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The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting *** CANCELLED ***

General Membership Meeting *** CANCELLED ***

Merry Christmas – Buon Natale a Tutti



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GRACE PIZZO
PAULA RICE



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

◆ No Meetings in December ◆



The Club Board and General Membership meetings for December are canceled. The next general meeting is on Wednesday, January 17, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

The Club Officers and Trustees wish all of our members and their families a **Merry Christmas** and a **Joyous New Year**. Be safe, be healthy and see you next year

It's Christmas; it's Christmas

Each merry bell chimes

A time for remembering

Old friends and old times

A time for warm greetings

Old ties to renew

Moreover, a time for good wishes

For good folks like you!

Merry Christmas

Message from the President



Tis the season to be jolly! As we look ahead to celebrating Christmas Day, we should always remember the reason for the season. I truly believe that God has been good to our club and to me. It is always a joy getting together and being able to relax and have fun thanks to the hard work that everyone did in the past. Our bank account continues to grow, and there is plenty of opportunities for us to enjoy quality entertainment and activities.

While I attended the **Memorial Mass Luncheon** at **Sportsman's Den** last month, I couldn't help but notice all of the names of our deceased members. Many of them were my parents, my uncles and aunts, and

cousins. All of the deceased members played a role in the success of our club. It's fitting that we honor them all with a Mass every year. Thanks to **Florence Coleman** and **Frank Giannotti** for chairing this event. *Buon Lavoro, Ben Fatto!*

I am looking forward to the **Christmas Party** on December 16 at **Silver Shores**. The Social Committee is planning something special. I encourage all of you to try and attend. The price is right, and the food is always good. I hope to see you there.

Buon Natale e un Felice Anno Nuovo!

Sam Randazzo –Club President

~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The upcoming **Greektown Casino** trips are on **Wed., Dec 12th** and **Wed., Jan. 9th**. 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. The bus driver will only accept credit card payment at time of boarding the bus. The Club will subsidize part of cost.

Christmas Party – Dec. 16, 2018



This year's **Christmas Party** will take place on **Sunday, December 16, 2018**. Chairpersons are **Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice, and Julie Bademian**, with the help from the other committee members. Live entertainment by **Dean Martin**. The location is **Silver Shores Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Dr. Wyandotte MI 48192** (behind Wyandotte Hospital).

You may purchase individual tickets with open seating. The deadline is **Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018**. The event is open to member's family and their friends. The newly elected

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club Officers and Trustees will be recognized and will be sworn in. A program card will be provided to all. See flyer in this newsletter for details.

New Year's Eve Party at the Bentley



The Bentley Banquet and Conference Center is hosting a New Year's Eve - Legends Live Show on Monday, December 31, 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 to come.

Complete with dinner, beer, wine & champagne toast, complimentary valet & coat check, and featuring tributes to Dean Martin, The Thrill Group, Karen Carpenter and Tom Jones.

Tickets are \$85.00 per person. The Club will subsidize \$10.00 to club members (returned to you at the event). Doors open at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m. and the featured show starting at 8:30 p.m. See flyer in the December newsletter for details.

Congratulating New Club Couples



Please welcome to our membership, Myra (Franklin) Vitale, spouse of club member, Gaetano A. Vitale – who were recently married on October 27, 2018.

Congratulations to the new couple.

Dear Santa

*This year, please give me
a big fat bank account,
and a slim body. PLEASE
don't mix those two up,
like you did last year.
Thank You*

Please Welcome new Grandparents



Nino and Gianna Trupiano welcome their new grandson, Jacob Matteo Dauss, born on October 30, 2018. Jacob weighed in at 7 lbs. - 6 ounces, and was 20.5 inches tall. He is welcomed by his sister, Gabriela Dauss. The proud parents are Stephen and Rita Dauss. Congratulations to uncle and aunt, Vito and Jessica Trupiano.

Congratulations to the Trupiano's families.



La Befana – An Italian Christmas Tale

In Italian folklore, *La Befana* is the story of the three wise men who stopped at her house (a widower) to ask directions on their way to Bethlehem.

They invited her to join them, but she refused, as she was busy cleaning. She promised that she would catch up with them when she was finished; but by that time, they were long gone.

She frantically began running after them still carrying her broom with presents for baby Jesus. *Magically*, she began to fly on her broomstick but still could not find the wise men or baby Jesus.

Since then, in Italy on January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany, *La Befana* flies on her broom leaving gifts for children. She brings candies and presents to the boys and girls who were good; and pieces of coal and ashes for those who were bad, in a similar way as St. Nicholas or Santa Claus.

Christmas Lesson

*Christmas is a special time
To give, to serve, to love
It isn't just about yourself,
But others that you think of.*

*The presents, the trees, the glowing lights
Are fun but have no part
In what the real meaning of Christmas is...
That is in your heart.*

*Even if other people don't,
You should try to do
The things that you would want
Them to do to you!*

*The holidays are a busy time
But they are sometimes good
Because they keep you thinking
About others like you should.*

*So this year, try to not think about yourself
But think of the things you can do
To help others have a wonderful Christmas
And you will find that you will be happy too.*

Poem by Julesies, 2014

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

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wishes to members who were/are ill: Tom Talluto, Alice Patton, Mark Grazioli, Rose Pagano, Dennis Randazzo, Vivian Martino, and those who we do not know.

**A Fairy Tale
(for the Assertive Woman)**

Once upon a time, In a land far away,
a beautiful, independent, self-assured princess
happened upon a frog as she sat
contemplating ecological issues
on the shores of an unpolluted pond,
in a verdant meadow near her castle.

A frog hopped into the Princess' lap
and said: Elegant Lady,

I was once a handsome Prince,
until an evil witch cast a spell upon me.

One kiss from you, however,
and I will turn back
into the dapper, young Prince that I am,
and then, my sweet, we can marry
and setup housekeeping in yon castle
with my Mother,

Where you can prepare my meals,
clean my clothes, bear my children,
and forever feel grateful and happy doing so.

That night, while dining on lightly sautéed frog legs,
seasoned in a white wine and onion cream sauce,
she chuckled to herself and thought:

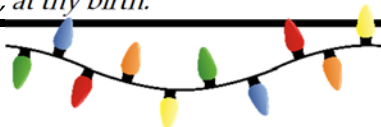
I don't think so!

Silent Night, Holy Night

*Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight:
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavn'ly host sing "Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."*

*Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy
birth,
Jesus Lord, at thy birth.*



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.

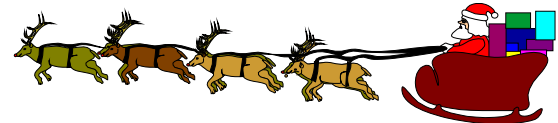
Don and Emilia (Mimi) Kerr (12/31)

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>Bruce Yinger (12/5)</i> | <i>Sharron Bryson (12/22)</i> |
| <i>Sylvia Vitale (12/6)</i> | <i>Vivian Cacioppo (12/22)</i> |
| <i>Gerry Wenzel (12/10)</i> | <i>Shirley Cavataio (12/22)</i> |
| <i>Giovanna Vitale (12/14)</i> | <i>Nancy DiPasquale (12/26)</i> |
| <i>Tom Talluto (12/17)</i> | <i>George Lavine (12/26)</i> |
| <i>Giuseppe Alastra (12/19)</i> | <i>Marian Maniaci (12/28)</i> |
| <i>Paul Consiglio (12/19)</i> | <i>Steven Vitale (11/28)</i> |
| <i>Joanne Wolfgang (12/19)</i> | <i>Pete Perniciaro (12/29)</i> |
| <i>Angela M Palazzolo (12/20)</i> | <i>Robyn Vitale (12/30)</i> |



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Dec. 16, 2018,** Club Christmas Party/New Admin. Social Committee
- Dec. 31, 2018,** New Year's Eve Party
The Bentley Banquet Ctr.
- Jan. 27, 2019,** Bee Hive @ Catherine Daly Theater
Paula Rice - (734)748-0998 (cell).

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DIAC Christmas Party & Inauguration of New Club Officers

Silver Shores Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Dr. Wyandotte, MI 48192-4690, 734-246-4800

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.

Buffet Style Dinner at 4:30 p.m.

Entertainment by Dean Martin at 6:00 p.m.



<p>Main Entrées: Michigan Cherry Salad Homemade Rolls and Butter Cheese Tortellini with Alfredo Sauce Beef Burgundy Chicken Piccante Mashed Potatoes Roasted Carrots with Pineapple Sauce</p> <p>Dessert: Crumbled Apple Pie with Ice Cream</p> <p>Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Soda, Beer and Wine</p>

Invitation includes your Family and Friends

\$23.00 per Member, \$29.00 per Non-Member, (16 years and Older)

Door Prizes & Raffle. Deadline: Saturday, December 1, 2018

All reservations must be reserved and paid for in advance

Only fully paid table of 8 can be guaranteed group seating.

Make check or money order payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**

Mail to: Grace Pizzo

32050 Liparoto Drive

Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

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Julie Bademian at (313) 388-2264 Paula Rice at (734) 748-0998 (cell)



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I/(We) will be attending the DIAC 2018 Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16, 2018.

This coupon and payment must be received no later than Saturday, December 1, 2018.

Name: _____ Number of People Attending: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Downriver Italian-American Club.

Mail this form and check to Grace Pizzo ♣ 32050 Liparoto Drive ♣ Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

All reservations must be reserved and paid for in advance. Only fully paid table of 8 can be guaranteed group seating.

If you would like to be seated with a friend (at their table), please print their name(s) here: