



47th Year, 1971-2018

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

May 2018 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2018 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting Thursday, May 17, 2018 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley



“A Taste of Italy” – Wed. May 9, 2018

Message from the President



The month of May looks to be a busy month for the Club. Our biggest fundraiser of the year, **A Taste of Italy**, is on May 9, 2018 and I'm looking forward to another good crowd to help us raise money for the **Penrickton Center for Blind Children**. Bring as many people as you can to support this cause and have a sample of some of the downriver's best cuisine.

The **Ark Encounter** was a tremendous overnight trip. Twenty-two (22) of us got to see firsthand the awesome boat and all the engineering feats that Noah and his family built (with God's help) and now has been replicated by man - very entertaining and educational. I recommend it to any family that is looking for a quick overnight trip.

Don't forget, the **May Luncheon and Membership meeting** has been moved to **Thursday, May 17, 2018** at **The Bentley**. Also, everyone should try to attend the **June 20, 2018 Evening Dinner and Meeting** at **Silver Shores Waterfront**. We had a great turnout last year and it gives everyone a chance to participate and give input into the Club. We will be voting on some By-law changes that night. We should have plenty of time to enjoy the riverfront, socialize and play some games after the meeting.

La primavera è nell'aria

Sam Randazzo – Club President

Luncheon @ The Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 12:00 noon**, at Bentley Center, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192. This is a

change from previous day of the week.

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. See flyer in this newsletter.

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.

~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The upcoming **Greektown Casino** trips are on **Wednesday, May 9th** and **Wednesday, June 13th**. The pickup/drop off points are: **Meijer's (Southgate)**



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NORTH AMERICA CAR OF THE YEAR!

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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 12th annual "A 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. See flyer contained in this newsletter.

Evening General Meeting



There will be an evening club general membership meeting on **Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at Silver Shores, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI.** Dinner will be at 6:00 pm, with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm. You will be reminded (again) in the June newsletter. This change will allow members who work during the day to attend.

Membership Picnic – Aug. 12, 2018

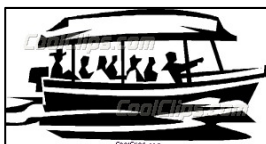


The Annual Club Picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 12, 2018.** The picnic location is at the **Young Patriots Park**, on Sibley Road, in Riverview, MI 48193.

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. The food is prepared

by **Chef Joe Pagano and Paul Benedict** (same as last year). Detailed information and flyer will appear in the June newsletter.

Diamond Jack Boat Ride in July



This year's **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** will be on **Wednesday, July 25, 2018.** The chairperson is **Frank Giannotti** (734)283-7394. The boat will be heading

south, toward Bob-Lo Island. The Club has chartered the boat for the trip. Family and friends are invited. Detailed information and flyer will appear in the June newsletter. Upon returning from the ride, the group will enjoy a meal at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192** (formerly the Downriver Italian-American Hall).

Congratulating New Club Members



Please welcome the following new members who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club:**

Sandra DiSanto of Lincoln Park, MI, sponsored by **Angela Vassallo.**

Peter and Jennifer (Mitra) Perniciaro of Westland, MI, sponsored by **Joyce Mitra.**

Gerald and Amelia (Valente) McGowan of Taylor, MI, sponsored by **Angie McCarty.**

Congratulations to the new Members.

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.

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: **Sam Cosentino, Maria Johnson and Theresa Herbert.**

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

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If you would like to be on our e-mail list for notification of a deceased member, please e-mail **Frank Giannotti** at 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 **BirthDay**.

<i>Rosalie Shimkus (5/1)</i>	<i>Rose Zerilli (5/21)</i>
<i>Vivian Palazzolo (5/2)</i>	<i>Teresa LeSage (5/22)</i>
<i>Colleen Tabaka (5/5)</i>	<i>Catherine Sclafani (5/23)</i>
<i>Theresa Talluto (5/8)</i>	<i>Rose Boileau (5/24)</i>
<i>Theresa Klavon (5/11)</i>	<i>Joseph Ventimiglia (5/24)</i>
<i>Martha Guastella (5/16)</i>	<i>Salvatore Vitale (5/24)</i>
<i>Guy A Vitale (5/20)</i>	<i>Gail Melzer (5/27)</i>
<i>Clarice Silveri (5/21)</i>	<i>Jeanette Schiraldi (5/28)</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**.

Gaetano and Laurie Randazzo (5/09)
James and Elizabeth Shannon (5/15)
Anthony and Robyn Vitale (5/15)
Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (5/24)
Marco and Jennifer Vitale (5/24)
Douglas and Gail Melzer (5/27)
Mike and Nina Palazzolo (5/29)

On Memorial Day – May 28, 2018



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

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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.

Membership VISA Raffle Winners



The winner of the \$200.00 VISA gift card (Regular Member) was **Rosalie Giammalva**, of Brownstown, MI. The winner of the \$100.00 VISA gift card (Honorary Member) was **Anthony J. Vitale**, of Riverview, MI. Congratulations to Lia and Tony!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- May 9, 2018,** Taste of Italy
Tony Lumia (313)565-0671
- May 23, 2018,** Ford Rouge Plant/Lunch (Buddy's)
Paula Rice, Grace Pizzo.
- June 20, 2018,** Evening GM Meeting, Silver Shore
Sam Randazzo (734)676-8463
- June 28, 2018,** Gilmore Car Museum/Firekeeper
Social Committee
- 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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Wednesday
May 23, 2018
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Members:
Tour/Pizza \$20
Tour Only: \$16.50
Pizza Only: \$12
Non-Members:
Tour/Pizza: \$30
Tour Only: \$16.50

Departure & Return:
*Meet at the Henry
Ford Museum
Parking lot*
Suggest Car Pooling
Parking is \$6 per
vehicle.

Ford Motor Factory Tour - Pop open the hood on game-changing technology, sustainable design and sheer American grit at America's greatest manufacturing experience. Get an inside look at the making of America's most iconic truck, the Ford F-150, and immerse yourself in modern manufacturing's most progressive concepts. Experience the awe-inspiring scale of a real factory floor as you rev up your inner engineer. This is where big ideas gain momentum. You need to start this tour at The Henry Ford museum, where you buy the tickets and leave your car. A bus takes you on a twenty minute ride to the factory

Buddy's Pizza - 22148 Michigan Ave. Pizza, salad and beverages - Cash Bar for cocktails.

Please fill in this form and make checks payable to Downriver Italian American Club. Return to Grace Pizzo at 32050 Liparoto Dr. Rockwood, MI 48173 before May 13th, 2018. For more information call Grace at 734.379.9491 or Paula Rice 734.748.0998.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

E-mail _____ Cell phone _____ Trip: Ford Motor Plant Tour/Pizza

In case of emergency, please notify: _____ Phone # _____

Today my travel companion is: _____

"A TASTE OF ITALY"

Wednesday, May 9, 2018



THE BENTLEY BANQUET CENTER

(FORMERLY THE DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN HALL)

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- * THE FISH MARKET
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- * VETTRAINO'S BAR & CAFÉ
- * ROMAN VILLAGE
- * FRANK'S RESTAURANT
- * ANDIAMO'S - DEARBORN
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- * SAM'S CUCINA
- * CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL

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For more info and tickets call:

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