



47th Year, 1971-2018

# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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## \*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*

April 2018 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting ..... Monday, Apr. 9, 2018 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
General Membership Meeting ..... Wednesday, Apr. 18, 2018 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley



## Happy Easter, Buona Pasqua – April 1st



### 2017-2018 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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GO MICHIGAN THIS IS YOUR YEAR!

### Message from the President



I love the month of April in Michigan. Easter, baseball, green grass. It seems like everything is starting all over. Plus, Lent is over and I can get back to eating sweets and pizza which keep me fat and happy!

I was (really) impressed with the **St. Joseph Day Dinner** this year. It had been four years since the last time we celebrated and, the team did a spectacular job in preparing the altar with all the saints, bagging the bread and oranges as well as all the cookies that were donated. **Chef Ben Palazzolo** at **Silvershores** did a great job recreating the Club recipe while adding his own signature to the dish. What a plate of pasta!

Ninety-one (91) people attended and \$1,500 will be donated to charity this year. Thank you all for your generosity and participation!

I'm looking forward to our club trip to **Kentucky** to visit **Noah's Ark** and the **Creation Museum**. Should be a fun overnight trip for the twenty-two (22) of us. Maybe the bus driver will provide Italian music for the trip. If not, we could have a sing-along. Now that I think about it that may not be a good idea...

I hope to see all of you at the next lunch and meeting on April 18. It's the best deal in town and how often do you get a chance to eat with your paisan?

*Buona Pasqua a tutti!*

**Sam Randazzo** –Club President



### Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 12:00 noon**, at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. This location is the former DIAC 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**.

### Ford Motor Factory Plant Tour



The **Ford Motor Factory Plant Tour** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**

At your own means of transportation, the Club group will gather at the **Henry Ford Museum** and will take the bus to the **Ford factory**. The parking fee is \$6.00 per vehicle.

After the tour, the group will go to **Buddy's Pizza**, at **22148 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI.**, for a pizza, salad, and beverage. There is cash bar for alcohol.

If you have already toured the factory, members may want to join the group for pizza only.

**Pricing: Factory Tour and Pizza** - \$20.00 for Club member, \$30.00 for non-member.  
**Factory Tour Only** - \$16.50 (Senior pricing).  
**Pizza Only** - \$12.00 (Club members only).

For further information, contact **Grace Pizzo** at (734)379-9491 or **Paula Rice** at (734)285-8516.

Send your reservation monies (made out to Downriver Italian-American Club, no later than May 18, 2018). Send to: **Grace Pizzo**, 32050 Liparoto Dr., Rockwood, MI 48173-8618.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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### ~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The upcoming **Greektown Casino** trips are on **Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Club will subsidize part of cost.

### A Taste of Italy – May 9, 2018



The **Downriver Italian-American Club** is planning its 12<sup>th</sup> "Taste of Italy" charitable event for the **Penrickton Center for Blind Children**, in Taylor Michigan. The events over the previous eleven (11) years have resulted in over **\$46,000** being donated to **Penrickton**. This year's event will be held on **Wednesday, May 9, 2018** at the **Bentley Banquet Center, 646 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI (formerly the Downriver Italian-American Hall)**.

As in the past years,

the "Taste" will feature donated samplings of food and drink from various restaurants and suppliers of Italian cuisine in the local area, Participation will be limited, and we would like to take this opportunity to invite you, your family and friends, to join us to help make this a huge success.

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 is contained in this newsletter.

### Rainbow April

April arrives,  
Rainbow April.  
Blessing us with soft showers,  
Warm misty rains, comforting carpets  
Of lush green grass.

April reminds us that blue skies  
Sunshine, laughter, and sweet  
Songs of Love  
Are sure to follow.  
Beautiful rainbow April.

Chava Kaye, April 2011



### Evening General Meeting



There will be an evening club general membership meeting on **Wednesday, June 20, 2018**. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm, with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm. You'll be reminded (again) in the June newsletter. The change will allow members who work during the day to attend.

### Congratulating New Club Members



Please welcome the following new Associate member who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club**: **Bettie Lou Machinsky** of Allen Park, MI, sponsored by **Ann Lepidi**.

Congratulations to the new Member.

### 10 Commandments of Love

- ❖ Put your spouse before your mother, your father, your son and your daughter; your mate is your lifelong companion.
- ❖ Don't abuse your body with excessive food, tobacco, drink or any foreign substance that goes in your arm or up your nose. Remember that cleanliness is a virtue.
- ❖ Willingly share all of your worldly good with your mate.
- ❖ Do not forget to say, "I love you." Your love may be constant, but your spouse needs to hear those words often.
- ❖ Remember the approval of your spouse is worth far more than the adoring glances of a hundred strangers; be true to him or her, and forsake all others.
- ❖ Permit neither your business nor your hobby to make you a stranger to your spouse. The most precious gift you can give is time.
- ❖ Keep your home in good repair because out of it comes the joys of old age.
- ❖ Forgive with grace, because who among us does not need to be forgiven?
- ❖ Honor the Lord, your God, every day and your children will grow up to bless you.
- ❖ Today, be a sweetheart. Call someone you love and say, "I love you." (Make two or three calls; who says you can't love more than one person.) Call someone who is lonely and say, "I'm thinking of you." Better yet, say, "I'll be over to take you to lunch, run some errands for you or give you a ride."

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- ❖ And visit a sick friend. Say a prayer. Donate blood. Adopt a pet. Will your eyes, kidneys, and all usable organs to someone who can use them after you're gone. Forgive an enemy. Hug your teen. Write a fan letter. Listen to a bore. Tell your parents you think they're wonderful. Quit smoking. Drive carefully...

### 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: **Sunny Eaton, Jim Bademian, Linda Kerr, and Vivian Palazzolo.**

Condolences to the family of **Anthony Sclafani** who passed away on March 26, 2018. Tony lived in Gainesville, GA. Tony and his late wife, **Sherran**, joined the Club in January 1981 and were very active. Condolences to his sister, **Sue Lupo**, to the **children and the many cousins**. May he rest in peace

Please contact **Grace Pizzo (734) 379-9491**, of any illness. If you would like to be on our email list for notification of a deceased member, please email **Frank Giannotti at [frankgiannotti@comcast.net](mailto:frankgiannotti@comcast.net)** or (734)283-7394.

### Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

<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>Mary Caparotta (4/9)</i>	<i>Theresa Herbert (4/30)</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 the many Happy and Healthy years together, to our members who are celebrating their **Anniversary**.

*Joseph and Nicolina Susin (4/23)*  
*John and Anna Finazzo (4/24)*  
*Vito and Jessica Trupiano (4/25)*  
*James and Shirley Bommarito (4/28)*  
*Patrick and Patricia Mastrogiacomo (4/28)*

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### Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Apr. 1, 2018, .....** **Easter Brunch at Bentley**  
The Bentley, (734)285-4044
- Apr. 10/11, 2018, ..** **Ark Encounter Bus Trip**  
Grace Pizzo (734)379-9491
- Apr. 11, 2018, .....** **Greektown Casino Trip**  
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- May 9, 2018, .....** **Taste of Italy**  
Tony Lumia (313)565-0671
- May 9, 2018, .....** **Greektown Casino Trip**  
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- May 23, 2018, .....** **Ford Rouge Plant/Lunch (Buddy's)**  
Social Committee
- June 13, 2018, .....** **Greektown Casino Trip**  
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- June 20, 2018, .....** **Evening GM Meeting, Silver Shore**  
Sam Randazzo, (734)676-8463
- June 28, 2018, .....** **Gilmore Car Museum/Firekeeper**  
Social Committee
- July 11, 2018, .....** **Greektown Casino Trip**  
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- July 25, 2018, .....** **Diamond Jack Boat Ride**  
Frank Giannotti, (734)283-7394
- Aug. 12, 2018, .....** **Club Picnic**  
Randazzo, Lumia, Patton, Pizzo
- Aug. 30, 2018, .....** **Nonsense A-Men Bus Trip**  
Social Committee
- Sept. 27, 2018, .....** **Frankenmuth Bus Trip**  
Social Committee
- Oct. 8, 2018, .....** **Columbus Day Dinner**  
Charles/Leslie Lupo, (734)282-1257

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# “A TASTE OF ITALY”



Wednesday, May 9, 2018

**BENTLEY BANQUET CENTER**  
(FORMERLY THE DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN HALL)

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