



46th Year, 1971-2017



The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

November 2017 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting . Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017 – 6:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus

Happy Thanksgiving – Nov. 23, 2017

Message from the President



November is the month that we are all reminded of the many great things that we are thankful for. The last Thursday is traditionally reserved for the great family feast but we should always thank God for the blessings He showers upon us. My hope is that this Club is a blessing to all of our members. Life is too short to pass by opportunities to enjoy time with friends and family. Make it a priority to take part in some or all the wonderful events that the **Social Committee** plans. It's encouraging to see how fast these events are filling up. "**Sister Act**" and "**Genitti's Hole in the Wall**" are completely full.

A big thank you to **Charlie and Leslie Lupu** for chairing the **Columbus Day Celebration**. Everything was terrific! I hope we can make this an annual event.

We have scheduled our monthly meeting for Sunday evening, November 19 at 6:00 PM at the **Knights of Columbus** in Wyandotte. Pizza and salad will be served after the meeting and a cash bar will be available. If you can't make our afternoon meetings, this is an opportunity to take part in the business of our club. We value everyone's opinion and this is our last meeting for 2017. I hope to see you there.

Lode Dio per la dolce vita.

Sam Randazzo – Club President

Evening Mtg./Snack @ K of C



There will be an **EVENING** General Membership meeting in November. Pizza, salad and beverage is provided immediately follow the membership meeting on **Sunday, November 19, at 6:00**

p.m., at The Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192.

There is no cost for the meal, but you must make your reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463, no later than **Wednesday, November 15.**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Our Father, fill our hearts, we pray,
With gratitude Thanksgiving Day;
For food and raiment Thou dost give,
That we in comfort here may live!



~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The upcoming **Greektown Casino** trips are on **Wednesday, Nov. 8th** and **Wednesday, Dec. 13th**. The pickup/drop off points are: **Meijer's (Southgate) parking lot (@12:50 p.m.); Meijer's (Lincoln Park) parking lot (@1:10 p.m.)**. The bus departs from the casino at 7:00 p.m. Call **Indian Trails** at (800) 292-3831 and let them know where you want to be picked up. You must now use a credit card to make your reservation. The Club is subsidizing part of the cost. Future trips are set for the 2nd Wednesday of each month.



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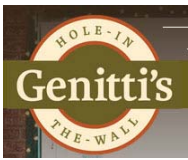
Memorial Mass - Nov. 12th



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is **Sunday, November 12, 2017** at **St. Vincent Pallotte** (formerly **St. Joseph Catholic Church**), located at 334 Elm Street (Between 3rd and 4th Street) in Wyandotte, MI 48192.

Details are found in the October newsletter. You need to return the coupon for your reservation. This event is open to members, their families, and friends. The event is chaired by **Florence Coleman (734)281-7126**.

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall – Nov. 30th



The **Social Committee** has chosen an event for our membership, at **Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall** on **Thursday, November 30, 2017**. This includes a bus trip, luncheon and a hilarious

interactive comedy show. The bus leaves **The Bentley Banquet Center** parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The club will subsidize part of the cost for members only. Details found in the October newsletter. Return the completed coupon (**no later than November 1, 2017**), to **Grace Pizzo** asap so that a headcount can be established.

Christmas Party – Dec. 17th



This year's **Christmas Party** will take place on **Sunday, December 17, 2017**. Chairpersons are **Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice, and Julie Bademian**, with the help from the other Social Committee members. Live entertainment by **The 3-Swing Band**. The location is **Silver Shores Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Dr. Wyandotte MI 48192** (behind Wyandotte Hospital).

You may purchase individual tickets with open seating. The deadline is **Friday, Dec. 1, 2017**. Show up early for good table location. The event is open to member's family and their friends. See attached flyer.

New Year's Eve Party at The Bentley



The **Bentley Banquet and Conference Center** is hosting a **New Year's Eve - Legends Live Show** on **Sunday, December 31, 2017**. Tickets can be purchased from **Leslie Lupo (734) 282-1257** or at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave.,**

Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 285-4044. This is a non-club sponsored event. Please advise your family and friends.

Complete with dinner, beer, wine & champagne toast, complimentary valet & coat check, and featuring tributes to **George Michaels, Trisha Yearwood, Trill Group, Blake Shelton and Bobby Vinton**.

Tickets are \$85.00 per person. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m. and the featured show starting at 8:30 p.m. See attached flyer for further information.

Crisis Pregnancy Center Drive



The **Crisis Pregnancy Center, Lincoln Park, MI**, is an independent, non-political, non-sectarian organization that provides a vast array of

services for women, regardless of marital status, age, race, or religion. They offer free pregnancy tests, counseling, referrals for medical care, resources for: further education, housing, community assistance, financial assistance, legal assistance, childbirth classes. The center also offers referrals for foster home care and adoption information, prenatal and postnatal guidance, assistance with career planning.

From their flyer: *"You and your baby are important, valuable human beings with basic rights and individual needs. We care about you. We know you are facing perhaps the greatest personal crisis of your life. You don't have to face it alone."*

Women who have made their decision to keep their babies reach out to the center and the center provides maternity clothes, baby clothes, diapers, formula, some baby furniture, and equipment.

These are some of the things that the center needs at the current time. If you would like to contribute, please bring your items or cash contribution to the November membership meeting (Nov. 19, 2017) or the Christmas Party (Dec. 17, 2017).

- Diapers – Need Newborn size or sizes 4, 5, or 6 (do not need sizes 2-3 right now)
- Enfamil Formula – **Infant** (not Newborn) – **Yellow Can**, for ages 0-12 months
- Baby Clothes (new or gently used) – Sizes 2T, 3T, or 4T are needed now
- New Baby Bottles – any brand or size
- Maternity Clothes (new or gently used)
- Infant Nail Clipper Kits (usually have comb & brush, also)
- Items for Moms or Dads (toiletries, shaving cream, other nice little extras)
- New flashlights

Thank you so much for considering this community outreach program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, **Darlene Randazzo, 734-676-8463**



Sick and Good Will



Get Well Wishes to our members who were not in their best health: **Tony Lumia, Tony Pietrangelo, Sarah (Sonny) Eaton, Florence Coleman, Ted Brockway and Maryjane Grazioli.**

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

Condolences to the family of **Don and Mimi Kerr**, on the death of Mimi’s mother, **Louise Rinna**, who passed away on October 5, 2017, at the age of 102. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Enrico Ciotti**, who passed away on July 9, 2017, at the age of 80. Enrico became a club member on September 15, 1996, and has been a continuous member since. May he rest in peace.

If you would like to be on our email list for notifications of deceased members, please email **Frank Giannotti** at frankgiannotti@comcast.net

Our thoughts and prayers to our members and their families, who may be under the weather, having tests, getting treatments or surgeries. Also, special blessings to all of our many caretakers of ailing family members. May God bless you all.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

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| <i>Dolly Chirco (11/1)</i> | <i>Joanne Cuva (11/12)</i> |
| <i>Mary Lavine (11/1)</i> | <i>Robert Coch (11/16)</i> |
| <i>Sam Palamara (11/1)</i> | <i>Jacqueline Jagiello (11/19)</i> |
| <i>Marco Vitale (11/1)</i> | <i>Elizabeth Shannon (11/21)</i> |
| <i>Angelina Carlone (11/2)</i> | <i>Angelo Schiraldi (11/22)</i> |
| <i>James Shannon (11/3)</i> | <i>Lore Tallerico (11/24)</i> |
| <i>Marilyn Bomarito (11/7)</i> | <i>MaryJane Grazioli (11/27)</i> |
| <i>Cora Muffi (11/7)</i> | <i>Piera Vitale (11/27)</i> |
| <i>Emilia Gonella (11/9)</i> | <i>Mary Clark (11/28)</i> |
| <i>Angelo Norscia (11/11)</i> | |

Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



month.

We wish to extend our Best Wishes for the many Happy and Healthy years together, to our members who are celebrating their **Anniversary** this

- Marco and Theresa Talluto (11/3)*
Norman and Colleen Tabaka (11/7)
Guy A. and Maria Vitale (11/10)
Robert and Susie Coch (11/21)
Joseph and Sharon Pagano (11/22)
Frank and Nina Liberati (11/25)
Bruce and Valarie Yinger (11/28)

A Thanksgiving Blessing

THANKSGIVING is giving thanks for all that is necessary and dear to us – food, clothing, shelter, family, friends, beauties of nature, a profession in which we can be of service to our friends and a free country where we can worship God as we please.

THANKSGIVING is the delight we feel in a baby’s grasp as he clings to an outstretched finger; the tender look in his mother’s eyes as she watches him.

THANKSGIVING is the joy of a family outing in one of God’s beauty spots; helping small children to appreciate beauties of nature in sea, mountain or forest. It is also the spreading of food prepared by loving hands and enjoyed because of healthy appetites and grateful hearts.

THANKSGIVING is gratitude for neighbors who lovingly come to our aid in time of trouble or sorrow and who join with us in rejoicing in our happier moments.

THANKSGIVING is saying a big “thank you” to God for all favors He has given us.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Nov. 8, 2017,** **Greektown Casino Trip**
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Nov. 12, 2017,** **DIAC Memorial Mass**
Florence Sclafani-Coleman
- Nov. 19, 2017,** **Evening GM Meeting @ K of C**
6:00 PM, call Sam Randazzo
- Nov. 30, 2017,** **Genitti’s Hole-in-the-Wall**
Grace Pizzo.
- Dec. 13, 2017,** **Greektown Casino Trip**
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Dec. 17, 2017,** **Club Christmas Party**
Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice
- Jan. 24, 2018,** **Nana’s Naughty Knickers**
Grace Pizzo.

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DIAC Christmas Party

Silver Shores Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Dr. Wyandotte, MI 48192-4690, 734-246-4800

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.

Buffet Style Dinner at 4:30 p.m.

The 3-Swing Band at 6:00 p.m.



Main Entrées:
 Michigan Cherry Salad
 Homemade Rolls and Butter
 Cheese Tortellini with Alfredo Sauce
 Pot Roast with Root Vegetables
 Apple Bacon Walnut Stuffed Chicken
 Red Skin Roasted Potatoes
 Roasted Carrots with Pineapple Sauce

Dessert:
 Specialty Dessert

Beverages:
 Coffee, Tea, Soda, Beer and Wine

Invitation includes Family and Friends

\$22.00 per Member, \$28.00 per Non-Member, (16 years and Older)

Door Prizes & Raffle. Deadline: Friday, December 1, 2017

Tickets must be paid at time of reservation:

Make check or money order payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**

Mail to: Grace Pizzo

32050 Liparoto Drive

Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

For further information call: Grace Pizzo at (734) 379-9491

Julie Bademian at (313) 388-2264 Paula Rice at (734) 285-8516



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(We) will be attending the DIAC 2017 Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17, 2017.
This coupon and payment must be received no later than Friday, December 1, 2017.

Name: _____ Number of People Attending: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**.

Mail this form and check to Grace Pizzo ♣ 32050 Liparoto Drive ♣ Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

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NEW YEAR'S EVE



LEGEND LIVE

George Michael

Trisha Yearwood

A Tribute to Motown

The Thrill Group

Blake Shelton

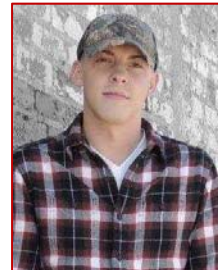
Bobby Vinton



2018



Sunday - December 31, 2017



**TICKETS \$85 — INCLUDES DINNER, BEER, WINE, & CHAMPAGNE TOAST
COMPLIMENTARY VALET & COAT CHECK**

Doors open 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 PM | Show 8:30 PM

FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL - LESLIE LUPO 734-282-1257 - THE BENTLEY 734-285-4044

WWW.BENTLEYBANQUET.COM

646 BIDDLE AVENUE, WYANDOTTE, MI 48192

The Bentley Banquet & Conference Center