



47th Year, 1971-2018



# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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

September 2018 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
General Membership Meeting ..... Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018 – 1:00 p.m., Silver Shores

## Labor Day – Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Message from the President



September is upon us and summer is winding down. I used to love the upcoming fall season in Michigan but as I get older, summer is never long enough for me. I

don't care how much my air conditioning cost me!

Looking back at the last couple of months, the club managed to stay busy despite not having any meetings in July and August. The **Gilmore Car Museum and Firekeeper's Casino Trip** was awesome. Check out those pictures on the website if you haven't already. The **Boat Ride to Bob-lo Island** and back was wonderful as always despite the excitement of the rocking boat. Your President showed great skill by not spilling either drink I was holding at the time. I could do without that kind of excitement! The **Summer Picnic** was a great time. Once again, **Chef Joe Pagano** and his team did a fine job and made the day enjoyable for all of us. Thanks to the **Social Committee** for their hard work and thanks to **Frank Giannotti** as well for chairing the Boat Ride and dinner at the **Bentley**. Congratulations to **Brett Rice** who received a \$500 scholarship to help his college expenses.

On a sad note, we had two charter members pass away this summer. **Lena Menna** was the first, First Lady of the DIAC and **Tony Pietrangelo** was a founding father who spearheaded many projects in the early days and was a Trustee when he passed away at age 74.

Don't forget, our **September 19 Lunch and Membership Meeting** will be at **Silver Shores** (and not the Bentley). Same time as always. Mark your calendars to **November 25** for our **Evening meeting** followed by

elections of Club Officers. We will be serving pizza afterwards. If you can't make the daytime meetings, this is an opportunity to take part in the decision-making process.

*Ci vediamo a Settembre,*

**Sam Randazzo – Club President**

### Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, September 19, at 12:00 noon**, at **Silver Shores, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192**, located just behind Wyandotte -Ford Hospital.

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**.

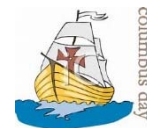
### ~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The upcoming **Greektown Casino** trips are on **Wed., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, Wed., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and Wed., Nov. 14<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 need a credit card to make your reservation. The Club will subsidize part of cost.

### Columbus Day Celebration Monday, October 8, 2018



columbus day

The Club will be hosting a **Columbus Day Celebration** on **Monday, October 8, 2018**. The event will be celebrated at **Silver Shores Waterfront Banquet Hall, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192**.



#### 2017-2018 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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ALICE PATTON  
GRACE PIZZO  
PAULA RICE**



OUR ROOTS  
STARTED HERE  
BE PROUD!

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Downriver Italian-American Club

The **Silver Shores Waterfront Banquet Hall** is located just behind Ford-Wyandotte Hospital.

Live entertainment by **Pino Marelli, accompanied by Oxana**. The doors open at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment at 8:00 PM.

The cost is \$22.00 for club members and \$25.00 for non-members. A wonderful meal has been selected

For ticket sale and further information, contact **Charles or Leslie Lupo** at (734) 282-1257 or by email [lupo2390@att.net](mailto:lupo2390@att.net) See attached flyer for more info.

### Re: Frankenmuth Bus Trip

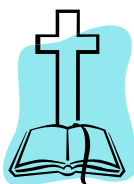
**Alice Patton** stated the **Frankenmuth Bus Trip** on **Thursday, September 27, 2018 HAS BEEN SOLD OUT.**

If you wish to make a luncheon reservation at **Zehnder's Famous Restaurant**, please give Alice a call at (734)697-7902. Alice is also making a waiting list, in case people cancel or a larger bus becomes available.

### Re: Murder Mystery Dinner Train

**Grace Pizzo** stated the **Murder Mystery Train Ride** on **Thursday, October 18, 2018 HAS BEEN SOLD OUT.**

### DIAC Memorial Mass – Nov. 11, 2018



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is **Sunday, November 11, 2018**, at **St. Vincent Pallotte** (formerly **St. Joseph Catholic Church**), located at 334 Elm Street (Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street) in Wyandotte, MI 48192.

The Mass will be at 11:00 AM; Luncheon will be at the **Bentley**. The October newsletter will provide all the details. The event is chaired by **Florence Coleman**.

### Club Picnic Report



The Club picnic was a success - the weather cooperated, the food was great. The picnic was held at the **Young Patriots Park, Civic Center**, in Riverview, MI. An outstanding job by **Chef Joseph (Joe) Pagano** and his staff. The food was just delicious Many thanks to the chairpersons: **Sam and Darlene Randazzo, Sam and Grace Pizzo, and Dennis and Alice Patton**. The ribeye steak and chicken proved to be an excellent choice this year. The members and their guests all had a great time.

### THE BOCCE GAME RESULTS:

Sixteen (16) men participated in the men's bocce tournament. The participants were divided into 4 teams; two teams played each other. The two winning teams played each other with a single winning team.

Eight (8) ladies participated in the Women's bocce tournament. One team of four (4) played the other 4 participants. A single team was the winner.

*First place honors went to the following teams:*

*Men's Team Champion: Nick Caputo, Don Jenson, Vince Vitale and Gerry Wenzel.*

*Ladies Team Champion: Ann Lepidi, Elisa Norscia, Angela Vassallo and Ciccina Vitale.*

*Congratulations to the winners and all the participants. Their certificates will be presented at the September membership meeting. View the activity pictures at the club website, [www.diac.us](http://www.diac.us).*



*Men's 2018 Bocce Champions: Vince Vitale, Nick Caputo, Gerry Wenzel and Don Jenson.*



*Ladies 2018 Bocce Champions: Angela Vassallo, Ann Lepidi, Ciccina Vitale and Elisa Norscia.*

### Scholarship Award



**Brett Rice**, the son of **Randy and Paula Rice** was the recipient of the **DIAC 2018 Scholarship Award**. The \$500.00 award will go towards Brett's higher education at **Western Michigan University**, pursuing a career in Aviation. *Congratulations on the achievement.*

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Downriver Italian-American Club**

**Card Party at Knights of Columbus**



A Card Party is scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3530 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192.

The event starts at 7:00 PM. Club members and their guests are welcome. Snack, soft beverage and coffee will be provided. Cash bar will be available.

There is a service charge of \$2.00 per person for the use of the facility, paid on the day of the event.

For further information, contact Julie Bademian at (313)388-2264

**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 Tony Lumia, Linda Kerr, Emma Checchio.

Condolences to the Menna Family on the death of their mother, Lena Menna, who passed away on August 5, 2018 at the age of 97. Lena was the wife of the late DIAC Club founder, Joseph Menna who passed away on September 25, 1990, at the age of 72. The Club was founded in Trenton, MI on April 8, 1971. Both Lena and Joe supported and worked very hard at making the Club a success. They both supported all the club events, including the festivals. They did much work at adding members to the Club in the early years. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of Joyce Pietrangelo, on the death of her husband Anthony (Tony) Pietrangelo, who passed away on August 14, 2018 at the age of 74. Tony has been club members since July, 1971, when the club started. Tony was very active in the club in the early years with building renovations, events and Club Festivals. Tony has been on the Club Board for many years and has supported the club in many ways. We will all miss Tony. May he rest in peace.

**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.

- George and Mary Lavine (9/03)*
- Lenny and Rose Zerilli (9/03)*
- Damiano and Piera Vitale (9/06)*
- Donald and Marlene Wellman*

- Joe and Rosalie Giammalva (9/24)*
- John and Diana Parisi (9/26)*
- Giacinto and Theresa Simone (9/28)*
- Roger and Emalie Shifflett (9/29)*

**Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno**



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

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| <i>Joseph Bozzo (9/02)</i>       | <i>Sadie Kusic (9/16)</i>     |
| <i>Lenny Milewski (9/03)</i>     | <i>Valerie Yinger (9/17)</i>  |
| <i>Donald Wellman (9/03)</i>     | <i>Roger Shifflett (9/19)</i> |
| <i>Vincenzo Vitale (9/04)</i>    | <i>Mary Cottone (9/20)</i>    |
| <i>Diana Parisi (9/05)</i>       | <i>Rose Gaglio (9/20)</i>     |
| <i>Lenny Zerilli (9/05)</i>      | <i>Kelli McNally (9/22)</i>   |
| <i>Linda Kerr (9/07)</i>         | <i>Fara Vitale (9/22)</i>     |
| <i>Paul Clark, Jr. (9/08)</i>    | <i>Pauline Barraco (9/24)</i> |
| <i>Amelia McGowan (9/10)</i>     | <i>Rocky Kaune (9/24)</i>     |
| <i>Theresa Simone (9/11)</i>     | <i>Julie Bademian (9/26)</i>  |
| <i>Giuseppe Agrusa (9/13)</i>    | <i>Nicolina Susin (9/26)</i>  |
| <i>Steven Badalamente (9/14)</i> | <i>Robert Jagiello (9/30)</i> |

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 27, 2018, ..... **Frankenmuth Bus Trip**  
**SOLD OUT**
- Oct. 8, 2018, ..... **Columbus Day Dinner**  
Charles & Leslie Lupo (734) 282-1257
- Oct. 18, 2018, ..... **Murder Mystery Dinner Train**  
**SOLD OUT**
- Nov. 11, 2018, ..... **Memorial Mass**  
Florence Coleman
- Nov. 25, 2018, ..... **Election/Evening GM Meeting**  
Sam Randazzo
- Nov. 29, 2018, ..... **Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall**  
Social Committee
- Dec. 16, 2018, ..... **Club Christmas Party**  
Social Committee

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## *Columbus Day Celebration*

**Monday, October 8, 2018**

**Silver Shores Waterfront Banquet Center**

1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192 - (734) 246-4800

**Live Entertainment by Pino Marelli –  
Accompanied by Oxana**



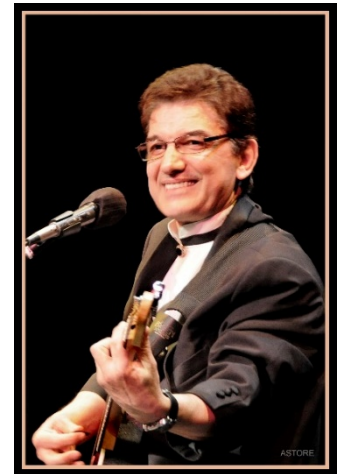
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment at 8:00 p.m.

**\$22.00 for Club Member**

**\$25.00 for Non-Member**



### ~ Dinner Menu ~

Michigan Salad  
Italian Wedding Soup  
Penne with Meat Sauce  
Season Vegetables  
Chicken Piccante  
Beef Burgundy  
Garlic Roasted Potatoes  
Rolls, Butter

Soft Beverage, Coffee and Ice Tea

Cash Bar Available



**Deadline for Reservation: Sunday, September 30, 2018**

Whole tables can be reserved in advance (8). Payment can be made at the Sept. 19, 2018 General Meeting or by mail to Leslie Lupo, 459 Cedar, Wyandotte, MI. 48192-4301. Tickets must be paid in advance. No cash at door the night of the event.

**Ticket Information: Charles and Leslie Lupo, (734)282-1257**

**Email: [lupo2390@att.net](mailto:lupo2390@att.net)**

