch at Silver Shores after the boat ride.

I would like to thank the event committee for the great job they did with the Charity Bowling Event. We were able to donate \$700.00 to Penrickton Center for Blind Children.

Thanks for all your prayers and concern while I was again hospitalized. I will keep going; just have these little bumps in the road that try to slow me down. But I will have to just show them who is boss, like my Mom used to say.

Stay Happy and Healthy and try to attend the upcoming events, so we can all spend some HAPPY time together.

Florence Sclafani Coleman – President.

### June Luncheon @ Silver Shores Waterfront



The Club luncheon is on **Wednesday, June 15, 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.

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

~ 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.

~ Greektown Casino Trip ~



The next casino trip is tentatively scheduled for Wed. July 6<sup>th</sup>. A discussion will be held at the June GM meeting.

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. 18<sup>th</sup>



**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.

Golf Outing on September 24<sup>th</sup>



**Tony Pietrangelo** is organizing a golf outing for club members and their friends.

The outing will be at **Westburn Golf & Country Club, 5617 S. Huron River Dr., South Rockwood, 48179**. The T-time is at 10.30 AM, on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Everyone pays their own green fees and whatever you want at the turn. Club members will be reimbursed \$10.00. Advise the person at the desk that you are with the Downriver Italian-American Club.

You can contact **Tony Pietrangelo** at (734) 771-4660. This is also open to the women and your friends. Please note: this is not a club fundraiser.

This will be a great opportunity to show your golf skills

Educational Achievement News



**Sam and Grace Pizzo** proudly announce their granddaughter, **Samantha Waltz** graduated from **Michigan State University - School of Nursing**, with a BS degree in Nursing. Samantha is the daughter of **Jim and Margaret Waltz**. **Congratulations to the Pizzo and Waltz families.**

**Randy and Paula Rice** proudly announce the graduation of their daughter, **Kelsey Rice**, graduated from **Bowling Green University** with a Master's degree in Arts. **Congratulation to the Rice family**

Sick and Good Will



Get Well Wishes to the following members who are ill: **Sal DiPasquale, Florence Coleman, Tony Lumia.**

Condolences to the family of **Angela Vassallo**, on the death of her sister, **Susanna DiSanto-Palazzolo**, who passed away on May 20, 2016, at the age of 81. May she rest in peace.



Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno

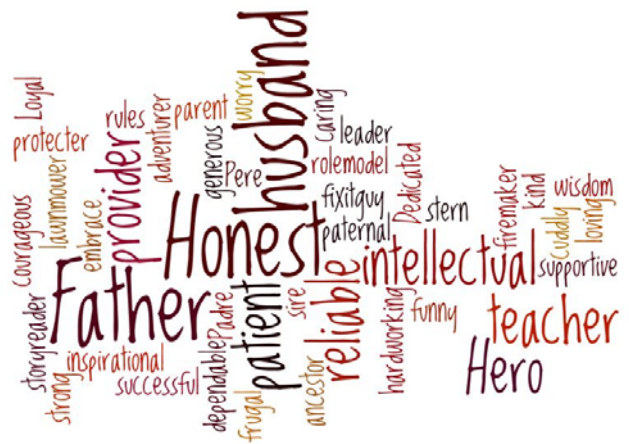


We wish to extend our Congratulations and Best Wishes to our club members who are celebrating their birthdays this month.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Joe Cuva (6/01)              | Elda Fracassa (7/13)     |
| Randall Rice (6/03)          | Damiano Vitale (7/13)    |
| Vito A. Trupiano (6/03)      | Mary Ellen Caruso (7/15) |
| Allison Vitale (6/06)        | Cindy Dingell (7/16)     |
| Dennis Patton, Sr. (6/10)    | Leslie Lupo (7/18)       |
| Anna Finazzo (6/13)          | Helen Sryniawski (7/21)  |
| Stella Marzano (6/13)        | Nina Palazzolo (7/25)    |
| Susie Coch (6/14)            | Sam Pizzo (7/30)         |
| Sarah Eton (6/15)            | Joe Badalamenti (8/03)   |
| Liliana Giannotti (6/17)     | Don Kerr (8/04)          |
| Arnaldo Fracassa (6/18)      | Joe J. Giammalva (8/05)  |
| Nancy Kaune (6/23)           | Margaret Vitale (8/05)   |
| Alex Cellini (6/24)          | Robert Carrier (8/07)    |
| Paula Rice (6/24)            | Gaetano Randazzo (8/10)  |
| Pina Milewski (6/27)         | Maria Horvath (0/12)     |
| Connie Becker (7/01)         | Rose Zahara (8/12)       |
| Lena Brockway (7/04)         | Sharon Pagano (8/14)     |
| Laurie Randazzo (7/06)       | Tony Pietrangelo (8/14)  |
| Mimi Kerr (7/07)             | Josie Badalamenti (8/15) |
| Vince Vitale (Taylor) (7/07) | Barbara Bianchi (8/17)   |
| Enrico Ciotti (7/10)         | Jennifer Vitale (8/18)   |
| Maria Johnson (7/10)         | Jim Bommarito (8/22)     |
| Tony Lumia (7/10)            | Grace Lewis (8/22)       |
| James Bely (7/11)            | Nancy Capezza (8/23)     |
| Maryann Graziani (7/12)      |                          |

- Nino and Gianna Trupiano (7/09)  
 Angelo and Jeanette Schiraldi (7/16)  
 Robert and Linda Carrier (7/17)  
 Sam and Darlene Randazzo (7/24)  
 Nino and Fara Vitale (7/24)  
 Joe and Vita Alastra (7/27)  
 Joe and Joanne Cuva (7/27)  
 Steve and Sylvia Vitale (7/30)  
 Anthony and Marilyn Bomarito (8/3)  
 Randy and Paula Rice (8/04)  
 Anthony and Allison Vitale (8/08)  
 Joe and Paola Ventimiglia (8/12)  
 Charlie and Leslie Lupo (8/16)  
 Arnaldo and Elda Fracassa (8/27)  
 Tony and Joyce Pietrangelo (8/27)  
 Paul and Mary Clark (8/28)

Thoughtful Words on Father's Day



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.

- Sam and Nancy Cosentino (6/01)  
 Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/02)  
 Matteo and Diana Giaimo (6/04)  
 Jim and Juliann Bademian (6/06)  
 Joe and Vivian Cacioppo (6/06)  
 Vince and Ciccina Vitale (6/08)  
 Rocky and Nancy Kaune (6/12)  
 Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16)  
 Johnny and Joyce Mitra (6/18)  
 Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)  
 Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (6/19)  
 Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)  
 Nick and Karen Caputo (7/01)  
 Alfonso and Carmela Stralle (7/05)  
 Frank and Liliana Giannotti (7/06)

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

- June 17, 2016 ..... **Mud Hens Game**  
 Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice  
 July 31, 2016 ..... **Club Summer Picnic**  
 (See listing in article)  
 Aug. 18, 2016 ..... **Diamond Jack Boat Trip**  
 Tony and Miriam Lumia  
 Sept. 24, 2016 ..... **Club Golf Outing**  
 Tony Pietrangelo

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is published monthly for the Downriver Italian-American Club membership. Forward your comment, correction and items of interest to:  
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**Downriver Italian-American Club  
Membership Picnic Party  
Sunday - July 31, 2016**

**Where: Crowne Pointe Condos Clubhouse,  
Hilltop Drive (off of Sibley Rd) Riverview, MI**

**Time: 12 Noon - Until 6:00 PM**

**Who: Club Members, their Family, and their Friends**

Adults (Member) **\$10.00**

Children under 12: **Free** (Children's Meal)

Children over 18: **\$15.00**

Children of Members Ages 12 to 17: **\$10.00**

Guests of Member: **\$15.00**

-----FOOD-----MUSIC?-----BEVERAGE-----

Adult meal: Ribs, Steak or Roasted Chicken, Potato, Salad, Bread/Roll, Beverages, Watermelon and Dessert

Children's meal (under 12): Hot dog, Dessert and Beverage only

Volunteers to bring baked goods (for dessert) would be appreciated. Call **Alice Patton (734) 697-7902**

Bocce tournament (Frank Giannotti will chair), horseshoes and other summer games allowed. Bring them with you.

If you are planning on attending - please return the bottom coupon as soon as possible, but no later than Saturday, July 23rd. Please enclose your check or money order, payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club**. It is important to get an accurate head count so there will be food for everyone. Paper dishes, paper cups, plastic knives and forks will be provided. (You may bring your own silverware and settings). Please indicate your food choice on the return coupon.

Chairpersons for this event are **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo and Tony and Mariam Lumia**. Club Board Members will be helping.

Mail the coupon below, along with your check to: **Alice Patton, 8779 Hardwood, Belleville, MI 48111-7414**

Thank you for your promptness in responding:

*Dennis, Alice, Sam, Grace, Sam, Darlene, Miriam and Tony*

-----RETURN COUPON BELOW-----

I/We will be attending the D.I.A.C. Annual Picnic, on Sunday, July 31, 2016.

Coupon must be received no later than Saturday, July 23, 2016

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ # Ribs \_\_\_\_\_ # Steaks \_\_\_\_\_ # Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults (\$10.00): \_\_\_\_\_ Children under 12 (Free): \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Children 12 to 17(\$10.00): \_\_\_\_\_ Children over 18 (\$15.00): \_\_\_\_\_ Guests (\$15.00): \_\_\_\_\_

A check or money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

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