



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

March, 2017 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting..... Tuesday, Mar. 7, 2017 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus

General Membership Meeting..... Wednesday, Mar. 15, 2017 – 1:00 p.m., Silver Shores

46th Year, 1971-2017



St. Patrick's Day – March 17, 2017

Meeting Dates for March



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

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 7, 2017, 3:00 PM, at **Knights of Columbus**, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192.

General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, Mar. 15, 2017, 1:00 PM, at **Silver Shores Waterfront**, 1 James DeSana Dr., Wyandotte, MI 48192. The meeting immediately follows the luncheon.

Message from the President



February was certainly an interesting month here in Michigan. You would think that spring has already arrived. I actually went golfing during the third week. Golfing in Michigan in February! Crazy, eh. Did anybody get some yardwork done? I suspect so.

The weather may be unpredictable, but what is predictable is this Club is now enjoying the fruits of its many years of hard work. The Social Committee is doing an outstanding job bringing us different venues for our membership to enjoy. The **Valentine's Legends** event was great with 50 of us having a fine time and a wonderful meal. The **Casino Trips** are well attended and now we can look forward to **Picasso at the Lapin Agile**, on March 19, a play written by Steve Martin. These weekend events give an opportunity for members who are busy throughout the week to participate and get the benefit of discounted prices for their entertainment and meals. I encourage everyone to join in the fun. Call **Paula Rice** for details.

I look forward to the next General Membership meeting on March 15. Be part of the lunch and meeting where we discuss such interesting things as the reading of the minutes, where to store our records and how much money we have! We're living the dream -- miei amici!!

Sam Randazzo – Club President.

March Luncheon @ Silver Shores Waterfront Hall



The Club luncheon this month will be on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 12:00 noon, at **Silver Shores Waterfront**, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192. The facility is located behind Wyandotte hospital.

The cost for the luncheon is \$9.00 per person. To make your lunch reservation, please call **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463, no later than Wednesday, March 8th.

Evening General Meeting



There will be an evening club general membership meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm, with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm. You'll be reminded in the June newsletter. This change will allow members who work during the day to attend the meeting.



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Happy St. Patrick's Day

2017 Club Membership Dues



This is your last chance to pay your 2017 dues. 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 was included in the January newsletter.

An incentive for paying your dues by March 31, 2017, the Club Board approved a special raffle for a TV (a \$200.00 value), to be given away. Pay your dues now.

Honorary Members, will have a raffle for a \$100.00 gift certificate at Moro's Dining in Allen Park. The raffles will take place in April. You do not need to be present to win.

Your dues receipt will be mailed in the upcoming newsletter. Club members receive subsidies toward many Club events.

~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The next **Greektown Casino** trip is on **March 8th** and **April 12th**. The pickup/drop off points are: **Meijer's (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 2nd Wednesday of each month for the year 2017.

Club Events in the Horizon



The Social Committee consisting of: **Julie Bademian, Miriam Lumia, Alice Patton, Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice**, have scheduled the following events for 2017. The listing may change or added. Here is the list of the events:

Monthly Greektown Casino trips, Picasso-Open Book Theatre/Dinner, Bowling Fundraiser, Taste of Italy, Dearly Departed-Play/Dinner, Mud Hens Baseball Trip/Dinner, Diamond Jack Boat Ride/Dinner, Club Picnic, Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, Golf Outings, Columbus Day Dinner, Memorial Mass, Club Christmas Party.

Congratulating New Club Members



Please welcome the following new Regular club members who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club**:

Paola Hillebrand of Wyandotte, MI., sponsored by **Rose Pagano**.

Dennis Randazzo of Trenton, MI., sponsored by **Sam Randazzo**.

Congratulations to the new Members.

Sick and Good Will



Get Well Wishes to the members who are not feeling well: **Nancy McFaul, Johnny Mitra** and **Sadie Kusic**. Stay safe and healthy. Drive safely. We want to see you in good health

Please advise **Grace Pizzo** (734) 379-9491, of any illness

New Italian Consulate in Detroit



It has been communicated the next Italian Consul in Detroit will be **Dott.ssa Maria Manca**. She will be replacing **Dott.ssa Maria Luisa Lapresa**, who has been there for a

number of years. To contact the Consulate:

Consulate of Italy
535 Griswold, Buhl Bldg., Suite 1840
Detroit, MI 48226
Tel. (313) 963-8560
Fax: (313) 963-8180
Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (M-F)
Email: inform.detroit@esteri.it

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

<i>Rosalie Giammalva (3/4)</i>	<i>Joseph Susin (3/19)</i>
<i>Ann Lepidi (3/4)</i>	<i>Edith Gendron (3/22)</i>
<i>Jim Jenson (3/5)</i>	<i>Charles Lupo (3/22)</i>
<i>Stephanie Badalamenti (3/10)</i>	<i>Nick Caputo (3/24)</i>
<i>Rose Vitale (3/10)</i>	<i>Sal DiPasquale (3/24)</i>
<i>Matteo Giaimo (3/15)</i>	<i>Gaetano A. Vitale (3/29)</i>
<i>Anthony J Vitale (3/17)</i>	<i>Douglas Melzer (3/30)</i>
<i>Joseph Leone (3/19)</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.

Sal and Nancy DiPasquale (3/22)

Time is ...

Time is too slow for those who wait,
too swift for those who fear,
too long for those who grieve,
too short for those who rejoice,
but, for those who love, time is eternity.

~© Henry Van Dyke

Scholarship for Higher Education



DIAC is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to a son or daughter of a club member; those attending higher education in the fall of this year. Some eligibility applies. If you are interested, a form can be mailed to you. Please contact **Frank Giannotti**, 14823 Williamsburg Blvd., Riverview, MI 48193-7703 or frankgiannotti@comcast.net or by phone (734)283-7394. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and conduct an interview. Good luck to all.

Are You an Active Member?

Are you an active member,
the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
that your name is on the List?

Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home
and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
to help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be
the kind who just belongs?

Do you ever work on committees
to help the job go quick?
Or leave the work for just a few
and talk about the clique?

So come to the meetings often
and help with hand and heart,
don't be just a member,
but take an active part.

Members Emergency Notification List



If you wish to be on a membership call list and be notified by a telephone call when a member passes away. Please call **Rose Pagano** at (734) 365-1310.

There are a number of members on this list. The flow diagram shows who calls whom. The diagram will be sent or given to you.

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

- Mar. 8, 2017 **Greektown Casino Trip**
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Mar. 9, 2017 **Picasso Open Book Theater**
Paula Rice, Julie Bademian
- Apr. 12, 2017 **Greektown Casino Trip**
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Apr. 12, 2017 **Bowling Fundraiser**
Miriam Lumia, Julie Bademian
- May. 10, 2017 **Greektown Casino Trip**
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- May 24, 2017 **Taste of Italy**
Tony Lumia
- June 2 or 3, 2017... **Dearly Departed Play/Dinner**
Miriam Lumia
- June 14, 2017 **Greektown Casino Trip**
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Jun. 16, 2017 **Toledo Mud Hens Baseball/Dinner**
Alice Patton, Grace Pizzo
- Jun. 21, 2017 **Evening GM Meeting**
Sam Randazzo
- July 12, 2017 **Greektown Casino Trip**
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Aug. 9, 2017 **Greektown Casino Trip**
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Aug. ??, 2017 **Diamond Jack Boat Ride**
Tony Lumia
- Aug. 13, 2017 **Club Picnic**
Randazzos, Lumias, Pattons, Pizzos

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Downriver Italian American Club
Sunday, March 19—2 PM



Open Book Theatre—Trenton, MI

\$ 27 for members — \$ 37 for non-members

Ticket includes—the play and dinner. **Only 40 Tickets Available-Reserve now!!!



By Steve Martin - Directed by Topher Alan Payne

This long running Off-Broadway absurdist comedy places Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso in a Parisian cafe in 1904, just before the renowned scientist transformed physics with his theory of relativity and the celebrated painter set the art world afire with cubism. In his first comedy for the stage, Steve Martin plays fast and loose with fact, fame and fortune as these two geniuses muse on the century's achievements and prospects as well as other fanciful topics with infectious dizziness.

Buffet Dinner following the play at TV's Grand Event (Grand Hotel)—Oven Roasted Chicken , Pork Tenderloin, Mostaccioli, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Salad, Bread, Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks - CASH BAR

Social Committee— Social Coordinators: Paula Rice (734) 285-8516 or Julie Bademian (313) 388-2264 home (313) 820-1761 cell