



45th Year, 1971-2016

The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

September, 2016 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus

General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 – 1:00 p.m., Silver Shores



Labor Day – Monday, September 5, 2016



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DIAC Club Email Address



An email account has been established for our Club. You can send email messages to the club at: diac1971@gmail.com. The Club president will have access to this account and can respond to your questions and concerns.

Club Meeting Date for Sept.



The General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 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 hope you all had a wonderful summer. I would like to offer my condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones. Just remember, **THEY ARE UP THERE** watching us.

Everything has been going great with the Club. Our **Club Picnic** was attended by 72 members and 4 guests. It was a little crowded at dinner time. We might consider moving to another larger location next year. We will discuss this at the Board Meeting and you can express your feelings at the General Meeting. The **Boat Trip** also had a great attendance: 59 individuals attended the trip, and 70 individuals enjoyed the great luncheon. I would like to thank **Tony and Miriam Lumia** for the GREAT JOB they did.

PICNIC: Tony & Miriam Lumia, Grace & Sam Pizzo, Sam & Darlene Randazzo, Alice & Dennis Patton. Thank you again for all do and have done in the past.

Our previous club building has turned into a magnificent banquet facility. I am sure it will be the talk of the town. They are now booking events for all occasions.

I have had a few phone calls from individuals interested in joining our Club. Some of them came from our website. I invited two people to come to our September general meeting, to see what we are all about. Hopefully they will attend.

At the September meeting, we will be nominating members to be a part of the Nomination Committee. See Related Article. If you have any question(s), please feel free to contact me. This is YOUR club. I am here to answer any questions you may have. Please stay **HEALTHY** and **HAPPY**....

Florence Sclafani Coleman – President.

Sept. Luncheon @ Silver Shores Waterfront



The Club luncheon is on **Wednesday, Sept. 21, 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 meeting. To make your lunch reservation, please call **Florence Coleman** at (313) 909-0090, no later than a week before the monthly luncheon.

Selection of Nomination Committee



The Club will be seeking 3-5 candidates for nomination to the **Nomination and Election Committee**, from the membership who are present at the September General Membership meeting. If you wish to be considered and cannot be present at the meeting, you may write a letter (to the Club President) stating your desire to be nominated and be willing to accept the position in the committee. You may mail the letter to the President or you may have a friend bring the letter to the meeting. Members in this committee cannot run for a club office position.

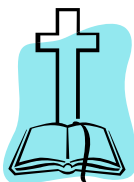
The nomination for Officers and 4 Trustees will proceed in October, with elections in November.

Election Year for Club Officers



The nominations of Club officers for 2017-2018 will include: **President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide and 4 Trustees.** The nominations will proceed at the October membership meeting, with elections (if any) at the November meeting. As stated in the Club By-Laws: All officers are required to attend all the Club Board and GM meetings.

DIAC Memorial Mass - Nov. 13, 2016



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is Sunday, November 13, 2016. It will be held at **St. Vincent Pallotte (St. Joseph Catholic Church)**, located at 334 Elm Street (Between 3rd and 4th Street) in Wyandotte, MI 48192.

Details need to be finalized. The October newsletter will provide the final details. Please mark this date on your calendar and please remind your family and friends.

Club Picnic Report



The Club picnic was a success - the weather cooperated, the food was great. The picnic was held at the Crown Pointe Condo's Clubhouse. Many thanks to chairpersons: **Tony and Miriam Lumia, Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo and Sam and Darlene Randazzo.** The meal was just outstanding – the ribs proved to be excellent again. The members had a great time. A special thanks to **George and Mary Lavine**

for reserving the picnic location. The weather also cooperated.

THE BOCCE GAME RESULTS:

The teams of men and women bocce were randomly selected. Amazing how you can support the team's effort. After a few rounds of competition, a team emerges as victorious and great honor is bestowed to them with a certificate to remember the occasion.

First place honors went to the following teams:

Men's Team Champion: **Sam Randazzo, Damiano Vitale, Vincenzo Vitale and Gerald (Gerry) Wenzel.**

Women's Team Champion: **Marilyn Bomarito, Sharron Bryson, Carmela Stralle and Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale.** Congratulations to the winners and to all the participants. A memorable certificate will be presented at the September membership meeting. View the activity pictures at the club website, www.diac.us.



Men's 2016 Bocce Champions: **Gerald (Gerry) Wenzel, Damiano Vitale, Sam Randazzo & Vincenzo (Vince) Vitale.**



Women's 2016 Bocce Champions: **Carmela Stralle, Sharron Bryson, Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale and Marilyn Bomarito.**

~ Greektown Casino Trip ~



The next casino trip is tentatively scheduled for Wed. September 14, 2016. A discussion will be held at the September GM meeting. Call **Indian Trails** at (800) 292-3831 to reserve your seat.

Diamond Jack Boat Ride Report



The **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** of August 18th was excellent. 59 individuals attended the boat ride and 70 individuals enjoyed the fine meal at **Silver Shores**. The ride went north to the **Ambassador Bridge**. Special thanks to the chairpersons: **Tony and Miriam Lumia**. We hope to continue this tradition next year, by doing something different.

Sick and Good Will



Condolences to the family of **Frank and Nina Liberati**, on the death of Frank's father, **Tullio Liberati**, who passed away on June 1, 2016, at the age of 80. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Angela Vassallo**, on the death of her brother-in-law, **Giuseppe Palazzolo**, who passed away on July 18, 2016 at the age of 83. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Norman Jr, and Colleen Tabaka** on the death of Norm's dad, **Norman Tabaka Sr.**, who passed away on July 29, 2016 at the age of 92. **Norman Sr.** and his late wife **Consetta** were Club members many years ago. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Vivian Palazzolo** on the death of her nephew, **John G. Palazzolo**, who passed away on August 3, 2016, at the age of 59. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the families of **Shirley Cavataio** and **Pina (Lenny) Milewski**, on the death of their sister-in-law, **Lavern Cavataio**, who passed away on August 4, 2016, at the age of 89. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Nino and Gianna Trupiano** on the death of Gianna's sister, **Paola Vitale**, who passed away on August 14, 2016, at the age of 59, in Sicily. Condolences to **Vito and Jessica Trupiano** on the death of Vito's aunt. May she rest in peace.

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.

George and Mary Lavine (9/03) 56th

- Lenny and Rose Zerilli (9/03) 61st**
- Damiano and Piera Vitale (9/06) 43rd**
- David and Rose Zahara (9/22) 60th**
- Joe and Rosalie Giammalva (9/24) 22nd**
- John and Diana Parisi (9/26) 46th**
- Giacinto and Theresa Simone (9/28) 59th**

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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| Joseph Bozzo (9/02) | Valerie Yinger (9/17) |
| Lenny Milewski (9/03) | Sherran Sclafani (9/18) |
| Emanuele Maniaci (9/04) | Mary Cottone (9/20) |
| Vincenzo Vitale (9/04) | Rose Gaglio (9/20) |
| Diana Parisi (9/05) | Johnny Mitra (9/20) |
| Lenny Zerilli (9/05) | David Zahara (9/20) |
| Paul Clark, Jr. (9/08) | Kelli McNally (9/22) |
| Anthony Sclafani (9/10) | Fara Vitale (9/22) |
| Theresa Simone (9/11) | Pauline Barraco (9/24) |
| Giuseppe Agrusa (9/13) | Rocky Kaune (9/24) |
| Steven Badalamente (9/14) | Julie Bademian (9/26) |
| Sadie Kusic (9/16) | Nicolina Susin (9/26) |
| Lena Menna (9/16) | Robert Jagiello (9/30) |

A Church Moment

The minister arose to address his congregation. "There is a certain man among us today who is flirting with another man's wife. Unless he puts five dollars in the collection box, his name will be read from the pulpit."

When the collection plate came in, there were nineteen five-dollar bills, and a two-dollar bill with this note attached: Other three on payday."

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

- Nov. 13, 2016..... DIAC Memorial Mass**
Florence Sclafani-Coleman
- Dec. XX, 2016 Club Christmas Party**
(Unknown at this time)

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The Eight Annual
DIAC Memorial Mass/Luncheon

Sunday, November 13, 2016

Presented by:

The Downriver Italian-American Club

P.O. Box 1797

Southgate, MI 48195-0797 Tel. (734) 281-7126

Mass Service at:

St. Vincent Pallotte Catholic Church

(former St. Joseph Catholic Church)

334 Elm St. (between 4th and 3rd Street)

Wyandotte, MI 48192

Mass time: (to be finalized)

Luncheon at: (to be finalized)

Immediately Following the Mass

Adults: \$

Children (7 to 10 yrs. old): \$

If you are unable to attend the Mass, then please join us for the luncheon.

Further information call: **Florence (Sclafani) Coleman at (734)281-7126**

**** Volunteers are needed to bring dessert to the luncheon. ****

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Please Note: More information and RSVP slip will be included in the October Newsletter

