



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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45th Year, 1971-2016



** IMPORTANT DATES **

October, 2016 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus

General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016 – 1:00 p.m., Silver Spoon

Columbus Day - October 10, 2016

Club Meeting Location for October 19, 2016

The **General membership meeting location for October 19th** will be at the **Silver Spoon Banquet, 4939 Allen Road, Allen Park, MI 48181 (313)914-5726**. Silver Spoon is located just south of Outer Drive. The GM meeting will immediately follow the luncheon, at 12:00 noon.

Message from our President



We had 52 members attend the September General Meeting and 47 attended the luncheon. Please try to attend the meetings, we need your input on what is discussed. Our **Social**

Committee has a couple of great events coming up in November/December. Please read the related information. Get your reservation and check in as soon as possible, one of them is members only until November 1st; then it will be open to non-members. Members do get a break in the price, as this is payback time for all of the work and years we have put into our Club.

Nominations for office positions on the Board will be taken from the floor at the October General Meeting. You must be present to accept or have someone nominate you and present a letter of acceptance from you. Please REMEMBER when you accept a position, you must be able to do that job. This will all be explained to you by the Nomination Committee that was appointed at the September General Meeting.

A few years ago a priest at my church said this (don't remember what it pertained to, but I DO remember it) "When you are at the top, you MUST always remember those on

the bottom." You will be working for the CLUB and not for yourself. That last part was my quote..... Hope to see you at the October Meeting **NO one** is allowed to pass away for the rest of the year; so, please stay healthy.

Please try to attend the **Memorial Mass**. Members get a discounted price. We have over 200 members who have passed away.

Florence Sclafani Coleman – President.

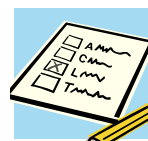
Oct. Luncheon @ Silver Spoon in Allen Park



The Club luncheon is on **Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, at 12:00 noon**, at the **Silver Spoon Banquet, 4939 Allen Road, Allen Park, MI 48181 (313)914-5726**. Silver Spoon is located just south of Outer Drive.

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.

Nomination & Election Committee



At the September general membership meeting, the following individuals were nominated and accepted position to the **Nomination and Election Committee: Mary Cottone, Rose Pagano, Shirley Cavataio and Sharron Bryson**. They will oversee the nomination process for Club Officers and the 4 Trustees at the October 19th general membership meeting and supervise the elections in Nov. The Club By-Laws states the following:



2016 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

President
FLORENCE (SCLAFANI) COLEMAN

Vice President
FRANK A GIANNOTTI

Recording Secretary
LINDA BURNETT

Financial Corresponding Secretary
CHARLES M LUPO

Treasurer
MARK S GRAZIOLI

Assistant Treasurer
GEORGE W. LAVINE

Inside Guard
PAULA F RICE

Outside Guard
DAMIANO VITALE

Guide
GRACE PIZZO

TRUSTEES
JAMES BADEMIAN
SADIE KUSIC
TONY LUMIA
ALICE PATTON
DENNIS PATTON, SR.
TONY PIETRANGELO
SAM RANDAZZO
LEONA M. VIZZINI

HALL ACCOUNT COMMITTEE
MARY COTTONE

SOCIAL COMMITTEE
JULIE BADEMIAN
MIRIAM LUMIA
ALICE PATTON
GRACE PIZZO
PAULA RICE



ARTICLE IV - OFFICER STATUS

Any member in good standing shall be eligible for office in the Club. Being deemed an honor, the position of any officer shall be non-salaried. New officers are elected at the November election membership meeting and their term of office shall start on January 1st. The Executive Committee, including the **President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Financial Corresponding Secretary**, shall not be of the immediate family (husband, wife, children, brother and sisters).

The term for Officer(s) is 2 years. The four (4) Trustees position has a term of 4 years.

All officers and trustees are required to attend all the Club Board and GM meetings.

The nominations of club officers for 2017-2018 will include: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide and 4 Trustees.**

The nomination of Officers and 4 Trustees will proceed in October, with elections in November (if necessary).

**Bond Financial News**

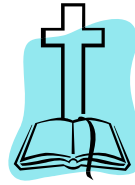
The club bonds will mature on December 31, 2017. If a bond holder wishes to redeem their bonds earlier, they may do so by submitting a letter in writing to Club Treasurer, **Mark Grazioli**.

Dinner at the Bentley - Oct. 26, 2016

The **Social Committee** is sponsoring a dinner event at the **Bentley Conference Center** (formerly the Downriver Italian-American Hall) on **Wednesday, October 26, 2016.**

The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The new owner, **Ziad Nakad**, wishes to show our members the new building layout and its newly renovated interior. See attached flyer for further information.

Please return the coupon to **Grace Pizzo** no later than October 19, 2016 - The sooner the better

DIAC Memorial Mass - Nov. 13, 2016

The date for the **Club's 8th Memorial Mass** is Sunday, November 13, 2016. The Mass 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.

See attached flyer for Mass and luncheon details. Please mark this date on your calendar and please remind your family and friends. **The deadline is November 6, 2016.**

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

The **Social Committee** is sponsoring an event at **Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall** on Thursday, December 1, 2016. This includes a bus trip, lunch and a hilarious interactive comedy show. The travel bus leaves the **Bentley Banquet Center** parking lot at 9:00 a.m. The club will subsidize part of the cost for members only. See attached flyer for details. Return the completed coupon (no later than November 1, 2016), to **Grace Pizzo** asap, so bus seating can be determined.

- Greektown Casino Trips -

Future **Greektown Casino** trips are as follows: **October 12th** and **November 9th**. The pickup/drop off points are: **Old K-Mart (Southgate) parking lot; Meijer's (Lincoln Park) parking lot.** Call **Indian Trails** at (800) 292-3831 and let them know where you want to be picked up. The Club is subsidizing part of the cost.

Sick and Good Will

Get Well Wishes to the following members who are(were) ill: **Rose Gaglio, Ann Lepidi, Mimi and Don Kerr.**

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, of any illness

Condolences to the **victims and their families** of the earthquake stricken area of Amatrice, Italy. Such tragedy represents horrific loss of lives and devastation to historic buildings, churches and homes.

Condolences to the family of **Anthony Sclafani** (of Gainesville, GA) on the death of his wife, **Sherran D. Sclafani**, who passed away September 14, 2016, at the age of 80. Condolences to sister-in-law, **Sue Lupo**, and cousins: **Florence Sclafani-Coleman, Maria Horvath and Angela Vassallo.** May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Stephanie G. Parrino** (of Golden, Colorado) who passed away on September 15, 2016 at the age of 99. She and her late husband, **Frank Parrino**, were club members since March, 1981. 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.

- Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3) 46th*
- Lenny and Pina Milewski (10/3) 63rd*
- John and Maryann Graziani (10/6) 25th*
- Ted and Lena Brockway (10/7)*
- Joseph and Josie Badalamenti (10/9) 58th*
- Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14)*
- Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)*
- Tony and Miriam Lumia (10/19) 59th*
- Rino and Marie Pagnucco (10/31)*

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

- Wynnith Martino (10/2) Marco Talluto (10/17)*
- Bettina Vitale (10/2) Darlene Randazzo (10/18)*
- Vivian Martino (10/3) John Finazzo (10/19)*
- Mike Palazzolo (10/7) Karen Caputo (10/24)*
- Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8) Joe Giammalva (10/24)*
- Linda Burnett (10/0) BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25)*
- Joan Luzac (10/9) Rino Pagnucco (10/26)*
- James Bademian (10/10) Michael McNally (10/27)*
- Josie Klube (10/11) Angela McCarty (10/31)*
- Gino Martino Jr. (10/11)*

Humor for the Month

The room was full of pregnant women and their partners, and the Lamaze class was in full swing. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly, along with informing the men how to give the necessary assurances at this stage of the plan.

The teacher then announced, "Ladies, exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. And, gentlemen, it wouldn't hurt you to take the time to go walking with your partner!" The room really got quiet.

Finally, a man in the middle of the group raised his hand. "Yes?" replied the teacher. "Is it all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

A Discussion Between Friends

Two friends who hadn't seen each other in years met in a supermarket one afternoon and brought each other up-to-date on the successes of their families.

One lady said, "And tell me, Ruth, how is your son, George?"

"He's getting along fine," she said. "He's a poet. He just received his master's degree in literature from the university."

"And what about Mary?" the first lady asked. "She's just as smart as George," her friend said. "She graduated last year from college with a degree in modern art."

"Oh, yeas," the first lady said, "and how is little Willy? What is he doing?"

"Well," Ruth said, "Willy is still Willy. He wouldn't go to college. He said he likes to work with his hands. He became a plumber. And I want to tell you this. If it weren't for Willy, we'd all be starving."

Good Coffee is a Pleasure. Good Friends are a Treasure.



Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

- Oct. 12, 2016** Greektown Casino Trip
Social Committee
- Oct. 26, 2016** Bentley Dinner Event
Grace Pizzo
- Nov. 5, 2016** Santa Rosalia Comedy Show
Santa Rosalia Club
- Nov. 9, 2016** Greektown Casino Trip
Social Committee
- Nov. 13, 2016** DIAC Memorial Mass
Florence Sclafani-Coleman
- Dec. 1, 2016** Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall
Grace Pizzo
- Dec. 18, 2016** Club Christmas Party
Social Committee

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The Eighth 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
 (formerly St. Joseph Catholic Church)
 334 Elm St. (between 4th and 3rd Street)

Wyandotte, MI 48192

Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Buffet Luncheon: The Bentley Banquet Ctr. - Gucci Room
 (formerly the Downriver Italian-American Hall)

646 Biddle Avenue

Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727

(734) 285 - 4044

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Members: \$12.00/Person ❖ Non-Members: \$17.00/Person
 Children (7 to 10 yrs. old): \$6.00

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**

I/We will be attending the **Memorial Mass/Luncheon** on Sunday – Nov. 13, 2016, at St. Vincent Pallotte Church Luncheon at The Bentley. This coupon and payment must be received **no later than Sunday, November 6, 2016**

Name _____		Phone Number _____	
No. Attending Mass: _____	Luncheon - Club Member: \$ 12.00	x _____	Total: \$ _____
	Luncheon - Non-Member: \$ 17.00	x _____	Total: \$ _____
	Children 7 -10 yrs of age: \$6.00	x _____	Total: \$ _____

Make your check payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club or DIAC** Total: \$ _____

Return coupon and your check to: Florence Coleman, 14157 Stratford, Riverview, MI 48193-7550

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

108 E. Main Northville, MI 48167

248-349-0522 www.genittis.com



Thursday, Dec 1, 2016

\$30

Non-members \$50

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Departure & Return

From the Bentley, Wyan.

Enjoy our hilarious interactive-comedy!

In past years we've spoofed holiday office parties, family gatherings, and even had a pirate adventure. You, the audience, get to be a part of the show.....



"A THROWBACK HOLIDAY

..... 80'S STYLE"



Come back with us to 1980's high school, where amongst the mall hair, shoulder pads, and Rubix cubes the Genitti High School Drama Club prepares for the Holiday Spectacular. Will it go off without a hitch? Nope!!!! It'll be up to you to save the show.

What to expect at Genitti's

Depart the Bentley, at 9 AM, Arrive in Northville at 10AM for a bit of shopping and lunch at Genitti's at 11:30. Enjoy their famous 7-course family style dinner including, Italian wedding soup and garlic bread, pasta, antipasto salad, Baked chicken with vegetable, Italian steak with potato, Italian sausage with green peppers and onions and cannoli for dessert! After dinner, into the theater to see the show!!

\$30.00 per person-which includes, dinner, gratuity, show and bus.

Please fill in this form and return with your payment to: Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparota Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173, before November 1st or until trip is sold out. Make checks payable to Downriver Italian American Club.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

E-mail _____ Cell phone _____

In case of emergency, please notify: _____ Phone# _____

Today my travel companion is: _____

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Dinner at the Bentley Banquet Center

646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727
(734) 285-4044 – www.bentleybanquet.com



Preview Dinner

MEMBERS ONLY

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

\$7.50 Individual - \$15.00 Couple

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM - DINNER AT 6:30 PM



Please fill in this form and return with your payment to: Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparota Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173-8618, no later than October 19, 2016. Make checks payable to: Downriver Italian American Club.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

E-mail _____ Cell phone _____