



# The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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

January, 2017 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting..... **Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus**

General Membership Meeting..... **Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley**

46th Year, 1971-2017



## Happy New Year! – Felice Anno Nuovo



### 2017-2018 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

- President  
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- Guide  
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**ALICE PATTON**  
**GRACE PIZZO**  
**PAULA RICE**



### It's a New Year!

*May your New Year be the best you've ever had, and may you have many more New Years that are even better!*

*A Safe, Prosperous and a Happy 2017*

### Meeting Dates for January



The Club meeting location for the month of January have changed to as follows:

**Board Meeting: Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, 3:00 PM,** at **Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192.**

**General Membership Meeting:** Jan. 18, 2017, 1:00 PM, at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192.** This is our old club building, in the **Gucci (Menna) Room.** The general meeting immediately follows the luncheon.

### Message from the President



It is an honor to be chosen as your president for the next two years. I'm in awe of my predecessors, the men and women who worked to keep the traditions and integrity of this club. My hope is to serve as honorably as they all did.

My father, **Marco** has long since passed and my mother, **Mary** joined him in 2015. They instilled in my brothers and I, a love and respect for family and the spirit to fight for what is right and just. They loved this club and its members and worked hard to see it grow and succeed both financially and socially. My goal is to continue to see that their legacy continues on.

Our business is now in the past, in the hands of the very capable Chef **Ziad Nakad.** If you

haven't seen what he has done to our former building, take the time to stop by. His staff is happy to show any member around the Bentley Banquet and Conference Center.

What is still going strong is this Club. We have 210 members and are now financially comfortable enough to enjoy the many different social activities that are being planned for 2017. Make it a point to take part in as many as you possibly can. Let's have some fun. For all the hard work by so many of us, we deserve it.

### Buon Anno a Tutti.

**Sam Randazzo** – Club President.

### January Luncheon @ Silver Shores Waterfront Hall



The Club luncheon for January will be on **Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 12:00 noon,** at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192.** This is our former club building.

Membership meeting (1:00 p.m.) immediately follows the luncheon. You do not have to come to the luncheon to attend the General Membership meeting

### DIAC Certificate of Deposit News



During the month of January, Club Treasurer, **Mark Grazioli,** will be mailing the interest earned on the DIAC Bond Certificate for the year 2016. If you do not receive your letter by the end of January, please contact **Mark** at (734) 671-5884.



### 2017 Club Membership Dues



The 2017 membership dues are now payable. The dues are \$30.00 for a single member and \$60.00 for a married couple. The dues can be paid at the general membership meeting or you can mail a check or money order (payable to:

Downriver Italian-American Club). Mail to:

**Frank Giannotti**  
14823 Williamsburg Blvd.  
Riverview, MI 48193-7703.

The deadline for dues is **March 31, 2017**.

For **Honorary Members**, (those with 25+ years of continued membership), there are **NO dues** to be paid. A listing of **new** (and all) the Honorary Members is included in this newsletter.

Your dues receipt will be mailed in the upcoming newsletter.

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### Downriver Actors Guild Presents "CHICAGO, The Musical"



The Downriver Actors Guild, 2656 Biddle Ave., (formerly Robert Hall) Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734)407-7020 is hosting "CHICAGO, The Musical" on Sunday, January 29, 2017

Tickets: Adults \$16 and Senior/Student \$13. Prices may be lower based on a number of tickets reserved for the

club. The play starts at 3:00 p.m.

Nightclub sensation **Velma (Catherine Zeta-Jones)** murders her philandering husband, and Chicago's slickest lawyer, **Billy Flynn (Richard Gere)**, is set to defend her. But when **Roxie (Renée Zellweger)** also winds up in prison, Billy takes on her case as well -- turning her into a media circus of headlines. Neither woman will be outdone in their fight against each other and the public for fame and celebrity

Contact **Miriam Lumia**, (313) 565-0671, for ticket(s). Tickets are \$11.00 per person, Tickets are selling fast, call ASAP.

Dinner at **Magdaleno Italian Restaurant** immediately follows the show. The Club will subsidize \$10.00 as part

of the meal cost, (for members only), but **you must attend the show** to qualify. See flyer in the December newsletter

### Valentine Legends Live at the Bentley



The Bentley Banquet and Conference Center is hosting a Valentine's Day - Legends Live Show on **Saturday, February 11, 2017**. Tickets can be purchased

from **Leslie Lupo** (734) 282-1257 or at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727, (734) 285-4044**. This is a non-club sponsored event. Please advise your family and friends. The shows have always been great.

Complete with dinner, beer & wine and featuring tributes to: **Dean Martin, Whitney Houston Jersey Boys and Michael Bublé**.

Tickets are \$60.00 per person. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show starting at 8:00 p.m. Cash bar is provided. The Club will subsidize \$20.00 as part of ticket cost to **Club Members only!**

### ~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The next **Greektown Casino** trip is on **Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>** and **Feb. 8<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. Future trips are set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month for the year 2017.

### HOUSE RULES

1. Love Each Other.
2. Pickup After Yourself.
3. Always Tell the Truth.
4. Laugh a Lot.
5. Say PLEASE & THANK YOU.

### Sick and Good Will



Get Well Wishes to the members who are not feeling well, especially during the coming Holidays. Stay safe and healthy. Take no risk while walking on dangerous icy conditions. We want to see you in good health in 2017.

Please advise **Grace Pizzo** (734) 379-9491, of any illness  
Condolences to the family of **Rocky Kaune** on the death of his wife, **Nancy (Vitale) Kaune**, who passed away on December 11, 2016, at the age of 92. Rocky and Nancy have been club members since Dec. 1972. Both were very active members, helped during the Club festivals, Pasta Events and many more other functions. We will all miss Nancy! Condolences to **Rick and Tammy Kaune**

and first cousins: Rose Pagano, Nino Vitale, Marco Talluto, Tom Talluto and Dolly Chirco and all other cousins. May she rest in peace.

**Dear Santa**

This year please give me  
a big fat bank account  
and a slim body. PLEASE  
don't mix those two up,  
like you did last year.  
Thank You

**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>Nancy Cosentino (1/1)</i>   | <i>Grace Pizzo (1/16)</i>       |
| <i>Anthony V. Vitale (1/2)</i> | <i>Rose Pagano (1/20)</i>       |
| <i>Emma Checchio (1/4)</i>     | <i>Mark Grazioli (1/22)</i>     |
| <i>Pat Mastrogiacomo (1/4)</i> | <i>Sam Randazzo (1/22)</i>      |
| <i>Gianna Trupiano (1/4)</i>   | <i>Joyce Pietrangelo (1/23)</i> |
| <i>Frank Giannotti (1/5)</i>   | <i>Alice Patton (1/26)</i>      |
| <i>Miriam Lumia (1/6)</i>      | <i>Nino Trupiano (1/28)</i>     |
| <i>Nino Vitale (1/6)</i>       | <i>Larry Simone (1/30)</i>      |
| <i>Lilla Vitale (1/13)</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.

*Vincenzo and Lilla Vitale (1/4) 45<sup>th</sup>*

**News from our Consulate in Detroit**

1, dicembre 2016

Cari Connazionali.

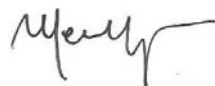
con l'approssimarsi delle festività natalizie desidero rivolgere a tutti voi i miei più sinceri auguri per le prossime feste. È giunto, ormai, il mio ultimo Natale qui a Detroit, in quanto sono in procinto di trasferirmi per assumere un nuovo incarico.

Durante i quattro anni trascorsi a Detroit ho avuto modo di conoscere ed apprezzare la Comunità italiana ed italoamericana di questa Circostrizione, la quale si distingue per la sua dinamicità, calore ed attaccamento al nostro Paese.

Desidero cogliere questa occasione anche per ringraziarvi tutti della collaborazione che avete sempre assicurato a me ed al mio ufficio: senza di essa il nostro compito sarebbe assai arduo.

Nel concludere questo mio salute, vorrei esprimervi infine la mia gratitudine per quanto avete voluto offrire a me e alla mia famiglia in termini di amicizia, stima e collaborazione .

Ll Console Maria Luisa Lapresa



**The Four Stages of Life**

1. You believe in SANTA.
2. You don't believe in SANTA
3. You are SANTA
4. You look like SANTA

**Anniversary Wishes**

The young man that I married  
Is not the same today  
That youthful carefree spirit  
Now seems so far away.  
But age rewards endurance  
With pleasures all its' own  
With time to build a future  
Together...not alone.  
And so my love I mention  
The years we two have shared  
Have made my life worth living  
Just knowing that you've cared.  
~© Rosemary Wynings~

**Calendar of Upcoming Club Events**

- Jan. 11, 2017** ..... **Greektown Casino Trip**  
Contact Indian Trails
- Jan. 29, 2017** ..... **Chicago, The Musical**  
Miriam Lumia
- Feb. 8, 2017** ..... **Greektown Casino Trip**  
Contact Indian Trails
- Feb. 11, 2017** ..... **Valentine's Day - Legend Live**  
Leslie Lupu, Bentley Banquet

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BENTLEY BANQUET AND CONFERENCE CENTER

# VALENTINE'S SHOW

Saturday, February 11, 2017



WHITNEY HOUSTON



MICHAEL BUBLE



DEAN MARTIN



JERSEY BOYS

## LEGENDS LIVE

MICHIGAN'S #1 TRIBUTE SHOW

PRODUCED BY EMPIRE ENTERTAINMENT (WWW.LEGENDSLIVEMI.COM)

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM | Dinner at 6:30 PM | Show at 8:00 PM**

For reservations or more information please call

Leslie Lupo 734-282-1257

The Bentley Banquet and Conference Center

734-285-4044

[www.BentleyBanquet.com](http://www.BentleyBanquet.com)

**TICKETS \$60 INCLUDES DINNER, BEER, & WINE**

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