



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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46th Year, 1971-2017




** IMPORTANT DATES **

April, 2017 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting..... Tuesday, Apr. 11, 2017 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting.... Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2017 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley Ctr.

Happy Easter, Buona Pasqua – April 16.



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Meeting Dates for April



Happy Easter

The Club meeting locations for the month of April are as follows:

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 11, 2017, 3:00 PM, at Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192.

General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 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



March certainly came in like a lion this year! Many of us lost power during the storm that produced high winds. It was good to hear that no

one was seriously hurt by the weather. At last, spring has arrived so great summer weather should be rolling in soon (I hope).

We also celebrated the **Feast of St. Joseph** on March 19, although not in the traditional sense. Over 40 of us attended the play at the **Open Box Theatre** and then had a lovely dinner at the **Grand Hotel** in downtown Trenton. We did give all who attended a bag of fruit and a small loaf of bread to remind us of **St. Joseph's Day**. Next year the Club plans to do a more traditional event. A big thank you to the Special Events team that put the day together. Also thanks to **Damiano and Piera Vitale** for assisting the team with bagging the loaves of bread.

The staff at **Silver Shores** have reserved the **Bentley** for all of our future General Membership meetings. Unless you have been notified differently, we will have our meetings in the **Gucci Room**. Make an effort

to attend. The lunch is always excellent and we are trying to keep the meetings to around an hour.

Don't forget the **Bowling Fundraiser** on April 23. If you like to bowl, this is a great way to raise money for 4-year-old **Max Krasnademski**. If you don't bowl, come anyway and have some pizza with us and spend a nice, quiet Sunday afternoon with your paisans!

Che Dio vi Benedica e Pasqua Felice!

Sam Randazzo – Club President.

April Luncheon @ The Bentley Conference Center



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 12:00 noon**, at The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192. This is our former club building.

The cost for the luncheon is \$9.00 per person. Make your lunch reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463, no later than Wednesday, April 12th.

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.

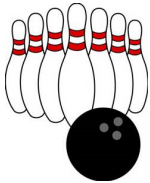


~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The next **Greektown Casino** trips are on **April 12th** and **May 10th**. 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.

Charity Bowling with Family and Friends – Sunday, April 23, 2017



The club is hosting a charity fundraising event at **Belmar Lanes, 4035 Fort Street, Lincoln Park, MI 48180** (just north of Goddard). The money raised from this event will go toward medical bills for a 4-year-old boy, **Max Krasnademski**, of Lincoln Park, who is stricken with leukemia. Classmates of Max will also be joining this event. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes 3 games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop (cash bar for alcohol). If you do not wish to bowl, we ask that you please join us for the laughs and good times, pizza and pop only, cost is \$10. Reserve the date - additional information will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

Project Coordinators are **Julie Bademian (313)388-2264** and **Miriam Lumia (313)565-0671**.

A Taste of Italy – May 24, 2017



The Eleventh (11th) annual **Taste of Italy** event will be held at the **Bentley Conference Center, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192, on Wednesday, May 24, 2017.**

Serving begins at 6:00 p.m. The chairperson for this event is **Tony Lumia**. The festivity will feature sampling of Italian cuisines from various local businesses. The vendors each will provide their specialties. All proceeds go to benefit the **Penrickton School for Blind Children**.

For ticket sales, contact **Tony Lumia (313) 565-0671**. **This event is open to the public. Please attend and invite your family and friends.** A flyer will appear in the May newsletter.

~ Toledo Mud Hens ~ Friday, June 16, 2017



Take me out to the ball game... We have scheduled a bus trip to Toledo to see the **Toledo Mud Hens**. The trip includes bus, dinner at **Tony Packo's** (original location) and ball game ticket. Cost is \$55 per person (DIAC members)

and \$75 per person for non-members. We will meet at the Bentley, 646 Biddle, Wyandotte, MI hall at 3:30 PM. A flyer will appear in a future newsletter.

Call **Grace Pizzo (734) 379-9491** or **Alice Patton (734) 697-7902** for tickets or for more information.

Happy Easter Day

Wishing you an Easter Day
That's perfect through and through.
Just filled with many wonderful
And pleasant things for you.

And then throughout the future
May you know in every way.
The happiness God promised us
On that first Easter Day.



God Bless You!
At Easter And Always.

Member Email Notification



There is a membership email notification list where Club members get notified of important changes, emergency situation, meeting changes, etc. If you have an email address and are not currently on the list, send an email to **Frank Giannotti, frankgiannotti@comcast.net** and request to be placed on the list. We are a social club and having communication is of importance.

Club Newsletter via Your Email



If you have an email address and would like to receive the club newsletter via your email address, send an email to corresponding secretary **Frank Giannotti, frankgiannotti@comcast.net** and request to be placed on the newsletter list. The newsletter is sent in a pdf format. It is in full color, you can read it and print at your own leisure.

Congratulating New Club Members



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

Daniel and Rose (Randazzo) Boileau of Romulus, MI., sponsored by **Rose Pagano**.

Congratulations to the new Members.



Sick and Good Will



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

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

Condolences to the family of **Joe Leone** on the death of his sister, **Nancy McFaul**, who passed away on February 27, 2017, at the age of 95. Nancy and her late husband, **Ivan McFaul**, have been club members since November, 1972. Ivan was the Club president in 1977 and was also a Hall Manager. They helped our club in so many ways, including the festivals at the Yack Arena and later during the club spaghetti events and many more. We will all miss Nancy. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Douglas and Gail Melzer**, on the death of Gail's father, **Leonard E. Davis**, who passed away on February 28, 2017, at the age of 84. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Douglas and Gail Melzer**, on the death of Doug's sister, **Karen Melzer**, who passed away on March 15, 2017, at the age of 54, living in Roswell, GA. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Rose (Caputo) Zahara**, on the death of her husband, **David L. Zahara**, who passed away on March 23, 2017, at the age of 82. Rose and David joined our club in December, 2010. They both attended many of our club functions and were very active in the Club. Condolences to brother-in-law, **Nick and Karen Caputo**. 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>Paola Ventimiglia (4/3)</i> | <i>Vito Badalamente (4/17)</i> |
| <i>Angela Vassallo (4/5)</i> | <i>Josie Palazzolo (4/21)</i> |
| <i>Linda Carrier (4/6)</i> | <i>Norm Tabaka (4/27)</i> |
| <i>Maria Giammalva (4/6)</i> | <i>Joyce Mitra (4/29)</i> |
| <i>Fannie Randazzo (4/7)</i> | <i>Benjamin Tallerico (4/29)</i> |
| <i>Nina Liberati (4/8)</i> | <i>Maria Vitale (4/29)</i> |
| <i>John Parisi (4/12)</i> | <i>Joseph Pagano (4/30)</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.

- Gino and Wynnith Martino (4/8)*
Joseph and Nicolina Susin (4/23)
John and Anna Finazzo (4/24)
Vito and Jessica Trupiano (4/25)
James and Shirley Bommarito (4/28) 55th
Patrick and Patricia Mastrogiacomo (4/28)

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

- Apr. 12, 2017..... Greektown Casino Trip**
 Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Apr. 23, 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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FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Bowling Fundraiser

Sunday, April 23rd—2:00 PM

The money raised from this event will go to Super Max—a 4yr old boy with Leukemia.

Belmar Lanes
(Goddard & Fort St.)
4035 Fort St.
Lincoln Park

\$20 Per Person—for
Bowlers - Includes :
Bowling, Shoes,
Pizza and Pop



Non Bowlers—\$10
Per Person—Pizza
and Pop

Social Committee— Project Coordinators: Julie Bademian (313) 388-2264, Miriam Lumia (313) 565-0671