



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

June, 2017 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting..... Tuesday, June 13, 2017 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting..... Wednesday, June 21, 2017 – 7:00 p.m., Silver Shores

46th Year, 1971-2017



Happy Father's Day – June 18, 2017

No Membership Meetings for July and August



There will be no membership meetings for the months of July and August. The Club functions during this period include the **Casino Trips, The Club Social Luncheons, the Club Picnic and the Diamond Jack Boat Trip.** Details of these events are located in this newsletter. The newsletter will not be published during these months.

Have a safe and an enjoyable summer.

Meeting Dates for June



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

Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 3:00 PM, at Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192.

General Membership Meeting: Wed. June 21, 2017, 7:00 PM, at Silver Shores Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192. Silver Shores is located just behind Wyandotte Hospital. The general meeting immediately follows the dinner.

Message from the President



The summer is finally upon us and I must say that it feels *veramente buono!* I am looking forward to our June evening dinner and membership meeting. I think spending a warm evening close to the river is what makes summertime Downriver special. If you are unable to attend the lunch meetings, don't miss the opportunity to join in. We have a busy summer ahead and this will be

a good time to give your input to the Club's activities.

It's sad to say that we lost a couple of long time members in the last month, **Joe Cacioppo** and **Lena Brockway.** I really appreciate the members who take the time to pay their respects and take part in the Club's flower ceremony. The families appreciate it and it's the least we can do for members who have been supportive to our causes over the years.

A big thank you to **Tony Lumia** and his team on another successful **Taste of Italy** fundraiser for the **Penrickton Center** in Taylor. A crowd of over 220 helped raise needed money for the blind children who attend there. The food was wonderful and thanks to the staff at the Bentley Banquet Center, it was an elegant evening.

We had 50 members at our May luncheon and 58 members attend the meeting. That was the best turnout this year! It's always good to be with friends and relatives and I try to keep the meetings to an hour depending on how rowdy the crowd is! I'm having a blast and I hope you are too.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the July 19th and the August 16th summer luncheons. Our regular meetings will resume on September 20th. Have a nice summer.

Amore é pace, i miei amici.

Sam Randazzo – Club President




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June Evening Dinner @ Silver Shore Waterfront



The Club dinner this month will be on **Wednesday, June 21, 2017, (an evening event) at 6:00 PM,** at **Silver Shores Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192,** located just behind Wyandotte Ford Hospital.

The cost for the dinner is \$9.00 per person. Make your dinner reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463, no later than Sunday, June 18, 2017

~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The next **Greektown Casino** trips are on **June 14th** and **July 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.

Club Summer Social Luncheons



At the May 17, 2017 General Membership meeting, there was a discussion of having a summer luncheon gathering during the off-months of July and August. The dates are: **July 19, 2017** and **August 16, 2017.** Time is **12:00 Noon.** The location is **The Bentley Banquet Center, 646 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192,** (734)285-4044. **The cost is \$9.00 per person.**

Make your lunch reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463, no later than the Sunday before the event.

Salad Luncheon at St. Vincent Pallotti



There is a fundraiser, **Maurice Salad Luncheon,** at **St. Vincent Pallotti Church** (formerly St. Joseph Church), 334 Elm St., Wyandotte, MI (734)285-9840, on **July 19, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. till**

1:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

For ticket sales, contact **Mary Cottone,** at (734)285-1563. Tickets are also available at the Parish Hall. This is a non-club sponsored event.

Happy Fathers Day

~ Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Game ~ Friday, June 16, 2017



"Take me out to the ball game..." Scheduled is a bus trip to Toledo, Ohio to see a **Toledo Mud Hens** baseball game. The cost includes bus, dinner at **Tony Packo's** (original location) and ball game ticket. Cost is \$55 per person (DIAC member(s)) and \$75 for a non-member. The bus departs at 3:30 p.m. from the parking lot of the **Bentley Banquet Center, 646 Biddle, Wyandotte, MI.** This was a great success last year.

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

For My Dad

You are my Dad
Who is loving and kind.
You often know
What I have on my mind.
You listen, suggest, and
Sometimes defend.
My Dad, you are one
Of my very best friend!

You are proud of my triumphs,
And when I need you most,
You are helpful and strong
But my Dad you don't boast.

In all that you do, Dad
Love plays a part.
There's always a place for
You in my heart.

And as each year passes,
I'm even more glad,
More grateful and proud
Just to call you My Dad!

Happy Father's Day!

Golf Outing – Saturday, July 8, 2017



Tony Pietrangelo is organizing a golf outing for club members and their friends.

The outing will be at **Wyandotte Shores Golf Course, 3624 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192,** (734)324-7270.

The T-time is at 10:00 AM, on Saturday, July 8, 2017. Everyone pays their own green fees and whatever you want at the turn. Club members will be reimbursed \$10.00. Advise the person at the desk that you are with the Downriver Italian-American Club.

Make your reservation by contacting **Tony Pietrangelo** at (734) 771-4660, no later than a week before. This is also open to the women and your friends.

This will be a great opportunity to show your golf skills

Diamond Jack Boat Ride in July



The good news is – the Club has chartered the **Diamond Jack Boat** for our summer boat ride. A big thanks to **Tony Lumia**. The date is **Tuesday, July 25, 2017**. The boat departs the **Wyandotte Bishop Park dock at 3:00 p.m. and will return at 5:00 p.m.** The boat will be heading south, toward Bob-Lo Island. The cost per person is \$15.00. You will be paying at the boat dock as you enter. Cash or check made out to: **Downriver Italian American Club** is acceptable.

Immediately after the ride, there will be a meal at the **Bentley Conference Center, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI**. For Club members attending the boat ride, their meal will be subsidized by the club. Non-members (and club members who did not ride the boat), the cost of their meal is \$10.00.

This event is open to your family and friends. The more people the better.

For additional information, contact **Tony Lumia** at (313)565-0671.

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, 14300 Sibley Road, in Riverview, MI**. The event is from 12:00 noon till 6:00 p.m.

The chairpersons are **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo**, with help from the membership. This event has always been a great success. Bocce ball will be played near the pavilion. If you have a game you'd like to play, bring them along. The meal is prepared on site by **Chef Joseph J. Pagano**. See attached flyer for further information.

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. The club newsletter can also be mailed to you via your email address.

Sick and Good Will



Get Well Wishes to the members who are not feeling well: **Johnny Mitra, Sadie Kusic**. Get Well Wishes to **Joyce Pietrangelo** who is recovering from a sprained ankle.

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

Condolences to the family of **Vivian Cacioppo**, on the death of her husband, **Joseph (Joe) Cacioppo**, who passed away on May 3, 2017, at the age of 77. Vivian and Joe joined our club in November, 1973. They both active in the Club during the Italian Festivals at Wyandotte Yack Arena. Joe became ill while vacationing in Florida. We will miss Joe Cacioppo. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Stanley (Ted) Brockway**, on the death of his wife, **Lena Brockway**, who passed away on May 14, 2017, at the age of 84. Ted and Lena joined our club in December, 1980. They were very active in our club, attended many events, luncheons and meetings. The news of Lena passing away came very unexpected. We will miss Lena Brockway.

Condolences to brother-in-law, **Jim Jenson** and nephew **Donald Jenson**. May she rest in peace.

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

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.

- Sam and Nancy Cosentino (6/01) 60th*
- Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/02) 55th*
- Matteo and Diana Giaimo (6/04)*
- Jim and Juliann Bademian (6/06)*
- Vincenzo and Ciccina Vitale (6/08)*
- Benjamin and Lore Tallerico (6/11)*
- Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16) 50th*
- Johnny and Joyce Mitra (6/18)*
- Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)*
- Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (6/19)*
- Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)*
- Nick and Karen Caputo (7/01)*
- Frank and Liliana Giannotti (7/06)*
- Nino and Gianna Trupiano (7/09)*
- Angelo and Jeanette Schiraldi (7/16)*
- Robert and Linda Carrier (7/17)*
- Sam and Darlene Randazzo (7/24)*
- Nino and Fara Vitale (7/24)*
- Joe and Vita Alastra (7/27)*

Joe and Joanne Cuva (7/27)
Steve and Sylvia Vitale (7/30)
Randy and Paula Rice (8/04)
Anthony and Allison Vitale (8/08)
Joe and Paola Ventimiglia (8/12)
Daniel and Rose Boileau (8/16)
Charlie and Leslie Lupo (8/16)
Arnaldo and Elda Fracassa (8/27)
Tony and Joyce Pietrangelo (8/27)
Paul and Mary Clark (8/28)



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>Joe Cuva (6/01)</i>	<i>Damiano Vitale (7/13)</i>
<i>Randall Rice (6/03)</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Caruso (7/15)</i>
<i>Vito A. Trupiano (6/03)</i>	<i>Cindy Dingell (7/16)</i>
<i>Allison Vitale (6/06)</i>	<i>Leslie Lupo (7/18)</i>
<i>Dennis Patton, Sr. (6/10)</i>	<i>Helen Srynaiwsky (7/21)</i>
<i>Anna Finazzo (6/13)</i>	<i>Nina Palazzolo (7/25)</i>
<i>Stella Marzano (6/13)</i>	<i>Sam Pizzo (7/30)</i>
<i>Susie Coch (6/14)</i>	<i>Joe Badalamenti (8/03)</i>
<i>Sarah Eaton (6/15)</i>	<i>Don Kerr (8/04)</i>
<i>Liliana Giannotti (6/17)</i>	<i>Joe J. Giammalva (8/05)</i>
<i>Arnaldo Fracassa (6/18)</i>	<i>Margaret Vitale (8/05)</i>
<i>Paola Hillebrand (6/19)</i>	<i>Robert Carrier (8/07)</i>
<i>Alex Cellini (6/24)</i>	<i>Gaetano Randazzo (8/10)</i>
<i>Paula Rice (6/24)</i>	<i>Maria Horvath (0/12)</i>
<i>Pina Milewski (6/27)</i>	<i>Rose Zahara (8/12)</i>
<i>Connie Becker (7/01)</i>	<i>Sharon Pagano (8/14)</i>
<i>Laurie Randazzo (7/06)</i>	<i>Tony Pietrangelo (8/14)</i>
<i>Mimi Kerr (7/07)</i>	<i>Josie Badalamenti (8/15)</i>
<i>Vince Vitale (Mary St) (7/07)</i>	<i>Barbara Bianchi (8/17)</i>
<i>Enrico Ciotti (7/10)</i>	<i>Jennifer Vitale (8/18)</i>
<i>Maria Johnson (7/10)</i>	<i>Jim Bommarito (8/22)</i>
<i>Tony Lumia (7/10)</i>	<i>Grace Lewis (8/22)</i>
<i>James Bely (7/11)</i>	<i>Nancy Capezza (8/23)</i>
<i>Maryann Graziani (7/12)</i>	<i>Emalie Shifflett (8/25)</i>
<i>Elda Fracassa (7/13)</i>	

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Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

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 Membership Meeting**
 Call Sam Randazzo

July 8, 2017 **Club Golf Outing**
 Tony Pietrangelo

July 12, 2017 **Greektown Casino Trip**
 Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831

July 19, 2017 **Club Summer Social Luncheon**
 Call Sam Randazzo

July 25, 2017 **Diamond Jack Boat Ride**
 Tony Lumia

Aug. 9, 2017 **Greektown Casino Trip**
 Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831

Aug. 13, 2017 **Club Picnic**
 Randazzos, Pattons, Pizzos

Aug. 16, 2017 **Club Summer Social Luncheon**
 Call Sam Randazzo

Sept. 13, 2017 **Greektown Casino Trip**
 Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831

Oct. 9, 2017 **Columbus Day Dinner**
 Charles and Leslie Lupo

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Membership Picnic Party

Sunday – Aug. 13, 2017



WHERE: Young Patriots Park, Sibley Rd, (West of Fort Street) – Riverview, MI

TIME: 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

PRICE: Adults: \$10.00

Children over 18: \$15.00

Guest of Member: \$15.00



WHO: Club Members, their Family and their Friends.

----- FOOD ----- MUSIC?-----BEVERAGE ----- GAMES -----

Meal: Steak or Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Bread/Roll, Beverage, Watermelon, Dessert.

The meal is prepared on site by **Chef Joseph J. Pagano**.

Volunteers needed to bring dessert - would be appreciated. **Call Grace Pizzo, 734-379-9491**

Bocce tournament, horseshoe and other summer games allowed - bring them with you.

If you are planning on attending - please return the bottom coupon as soon as possible, but **no later than Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017**. Please enclose your check or money order, payable to: Downriver Italian-American Club. It is important to get an accurate head count so there will be food for everyone. Paper dishes, paper cups, plastic knives and forks will be provided. (You may bring your own silverware and settings). **Please indicate your food choice on the return coupon.**

The picnic is chaired by: **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo**. Mail the coupon below, along with your check to:

Grace Pizzo
32050 Liparota Drive
Rockwood, MI 48173-8618
 Phone: (734) 379-9491

Board Members will be helping.
 Thank you for your promptness.
Dennis, Alice, Sam, Grace,
Sam and Darlene.



I/We will be attending the D.I.A.C. Annual Picnic, on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2017.

Coupon must be received **no later than Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017**.

NAME: _____ # Steak _____ # Chicken _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Number of Adults (\$10.00): _____ Children over 18 (\$15.00): _____ Guest (\$15.00): _____

A check or money order in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

