



47th Year, 1971-2018



The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

October 2018 Newsletter
Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018 – 1:00 p.m., Bentley

Columbus Day Dinner – Oct. 8, 2018



2017-2018 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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ALICE PATTON
GRACE PIZZO
PAULA RICE



AN ITALIAN WITH A MISSION IN LIFE

Message from the President



October is coming upon us and that means cooler weather, leaves turning colors and falling to the ground. Football is in full swing and it's time for our bi-annual nominations of club officers at our October 17 Membership meeting. The elections will take place at the November 25 evening meeting at the Knights of Columbus. I encourage anyone who can attend to take part in this important process. My hope is that we can see some new faces on the Board to bring us some fresh ideas for keeping the Club fiscally and socially strong for the future.

Our trip to **Frankenmuth** was a really good time. Around 40 of us converged on **Bronner's Christmas Store** to get a head start on new and improved decorations. We then had a crew of over 30 for lunch at **Zehnder's** where the membership devoured chicken in all sorts of ways. A little more shopping downtown and we returned home thoroughly satisfied. Great job once again by our **Social Committee**. Check out the pictures on our website.

I'm looking forward to our **Columbus Day** dinner on October 8. This was a really an enjoyable evening last year and it should be great again. If you haven't made reservations, call **Charlie or Leslie Lupo** soon. You'll be glad you did. I hope to see you there.

Sto ancora raccogliendo il pollo dai miei denti

Sam Randazzo – Club President



Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



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

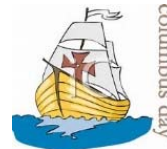
The cost of the luncheon is \$9.00 per person. Make your lunch reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463, no later than one week before.

~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



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

Columbus Day Celebration Monday, October 8, 2018



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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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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 See flyer in September newsletter.

Nomination & Election Committee

NOMINATIONS
ARE OPEN

At the September general membership meeting, the following individuals volunteered to be on the **Nomination and Election**

Committee: Rose Pagano, Mary Cottone, Mary Lavine, and Miriam Lumia. They will oversee the nomination process for Club Officers and the 5 Trustees at the October 17th General Membership meeting and supervise the elections in Nov., (if necessary). The Club By-Laws states the following:

ARTICLE IV - OFFICER STATUS

Any member in good standing shall be eligible for office in the Club. Being deemed an honor, the position of any officer shall be non-salaried. New officers are elected at the November election membership meeting and their term of office shall start on January 1st. The Club Board including the **President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer**, cannot be of the immediate family (parents, husband, wife, children, brother and sisters, in-laws).

The term for Officer(s) is 2 years. The four (4) Trustees position has a term of 4 years. A replacement Trustee has a remaining term of two (2) years.

All Officers and Trustees are required to attend all the Club Board and GM meetings.

The nominations of club officers for 2019-2020 will include: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Guide and 5 Trustees.**

The nomination of Officers and 5 Trustees will proceed in October, with elections in November (if necessary).

Card Party at Knights of Columbus



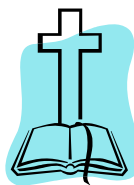
A **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 30, 2018** at the **Knights of Columbus Hall, 3530 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192.**

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

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 3rd and 4th Street) in Wyandotte, MI 48192.

The Mass will be at **11:30 AM**; Luncheon will be at the **Bentley**. See attached flyer for details. The event is chaired by **Florence Coleman**.

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall



Grace Pizzo has stated this event is **SOLD OUT**. She can put you on a waiting list, in case someone cancels. Or, you can provide your own transportation, the ticket price will be the same.

Cost: \$33.00 for Club Member and \$50.00 for Non-Member. You can contact **Grace Pizzo** at (734)379-9491.

Please Welcome new Grandparents



Tom and Laurie Randazzo welcomed their first grandson, **Leonardo Scott Randazzo**, born on September 12, 2018. Leonardo weighed in at 7 lbs. - 14 ounces, and was 21 inches tall. The proud parents are **John and Jennifer Randazzo**.

Congratulations to the **Randazzo's families**.

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 members who were/are ill: **Mary Cottone, Fara Vitale, Alice Patton, Gerry Wenzel, Marilyn Bomarito, Marco Talluto, Vivian Palazzolo, and those who we do not know.**

Condolences to the family of **Betty Jean Ferraiuolo**, on the death of her mother, **Cora Muffi**, who passed away on June 4, 2018 at the age of 101. Cora joined the club in April 1986. Cora and her daughter attended club events, festivals, and club functions. May she rest in peace.

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Condolences to the family of **Shirley Bommarito**, on the death of her husband **James (Jim) Bommarito**, who passed away on August 28, 2018 at the age of 90. Jim and Shirley have been club members since February, 1979. They were both very active in the club in the early years attended many club functions, helping during the festivals and later the pasta events. Condolences to his sisters and their families, **Josie Klube** and **Rose Lupo**. We will all miss Jim. 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**.

- Jeffrey and Lisa Smith (10/2)*
- Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3)*
- Lenny and Pina Milewski (10/3) 65th*
- Joseph and Josie Badalamenti (10/9)*
- Henry and Teresa LeSage (10/10)*
- Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14) 35th*
- Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)*
- Robert and Ruth Lepidi (10/19) 55th*
- Tony and Miriam Lumia (10/19)*
- Rino and Marie Pagnucco (10/31)*

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



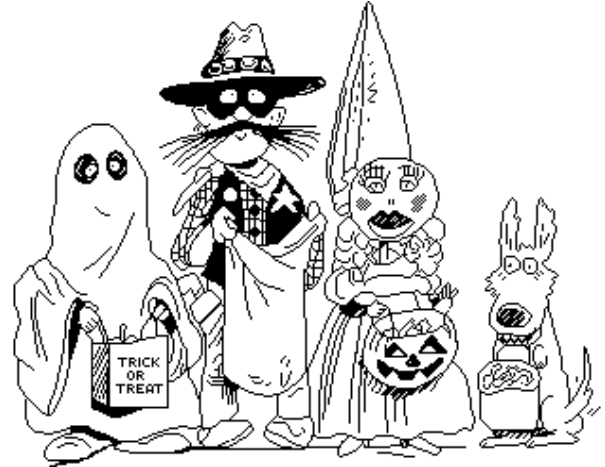
We wish to extend our **Congratulations** and **Best Wishes** to our members who are celebrating their **Birthday**.

- Bettina Vitale (10/2) Marco Talluto (10/17)*
- Vivian Martino (10/3) Darlene Randazzo (10/18)*
- Lisa Smith (10/5) John Finazzo (10/19)*
- Mike Palazzolo (10/7) Daniel Boileau (10/21)*
- Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8) Karen Caputo (10/24)*
- Linda Burnett (10/9) Joe Giammalva, Sr. (10/24)*
- Joan Luzac (10/9) BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25)*
- James Bademian (10/10) Rino Pagnucco (10/26)*
- Josie Klube (10/11) Michael McNally (10/27)*
- Jeffrey Smith (10/17) Angela McCarty (10/31)*

The Little Things in Life



Enjoy the little things in life. For one day, you will look back and realize - they were the **BIG THINGS**.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Oct. 8, 2018, Columbus Day Dinner**
Charles & Leslie Lupo (734) 282-1257
- Oct. 18, 2018, Murder Mystery Dinner Train**
SOLD OUT
- Oct. 30, 2018, DIAC Card Party**
Julie Bademian, (313)388-2264
- Nov. 11, 2018, Memorial Mass**
Florence Coleman
- Nov. 25, 2018, Election/Evening GM Meeting**
Sam Randazzo, (734)676-8463
- Nov. 29, 2018, Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall**
SOLD OUT
- Dec. 16, 2018, Club Christmas Party/New Admin.**
Social Committee
- Dec. 31, 2018, New Year's Eve Party**
The Bentley Banquet Ctr.

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The Tenth Annual
DIAC Memorial Mass/Luncheon

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Presented by:

The Downriver Italian-American Club

P.O. Box 1797

Southgate, MI 48195-0797

Mass Service at:

St. Vincent Pallotte Catholic Church

334 Elm St. (between 4th and 3rd Street)

Wyandotte, MI 48192

Mass at 11:30 AM

Buffet Luncheon at The Bentley Banquet Ctr/Gucci Room
(formerly the Downriver Italian-American Hall)

646 Biddle Avenue

Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727

(734) 285 - 4044

Time: 1:15 PM

Members: \$13.00/Person ❖ Non-Members: \$18.00/Person

Children (7 to 10 yrs. old): \$8.00

If you are unable to attend the Mass, then please join us for the luncheon.

Further information call: **Florence (Sclafani) Coleman at (734) 281-7126**

I/We will be attending the **Memorial Mass/Luncheon** on Sunday – Nov. 11, 2018, at St. Vincent Pallotte Church.
Luncheon at The Bentley. This coupon and payment must be received **no later than Sunday, November 4, 2018**

Name	Phone Number
No. Attending Mass: _____	_____
Luncheon - Club Member: \$ 13.00	x _____ Total: \$ _____
Luncheon - Non-Member: \$ 18.00	x _____ Total: \$ _____
Children 7 -10 yrs. of age: \$8.00	x _____ Total: \$ _____
	Total: \$ _____

Make your check payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club or DIAC**

Return coupon and your check to: Florence Coleman, 14157 Stratford, Riverview, MI 48193-7550

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DIAC Card Party

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Knights of Columbus Hall

3530 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Card, Games and Social Conversation

Time: 7:00 PM – Until Everyone Wants to go Home

Club Members and their guests are welcome.



Snacks, Soft Beverage & Coffee Provided

Cash Bar Available

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

A Service Charge of \$2.00 per Person for the Use of the Hall Facility



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P.O. Box 1797 Southgate, MI 48195



Presents: Lights, Camera, Murder!



An Interactive Comedy Show and Luncheon

Thursday, November 29, 2018



Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall
108 E. Main, Northville, MI 48167
(248)349-0522 - www.genittis.com



Price: \$33.00 for Club Member
\$50.00 for Non-Member

Enjoy a hilarious interactive-comedy. In the past years, we've spoofed holiday office parties, family gatherings, and even had a pirate adventure. You, the audience, get to be a part of the show....

Lights, Camera, Murder!

There's been a murder on the set of new 1950's monster horror flick "The Atomic Iguana" and it's up to the silent film legend Don Lansing "Man of Too Many Faces" to solve it. Was it the overbearing director, the frazzled production assistant, the gossip columnist looking for her next scoop, or the ditzzy actress with her own secrets. You become a part of the story in this Interactive Comedy Murder/Mystery!

What to expect at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

Bus depart from the Bentley at 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Northville, MI at 10:30 a.m., for a bit of shopping or sightseeing, and lunch at Genitti's at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy their famous 7-Course family style dinner, including: Italian wedding soup and garlic bread, Pasta, Antipasto salad, Baked Chicken with Vegetables, Italian steak with potato, Italian sausage with green peppers and onions and Cannoli for dessert! After dinner, into the theater to see the show!!

After the play (approx. 2:30 p.m.), the bus will depart Genitti's and travel to Cantoro's Italian Market & Trattoria, 15550 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI. Everyone will have time to shop and get back on the bus at 4:30 p.m. and head back to the Bentley, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Please fill in this form and return with your payment to: **Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparota Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173**, before November 16, 2018 or until the trip is sold out. Make checks payable to **Downriver Italian American Club or DIAC**.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Email: _____ Cell phone: _____

In case of emergency, please notify: _____ Phone No: _____

Today, my travel companion is: _____

Prices: \$33.00 for Club Member - \$50.00 for Non-Member