



# The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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

November, 2016 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus.

General Membership Meeting ..... Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016 – 1:00 p.m., Silver Shores.

45th Year, 1971-2016



## Happy Thanksgiving – Nov. 24, 2016

### Club Meeting Location for November 16, 2016

The **General membership meeting location for November 16<sup>th</sup>** will be 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 can't believe the year is almost over, it sure went fast. This year has gone great. We had (52) members attend the November General Meeting. (46) were there for another great lunch served at the **Silver Spoon** in Allen Park. The evening dinner at the **Bentley** was great. We were able to tour the whole place, from the brides, room to the fountain and outside area where weddings can be held. It is a beautiful place for any type of party. You can even drive a vehicle into the building. Wish more of you could have attended.

We held our nominations for the of officers for 2017-18, See related information. We won't have to have a vote this year. Everyone accepted the nominations for all vacant positions. I would like to congratulate our new 2017 President, **Sam Randazzo**, and Vice President, **Paula Rice**. I know our Club will be in good hands with them at the top.

We have events coming up remember, it is give back time, you will receive discounted member only price, if you attend. Try to attend our **Christmas Party** at Silver Shores in Wyandotte. The committee has a great evening planned. I would like to see as many of you as possible attend. We have a lot to celebrate and this is a great time to

spend some time together. (See related article)

Remember, we have to work together to keep our Club going. It is important to attend the meetings so you are always informed. You DON'T have to come for lunch, at noon, the meetings start at 1:00 pm

Hope you all have a very nice Thanksgiving. Please try to attend the November Membership meeting. It will be at Silver Shores. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of you who do attend. Take care.

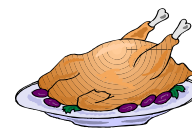
**Florence Sclafani Coleman – President.**

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Our Father, fill our hearts, we pray,  
With gratitude Thanksgiving Day;  
For food and raiment Thou dost give,  
That we in comfort here may live!



### Nov. Luncheon @ Silver Shores Waterfront



The Club luncheon is on **Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016, at 12:00 noon**, at the **Silver Shores Waterfront**

**Banquet Hall, 1 DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192.** Silver Shores 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.



#### 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**



## Nomination & Election Committee News



The **Nomination and Election Committee** ran the nomination process for the 2017-2018 Club officers at the October Membership meeting. Nominees were for Officer and

Trustee positions. The Candidates ran unopposed and are therefore elected to their respective office position by acclamation. As a result, there will not be elections in November. The Officers and Trustees elected are as follows:

**President – Sam Randazzo**  
**Vice President – Paula F Rice**  
**Recording Secretary – (vacant)**  
**Financial Corresponding Secretary – Frank A Giannotti**  
**Treasurer – Mark S Grazioli**  
**Assistant Treasurer – Florence Coleman**  
**Inside Guard – Charles M Lupu**  
**Outside Guard – Damiano Vitale**  
**Guide – Grace Pizzo**

The new Elected Trustees are:

**Jim Bademian, Alice Patton, Dennis Patton and Tony Pietrangelo.** These officers have a 4-year term. Also elected is **Juliann Bademian**, who is filling a vacant Trustee position which expires in 2018.

The non-elected Trustees are:

**Sadie Kusic, Tony Lumia and Leona Vizzini.** These Trustee's term expires in 2018.

We would like to thank past president **Florence Coleman** and the 2015-2016 Officers and Trustees for their leadership and guidance during the past two years.

A special thank-you and a job well done by the Nomination and Election Committee for running the nomination process. The committee members included **Mary Cottone, Sharron Bryson, Shirley Cavataio and Rose Pagano.**

### Message from Consul of Italy – Detroit, MI

Dear Italian Nationals,

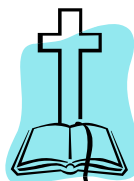
I am honored to celebrate **Columbus Day** for the fourth time as Consul of Italy: this is an event which has profound significance as it is yet another opportunity wherein to underscore the excellent ties of friendship that exist between Italy and the United States. Ties which are based above all upon the presence of numerous Americans of Italian origin and Italian citizens who have made the United States their home,

contributing dramatically to its growth and development.

On the occasion of the 2016 **Columbus Day Celebrations**, I wish to extend my very best wishes to all of you, to your families, to the representative bodies of the community, to the Comites and to the numerous Italian and Italian-American Associations.

**Dr. Maria Luisa Lapresa**  
 Consul of Italy

### DIAC Memorial Mass - Nov. 13, 2016



The date for the **Club's 8<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.** A flyer appeared in the October newsletter.

### 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. The flyer appeared in the October newsletter

### DIAC Membership Christmas Party



This Year's Christmas Party will take place on **Sunday, December 18, 2016**. Chairpersons are **Grace Pizzo** and **Paula Rice**, with the help from committee members. The location is **Silver Shores Waterfront**, 1 James DeSana Dr. Wyandotte MI 48192.

You may purchase individual tickets with open seating. The deadline is Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016. Show up early for the good table location. The event is open to member's family and their friends. See attached flyer-

### ~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The next **Greektown Casino** trips are on **Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** and **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** 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.

~ Birthday Milestone ~



The Downriver Italian-American Club would like to honor and recognize club member, **Cora Muffi**, who will be celebrating her **100<sup>th</sup> birthday** on November 7, 2016. A truly milestone. Cora joined the club on April 1986. Cora has a daughter, **Betty Jean Ferraiuolo** who is also a club member.

**Congratulations to the Muffi and Ferraiuolo families.**

Sick and Good Will



Get Well Wishes to the following members who are(were) ill: **Anthony (Tony) Bomarito** is in the hospital.

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 family of **Dennis Sr.** and **Alice Patton** on the death of Dennis’ sister-in-law, **Donna Jean Patton**, who passed away on October 18, 2016 at the age of 81. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Marilyn Bomarito** on the death of her husband, **Anthony (Tony) Bomarito**, who passed away on October 28, 2016 at the age of 78. May he 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>Dolly Chirco (11/1)</i>     | <i>Angelo Norscia (11/11)</i>      |
| <i>Mary Lavine (11/1)</i>      | <i>Joanne Cuva (11/12)</i>         |
| <i>Sam Palamara (11/1)</i>     | <i>Robert Coch (11/16)</i>         |
| <i>Marco Vitale (11/1)</i>     | <i>Jacqueline Jagiello (11/19)</i> |
| <i>Angelina Carlone (11/2)</i> | <i>Angelo Schiraldi (11/22)</i>    |
| <i>Marilyn Bomarito (11/7)</i> | <i>MaryJane Grazioli (11/27)</i>   |
| <i>Cora Muffi (11/7)</i>       | <i>Piera Vitale (11/27)</i>        |
| <i>Emilia Gonella (11/9)</i>   | <i>Mary Clark (11/28)</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.

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| <i>Marco and Theresa Talluto (11/3)</i> | <i>60<sup>th</sup></i> |
| <i>Norman and Colleen Tabaka (11/7)</i> | <i>35<sup>th</sup></i> |

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| <i>Guy A. and Maria Vitale (11/10)</i>  | <i>15<sup>th</sup></i> |
| <i>Robert and Susie Coch (11/21)</i>    |                        |
| <i>Joseph and Sharon Pagano (11/22)</i> |                        |
| <i>Frank and Nina Liberati (11/25)</i>  |                        |
| <i>Bruce and Valarie Yinger (11/28)</i> | <i>35<sup>th</sup></i> |

Don't Count the Years

Don't count the years – they matter not,  
Count only the dreams  
the years have brought,  
The happiness and the faith so dear,  
The moments rich  
you have treasured here.

Don't count the years – only the smiles,  
Or the peace you have known  
on the weary miles,  
The laughter you've shared  
and the friends you've made,  
Each magic hope that shall never fade.

Years are but numbers –  
'tis living that counts,  
A heart that knows joy –  
small or large amounts,  
A mind filled with loving –  
eliminates fears,  
Count every blessing –  
never the years

- Garnett Ann Schultz -

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

- 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. 14, 2016.....**Greektown Casino Trip**  
Social Committee
- Dec. 18, 2016.....**Club Christmas Party**  
Social Committee

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# DIAC Adult Christmas Party

Silver Shores Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Dr. Wyandotte, MI 48192-4690, 734-246-4800

## Sunday, December 18, 2016

Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.

Buffet Style Dinner at 4:30 p.m.

Johnny Ginger Comedy Show at 6:00 p.m.



### Main Entrées:

Michigan Cherry Salad  
Homemade Rolls and Butter  
Cheese Tortellini with Alfredo Sauce  
Pan Seared Chicken with Tarragon Sauce  
Beef Burgundy  
Red Skin Roasted Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetable Mix

### Dessert

Specialty Dessert

### Beverages

Coffee, Tea, Soda, Beer and Wine

Invitation includes Family and Friends

\$22.00 per Member, \$28.00 per Non-Member, (16 years and Older)

Door Prizes & Raffle. Deadline: Thursday, December 1, 2016

Tickets must be paid at time of reservation:

Make check or money order payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club**



Mail to: Grace Pizzo

32050 Liparoto Drive

Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

For further information call: Grace Pizzo at (734) 379-9491

Paula Rice at (734) 285-8516



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(We) will be attending the DIAC 2016 Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18, 2016.  
This coupon and payment must be received no later than Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club.**

Mail this form and check to: Grace Pizzo ♣ 32050 Liparoto Drive ♣ Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

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