



47th Year, 1971-2018

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

January 2018 Newsletter
Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018 – 1:00 p.m., Magdaleno Ristorante
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley



Happy New Year! – Felice Anno Nuovo!



2017-2018 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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It's a New Year

*May your New Year be the best you've ever had,
and may you have many more New Years
that are even better!*

A Safe, Prosperous and a Happy 2018

Message from the President



Saying goodbye to 2017 isn't going to be easy for me. I don't want to be any older, but it certainly beats the alternative. Plus, it was a good year for me health-wise. Being President didn't raise my blood pressure, and it was a very enjoyable experience. I'm looking forward to the next year. I believe the Club will have a lot of fun.

The **Christmas Party** was tremendous! The **Social Committee** did an outstanding job with the menu, decorations, raffle prizes and entertainment. If you couldn't attend the last one, you'll want to be at the next. They are planning to outdo themselves once more.

New Years is a time for resolutions and new beginnings. As a Club, my hope is that we can continue to grow and engage new and old members. The elections at the end of the year will give us an opportunity to put fresh faces on the Board with new ideas going forward. I would like to work and being more charitable in the Downriver community. We are a blessed people! We can share those blessing with so many who are in need.

Our first lunch and membership meeting is January 17. We have a lot to discuss. Make it if you can.

I hope all of us have a Safe, Prosperous and a Happy 2018.

Baby, fa freddo fuori

Sam Randazzo – Club President

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 12:00 noon**, at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. This location is the former club building.

The cost of the luncheon is \$9.00 per person. Make your lunch reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463, no later than **one week before**.

2018 Club Membership Dues



Your 2018 membership dues are now payable. 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 A. Giannotti
14823 Williamsburg Blvd.
Riverview, MI 48193-7703.

The deadline for dues is **March 31, 2018**. 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 is included in this newsletter.

Your dues receipt will be mailed in the upcoming newsletter.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

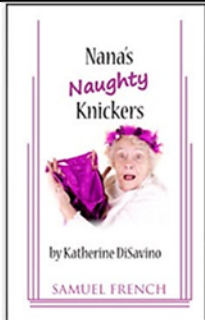
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~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The upcoming **Greektown Casino** trips are on **Wednesday, Jan. 10th** and **Wednesday, Feb. 14th**. 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. Trips are set for the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Nana's Naughty Knickers - Jan 24th



The **Social Committee** has chosen another excellent event for our membership; **Nana's Naughty Knickers at Meadow Brook Theatre, 378 Meadow Brook Rd., Rochester, MI 48309 on Wednesday, January 24, 2018.** This includes a bus trip, a buffet luncheon at **King's Court Castle Grille** and a hilarious fun-filled

comedy show that will leave the audience in stitches. For details, see flyer in the December 2017 newsletter. The bus leaves **The Bentley Banquet Center** parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and returns at 6:00 p.m. The club will subsidize part of the cost for members only. Price is \$55.00 for Members and \$78.00 for Non-members. Send the completed coupon and your check, payable to **Custom Holidays, to Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparoto Dr., Rockwood, MI, 48173-8618.** Your reservation must be received no later than December 15, 2017, or until the trip is sold out. For further information, call **Grace Pizzo** at (734)379-9491 or **Alice Patton** at (734)697-7902

Honky Tonk Angels - Feb. 4, 2018



The **Social Committee** has chosen another excellent event for our membership; at the **Catherine A. Daly - The Avenue Theatre, 2656 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI on Sunday, February 4, 2018.**

The program starts with a luncheon at **Carrabba's Italian Grill, 14805 Dix-Toledo Rd, Southgate, MI 48195,** at 12:00 Noon. You select one of the 4 meals selection (see flyer). Tickets are \$22.50 per member and \$32.50 per non-member. Those wanting only to watch the play, the cost is \$11.00 per person.

The musical comedy (starting at 3:00 PM) is titled **"Honky Tonk Angels."** Arrive at the location no later than 2:30 p.m. to pick up your tickets. There are limited tickets; please call and reserve yours

See the attached flyer for meal selection, cost and time. Call **Paula Rice** at (734)285-8516 to make your reservation. Send your lunch selection and payment to: **Paula Rice, 11310 Morningview, Southgate, MI 48195**

Valentine Legend's Live at the Bentley



The **Bentley Banquet and Conference Center** is hosting a **Valentine's Day - Legends Live Show on Saturday, February 10, 2018.** 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. Club member(s) shall call **Leslie Lupo** to obtain tickets and for verifying your membership.

Complete with Appetizers, Dinner, Beer and Wine. Featuring tributes to **Rod Stewart, Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, and Dean Martin.**

The Club is subsidizing part of the ticket cost to club members only. Tickets are \$45.00 per member, \$65.00 for the public. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the featured show starting at 8:00 p.m. See attached flyer for further information.

The Bentley website is: www.Bentleybanquet.com.

Easter Sunday Brunch at the Bentley



The **Bentley Banquet and Conference Center** is hosting an **Easter Sunday Brunch on Sunday, April 1, 2018.** 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.

There are three (3) seating times: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Specify your seating time at reservation.

A flyer will appear in a future newsletter.

The Bentley website is: www.Bentleybanquet.com.

New Consulate in Detroit



Detroit has a new Italian Consulate, **Maria Manca.** Her term started on March 17, 2017. The territory includes **Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.**

The office address is: 535 Griswold, Buhl Bldg. Suite 1840, Detroit, MI 48226. Tel.: (313)963-8560. Email: www.consdetroit.esteri.it

Their office can process dual-citizenship, Italian passports, and other Italian documents.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Sick and Good Will



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.

Get Well Wishes to our members who recently have (or have had) health issues: **Sylvia Vitale, Shirley Cavataio, Sadie Kusic, Emma Checchio, and Lena Menna.**

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

Condolences to the family of **Grace J. Badalamente**, who passed away on December 10, 2017, at the age of 82. Grace was a long-time member of the Club, since April, 1978. She was very active in the club in the early years and has been a continuous member since. May she rest in peace.

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

It is customary to honor the loss of DIAC members by displaying the Downriver Italian-American Club flag and provide a floral procession during the family funeral home visitation. Club members are encouraged to attend. Please contact club president **Sam Randazzo** at **(734)676-8463** with at least a two-day notice, if possible.

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>Nancy Cosentino (1/1)</i> | <i>Susan Herbert (1/14)</i> |
| <i>Anthony V. Vitale (1/2)</i> | <i>Grace Pizzo (1/16)</i> |
| <i>Emma Checchio (1/4)</i> | <i>Rose Pagano (1/20)</i> |
| <i>Pat Mastrogiacomo (1/4)</i> | <i>Mark Grazioli (1/22)</i> |
| <i>Gianna Trupiano (1/4)</i> | <i>Sam Randazzo (1/22)</i> |
| <i>Frank Giannotti (1/5)</i> | <i>Joyce Pietrangelo (1/23)</i> |
| <i>Miriam Lumia (1/6)</i> | <i>Alice Patton (1/26)</i> |
| <i>Nino Vitale (1/6)</i> | <i>Nino Trupiano (1/28)</i> |
| <i>Lilla Vitale (1/13)</i> | <i>Larry Simone (1/30)</i> |

Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



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

Vincenzo and Lilla Vitale (1/4)

DIAC Honorary Member's List

Below are names of club members who have attained 25 years of continued members and are classified as Honorary Members. As such, they no longer pay their membership dues. New members for 2018 are shown in bold letter.

- Joseph J. Agrusa (09/79)*
- Giuseppe & Vita Alastra (04/90)*
- Grace Asteriou (02/73)*
- Giuseppe and Josephine Badalamenti (09/92)*
- Pauline Barraco (06/74)*
- Barbara Bianchi (01/76)*
- James and Shirley Bommarito (02/79)*
- Joseph Bozzo (04/90)*
- Ted Brockway (12/80)*
- Vivian Cacioppo (11/73)*
- Nancy Capezza (02/81)*
- Angelina Carlone (12/80)*
- Robert and Linda Carrier (01/93, 07/80)***
- Dolly Chirco (04/74)*
- Robert and Susie Coch (03/93)***
- Florence Coleman (02/73)*
- Sam and Nancy Cosentino (02/81)*
- Mary Cottone (03/76)*
- Sal and Nancy DiPasquale (07/71)*
- Betty Jean Ferraiuolo (04/90)*
- John and Anna Finazzo (10/86)*
- Arnaldo and Elda Fracassa (03/75)*
- Rose Gaglio (11/85)*
- Giorlando Giammalva (01/91)*
- Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (06/75)*
- Frank and Liliana Giannotti (03/80)*
- Emilia Gonella (02/81)*
- Mark and Mary Jane Grazioli (11/83)*
- Martha Guastella (03/79)*
- Maria Horvath (04/90)*
- Robert and Jacqueline Jagiello (01/93, 04/87)***
- Rocky Kaune (12/72)*
- Josie Klube (05/73)*
- Grace Lewis (03/81)*
- Charlie and Leslie Lupo (07/73)*
- Rose Lupo (11/72)*
- Sue Lupo (02/76)*
- Joan Luzac (03/79)*
- Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (09/86)*
- Vivian Martino (04/86)*
- Stella Marzano (02/75)*
- Lena Menna 07/71)*
- Cora Muffi (04/86)*
- Rose Pagano 07/71)*
- Sam A Palamara (10/91)*
- Angela M Palazzolo (06/76)*
- Josephine Palazzolo (01/92)*
- Mike and Nina Palazzolo (04/90)*



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Vivian Palazzolo (05/72)
 John and Diana Parisi (12/91)
 Tony Pietrangelo (07/71)
 Sam and Grace Pizzo (02/73)
 Fannie Randazzo (05/79)
 Gaetano and Laurie Randazzo (06/78)
Sam and Darlene Randazzo (05/93)
 Randall and Paula Rice (02/81)
 Anthony Sclafani (01/81)
 Catherine Sclafani (02/73)
 Rosalie Shinkus (05/90)
 Giacinto and Theresa Simone (12/76)
 Joseph and Nicolina Susin (11/72)
 Marco and Theresa Talluto (01/91)
 Nino and Gianna Trupiano (01/74)
 Angela Vassallo (03/88)
 Joe and Paola Ventimiglia (02/91)
 Anthony J and Robyn Vitale (02/87, 01/92)
Gaetano A. Vitale (06/93)
Guy A. Vitale (01/93)
 Nino and Fara Vitale (04/90)
 Benedetta Vitale (05/91)
 Damiano and Piera Vitale (04/90)
 Marco Vitale (05/90)
 Margaret Vitale (01/88)
 Rose Vitale (10/72)
 Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (12/91)
 Vincenzo and Francesca Vitale (02/91)
 Vincenzo and Lilla Vitale (06/90)
 Leonard and Rose Zerilli (12/73)
112 Honorary Members thru 2018
There are 4 New Honorary Members for 2019

DIAC 2018 Honorary Members



The following Club members have attained twenty-five (25) consecutive years in the Downriver Italian-American Club and are eligible for the position of "Honorary Member." In accordance with the By-Laws, Article I-Membership, Section 2-C, such member(s) shall have all the rights enjoyed by a Regular Member but shall not pay dues.

The following members, in good-standing since 1993, qualify to the status of "Honorary Member."

- Robert Carrier (01/93)**
- Robert and Susie Coch (03/93)**
- Robert Jagiello (01/93)**
- Sam and Darlene Randazzo (05/93)**
- Gaetano A. Vitale (06/93)**
- Guy A. Vitale (01/93)**



A New Year Poem
*If it didn't bring you joy
 just leave it behind
 Let's ring in the new year
 with good things in mind.*

*Let every bad memory
 that brought heartache and pain.
 And let's turn a new leaf
 with the smell of new rain.*

*Let's forget past mistakes
 making amends for this year
 Sending you these greetings
 to bring you hope and cheer*

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Jan. 24, 2018,** **Nana's Naughty Knickers**
Grace Pizzo, Alice Patton.
- Jan. 10, 2018,** **Greektown Casino Trip**
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Feb. 4, 2018,** **Honky Tonk Angels**
Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice.
- Feb. 10, 2018,** **Valentine's Day Legend Live**
Leslie Lupo, The Bentley
- Feb. 14, 2018,** **Greektown Casino Trip**
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Mar. 14, 2018,** **Greektown Casino Trip**
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Mar. 18, 2018,** **St. Joseph Celebration**
Sam and Darlene Randazzo.
- Apr. 1, 2018,** **Easter Day Brunch**
Leslie Lupo, The Bentley
- May 13, 2018,** **Mother's Day Brunch**
Leslie Lupo, The Bentley

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The Bentley Banquet & Conference Center

Valentine's Day Dinner

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

ENTERTAINMENT BY:

LEGENDS LIVE

ROD STEWART

ELVIS

DOLLY PARTON

DEAN MARTIN

MENU

DOMESTIC CHEESE & CRACKER DISPLAY

VEGETABLE CRUDITE WITH RANCH

MICHIGAN SALAD

CHEESE TORTELLINI WITH MARINARA

GARLIC ROASTED RED SKIN POTATOES

ROASTED VEGETABLE MEDLEY

BRAISED BEEF WITH BEEF JU

ATLANTIC SALMON WITH LEMON

BEURRE BLANC

LIME CILANTRO CHARRED CHICKEN

SELECTION OF GOURMET CHEESECAKE

TICKETS:

\$45.00 - CLUB MEMBER

\$65.00 - PUBLIC

APPETIZERS, DINNER, BEER AND WINE

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

DINNER AT 6:30PM

SHOW AT 8:00PM



FOR RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

LESLIE LUPO 734-282-1257

THE BENTLEY 734-285-4044

WWW.BENTLEYBANQUET.COM

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Lunch – 12:00 Noon / Play – 3:00 PM



14805 Dix Toledo Rd, Southgate, MI 48195

Select one: All entrees served with choice of Caesar salad or a cup of soup, fresh bread with herb mix and olive oil an alcohol-free beverage and mini cannoli

Cavatappi Carrabba-Cavatappi pasta in alfredo sauce with wood-grilled chicken, sautéed mushrooms and peas.

Prosciutto-Wrapped Pork Tenderloin-Medallions wrapped in prosciutto, wood-grilled and topped with our port win fig sauce

Spaghetti-Topped with Pomodoro sauce, bolognese meat sauce or meatballs

Mezzaluna-Half-moon ravioli with chicken, ricotta, romano and spinach in our tomato cream sauces.

Tickets:

\$22.50 Lunch & Play (DIAC Members-Cash Bar-cocktails

\$32.50 Lunch & Play (Non-Members-Cash Bar-cocktails

\$11 Play Only-(No discounts on play only)



Catherine A. Daly Theatre on the Avenue
2656 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI

Send your lunch selection and payment to: Paula Rice 11310 Morningview,
Southgate - (734)-285-8516 for questions.