



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

May, 2017 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting..... Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting.... Wednesday, May 17, 2017 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley Ctr.

46th Year, 1971-2017



A Taste of Italy – Wed., May 24, 2017

Meeting Dates for May



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

Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 3:00 PM, at

Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192.

General Membership Meeting: Wed. May 17, 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



The April Showers have apparently brought us May weeds. This is the earliest I can remember seeing so many dandelions around. It's

a good sign that summer is near. The Club has plans for an active summer starting with our Toledo Mud Hens outing on June 16. We have the Diamond Jack Boat Ride planned as well as our Summer Picnic in August. I hope to see more and more members at these events to support the Social Committee and their hard work and organization.

Please note in your calendars that the June membership meeting will be held at Silver Shores and not the Bentley. This meeting will start with dinner at 6:00 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM. This should give the members who can't attend our monthly afternoon lunch and meetings an opportunity to have a wonderful meal and then participate in the club's business decisions. Weather permitting, we will be able to enjoy the riverfront view and spend some time outdoors. We are planning a few

surprises for the evening. We are also planning another evening meeting in the fall in an effort to ensure every member has the opportunity to attend and have input into the club business.

Congratulations to Joyce Pietrangelo and Jim Bommarito who were the winners of our April members drawing for those who paid their dues on time. Joyce won the 40-inch TV and Jim won a \$100 gift certificate to Moro's in Allen Park. We plan on having more of these types of drawings to go with the 50/50 raffles each month.

A big thanks to all that attended the Bowling Fundraiser on April 23. Because of the hard work put in by our Social Committee, we raised over \$1600 to help 4-year-old Max Krasnademski with his medical bills. What a wonderful outing!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the May 17 lunch and meeting.

Amore e baci,

Sam Randazzo – Club President.

May Luncheon @ The Bentley Banquet & Conference Center



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, May 17, 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, May 10th.



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Evening General Meeting



There will be an evening club general membership meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. 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 **May 10th** and **June 14th**. 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.

Mother's Day Brunch – May 14, 2017



The Bentley Banquet & Conference Center will be hosting a **Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 14, 2017**, starting at 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Last seating at 4:00 p.m.).

Adults \$22.00, Seniors \$18.00, Children 12 and Under \$10.00, Children Under 5 are Free. For Reservations, please call **The Bentley** at (734) 285-4044. See flyer in this newsletter.

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 Italian cuisine and wines. Tickets are limited, \$35.00 per person. 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.** See flyer in this 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.

Mother's Day Poem

Dear Mom,
I will love you forever;
And forever you will be
The most wonderful mother,
You mean everything to me.

I thought of buying you flowers
In the usual way,
But I knew you would prefer
A FOREVER bouquet!



Festa della Repubblica - June 4, 2017



On **Sunday, June 4, 2017**, the **Council of Presidents, COMITES, the Consul of Italy, and the Italian American Cultural Society**, in cooperation with local Italian Clubs and Associations, will hold its annual **Festa della Repubblica Italiana**, the 70th anniversary celebration of the birth of the Italian Republic. Everyone is invited to attend from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Principal Speaker will be **Dr. David DiChiera**, and Young Special Guests **Alexandra and Nicoletta Ciraulo**. After the formal program, a food tasting event sponsored by over 22 Italian clubs and Associations will be open for all to enjoy. Tables will also display objects and information regarding the various regions of Italy. Entertainment follows. The event will

be held at the Italian American Cultural Society Banquet & Conference Center, 43843 Romeo Plank Rd., Clinton, Twp., MI. For additional information, please contact the Italian American Cultural Center at 586-226-1582.

Membership Picnic – Aug. 13, 2017



The Annual Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 13, 2017. The picnic location is at the **Young Patriots Park**, on Sibley Road, in Riverview.

The chairpersons for this event are **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo, and Tony and Miriam Lumia** with help from the membership. This event has always been a great success. Menu to be selected by the committee. Bocce will be played near pavilion. Detailed information and a flyer will appear in the June newsletter.

Diamond Jack Boat Ride in August



Details regarding the **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** in the month of August are being worked out. The chairpersons are **Tony and Miriam Lumia**. Detailed information will appear in the June newsletter.

Upon returning from the ride, the group will enjoy a meal at a local restaurant facility.

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**:

Roger and Emalie Shifflett of Wyandotte, MI., sponsored by **Rose Pagano**.

Benjamin and Lori Tallerico of Monroe, MI., sponsored by **Charles and Leslie Lupo**

Joanne (Angelotti) Wolfgang, of Lincoln Park, MI., sponsored by **Jim and Julie Bademian**.

Congratulations to the new Members.

Sick and Good Will



Get Well Wishes to the members who are not feeling well: **Johnny Mitra, Sadie Kusic**. Get Well Wishes to **Marlene Wellman**.

Prayers of strength during time of healing are extended to all DIAC members and their families.

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

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Rosalie Shimkus (5/1)

Rose Zerilli (5/21)

Diana Giaimo (5/2)

Catherine Sclafani (5/23)

Vivian Palazzolo (5/2)

Rose Boileau (5/24)

Colleen Tabaka (5/5)

Joseph Ventimiglia (5/24)

Theresa Talluto (5/8)

Salvatore Vitale (5/24)

Theresa Klavon (5/11)

Joseph Cacioppo (5/25)

Martha Guastella (5/16)

Grace Badalamente (5/26)

Guy A Vitale (5/20)

Gail Melzer (5/27)

Clarice Silveri (5/21)

Jeanette Schiraldi (5/28)

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.

Gaetano and Laurie Randazzo (5/09)

Anthony and Robyn Vitale (5/15)

Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (5/24) 50th

Marco and Jennifer Vitale (5/24) 15th

Douglas and Gail Melzer (5/27)

Mike and Nina Palazzolo (5/29)

A Stunning Senior Moment

Apparently, a self-important college freshman attending a recent football game took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

"You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one," the student said, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear.

"The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. Our space probes have visited Mars. We have nuclear energy, ships and electric and hydrogen cars, cell phones. Computers with light-speed processing... and more."

After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows: "You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young..... so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little (beep), what are you doing for the next generation?"

The applause was amazing.....

Coping With the World Around You

Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. The courage to change the things I cannot accept. And the wisdom to hide the bodies of those people I had to kill today because they ticked me off.

And also, help me to be careful of the toes I step on today as they may be connected to the (behind) I may have to kiss tomorrow.

Help me to always give 100% at work...

12% on Monday

23% on Tuesday

40% on Wednesday

20% on Thursday

5% on Fridays

And, help me to remember....

When I'm having a really bad day, and it seems that people are trying to tick me off, that it takes 42 muscles to frown and only 4 to extend the middle finger and tell them to scoot off.

**On Memorial Day – May 29, 2017**

Memorial Day (originally called "Decoration Day") began as a way to honor the Civil War dead. It started when individuals, and then cities and town, placed flowers on the graves of Confederate and Union soldiers – whether buried in the North or the South. The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868, in Arlington National Cemetery. Today, Memorial Day has become a way to honor all those who died in service to the nation in all wars and conflicts, from the Revolutionary War to the present. In 1968, the official holiday was moved to the last Monday in May.

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

- May. 10, 2017** **Greektown Casino Trip**
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- May 14, 2017** **Mother's Day Brunch**
Bentley Banquet Center
- May 24, 2017** **Taste of Italy**
Tony 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
- Oct. 9, 2017** **Columbus Day Dinner**
Charles and Leslie Lupo

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“A TASTE OF ITALY”

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

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| * THE FISH MARKET | * LIBERATI'S DELI & BAKERY |
| * JACK'S BAKERY | * SAMMY'S CUCINA |
| * VETTRAINO'S BAR & CAFÉ | * CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL |

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646 BIDDLE AVE., WYANDOTTE, MI 48192



Sunday May 14, 2017
10:30 AM – 5:00 PM
(Last Seating at 4:00 PM)



Mother's Day Brunch Menu

Salad Buffet

With Fresh Baked Signature Rolls

Omelet Station & Mama Lucci Pasta Station

With Over 20 Toppings to Choose From

Carving Station

Herb Crusted Roasted Prime Rib
With Red Wine Demi-Glace

Hot Buffet

Chicken Piccata
Baked Hawaiian Ham
Garlic Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
Vegetable Spring Medley
Ozzie Rice Pilaf



Elaborate Dessert Station

Chocolate Fountain
Fresh Fruits

Cash Bar

One Sangria or Mimosa Free for Mothers!

ADULTS - \$22.00

SENIORS - \$18.00

CHILDREN 12 & UNDER - \$10.00

CHILDREN UNDER 5 - FREE

For reservations please call 734-285-4044

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