



48th Year, 1971-2019



# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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**\*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*** January 2019 Newsletter – Issue #278  
Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
General Membership Meeting ..... Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2019 – 1:00 p.m., Bentley

## Happy New Year! – Felice Anno Nuovo!



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**A BLESSED AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO OUR MEMBERS**

### It's a New Year

*May your New Year be the best you've ever had, and may you have many more New Years that are even better!*

*A Safe, Prosperous and a Happy 2019*

### Message from the President



2019 has arrived and I have to ask myself the question, where did 2018 go? The year went by so fast. It seems to be a known fact that the older you get, the faster time goes by. Our Club had a lot of good times last year and I truly believe we will continue to do so this year. I'm looking forward to it. We have the best **Social Committee** a club could ask for.

The **Christmas Party** was a wonderful event and if you didn't attend it, you certainly missed out. We had 117 members and guest celebrating good company, good food and great entertainment.

Thanks go out to the staff at **Silver Shores** and the **Dean Martin** legend. Thanks also to **Judge Chris Dingell** for presiding over our swearing in ceremony for the new incoming Club Administration.

The Board will be putting together a new budget for 2019 in a couple of weeks. I hope to continue to be good stewards of the income we are receiving from the sale of our building and business. So many of you worked hard over the years and now is the time to enjoy the fruits of that labor. We should be able to do so if we are wise and prudent with our incoming funds. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the events that are being planned. You won't regret it.

My New Year's resolution for 2019 is to learn to speak more Italian (swear words not

included). Like all my resolutions, it has no chance of ever happening!

**Buon Anno a Tutti!**

**Sam Randazzo – Club President**

### Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, January 17, 2019 at 12:00 noon, at The Bentley, 646 Bidde 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 Trip News



The **Social Committee** has announced the Club will no longer subsidize the Greektown Casino trips.

You may still go on your own. The bus pickup points remain the same. There may be other days the bus is also available.

### 2019 Club Membership Dues



Your 2019 membership dues are now payable. The dues are \$30.00 for a single member and \$60.00 for a married couple. The dues can be paid at the general membership meeting or you can mail a check or money order (payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club**). Mail to:

**Frank A. Giannotti**  
14823 Williamsburg Blvd.  
Riverview, MI 48193-7703.

The deadline for dues is **March 31, 2019.**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Downriver Italian-American Club

For **Honorary Members**, (those with 25+ years of continued membership), there are **NO dues** to be paid. A listing of **new** (and all) the Honorary Members is included in this newsletter.

## DIAC 2019 Honorary Members



The following Club members have attained twenty-five (25) consecutive years in the Downriver Italian-American Club and are eligible for the position of "**Honorary Member**." In accordance with the By-Laws, Article I-Membership, Section 2-C, such member(s) shall have all the rights enjoyed by a Regular Member but shall not pay dues.

The following members, in good-standing since 1993, qualify to the status of "**Honorary Member**."

**Emma Checchio (02/94)**

**Theresa Klavon (04/94)**

**George and Mary Lavine (06/94)**

## DIAC Honorary Member's List

Below are names of club members who have attained 25 years of continued members and are classified as Honorary Members. As such, they no longer pay their membership dues. New members for 2018 are shown in bold letter.

*Joseph J. Agrusa (09/79)*

*Giuseppe & Vita Alastra (04/90)*

*Grace Asteriou (02/73)*

*Giuseppe and Josephine Badalamenti (09/92)*

*Pauline Barraco (06/74)*

*Barbara Bianchi (01/76)*

*Shirley Bommarito (02/79)*

*Joseph Bozzo (04/90)*

*Ted Brockway (12/80)*

*Vivian Cacioppo (11/73)*

*Angelina Carlone (12/80)*

***Robert and Linda Carrier (01/93, 07/80)***

***Emma Checchio (02/94)***

*Dolly Chirco (04/74)*

***Robert and Susie Coch (03/93)***

*Florence Coleman (02/73)*

*Sam and Nancy Cosentino (02/81)*

*Mary Cottone (03/76)*

*Sal and Nancy DiPasquale (07/71)*

*Betty Jean Ferraiuolo (04/90)*

*John and Anna Finazzo (10/86)*

*Arnaldo and Elda Fracassa (03/75)*

*Rose Gaglio (11/85)*

*Giorlando Giammalva (01/91)*

*Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (06/75)*

*Frank and Liliana Giannotti (03/80)*

*Emilia Gonella (02/81)*

*Mark and Mary Jane Grazioli (11/73)*

*Martha Guastella (03/79)*

*Maria Horvath (04/90)*

*Robert and Jacqueline Jagiello (01/93, 04/87)*

*Rocky Kaune (12/72)*

***Theresa Klavon (04/94)***

*Josie Klube (05/73)*

***George and Mary Lavine (06/94)***

*Grace Lewis (03/81)*

*Charlie and Leslie Lupo (07/73)*

*Rose Lupo (11/72)*

*Sue Lupo (02/76)*

*Joan Luzac (03/79)*

*Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (09/86)*

*Vivian Martino (04/86)*

*Stella Marzano (02/75)*

*Sam A Palamara (10/91)*

*Angela M Palazzolo (06/76)*

*Josephine Palazzolo (01/92)*

*Mike and Nina Palazzolo (04/90)*

*Vivian Palazzolo (05/72)*

*John and Diana Parisi (12/91)*

*Sam and Grace Pizzo (02/73)*

*Fannie Randazzo (05/79)*

*Gaetano (Tom) and Laurie Randazzo (06/78)*

*Sam and Darlene Randazzo (05/93)*

*Randall and Paula Rice (02/81)*

*Anthony Sclafani (01/81)*

*Catherine Sclafani (02/73)*

*Rosalie Shimkus (05/90)*

*Giacinto and Theresa Simone (12/76)*

*Joseph and Nicolina Susin (11/72)*

*Marco and Theresa Talluto (01/91)*

*Nino and Gianna Trupiano (01/74)*

*Angela Vassallo (03/88)*

*Joe and Paola Ventimiglia (02/91)*

*Anthony J and Robyn Vitale (02/87, 01/92)*

*Gaetano A. Vitale (06/93)*

*Guy A. Vitale (01/93)*

*Nino and Fara Vitale (04/90)*

*Benedetta Vitale (05/91)*

*Damiano and Piera Vitale (04/90)*

*Marco Vitale (05/90)*

*Margaret Vitale (01/88)*

*Rose Vitale (10/72)*

*Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (12/91)*

*Vincenzo and Francesca Vitale (02/91)*

*Vincenzo and Lilla Vitale (06/90)*

*Leonard and Rose Zerilli (12/73)*

***109 Honorary Members thru 2019***

***There are 7 New Honorary Members for 2020***



**Happy New Year!**

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Downriver Italian-American Club**

**Beehive, the 60's Musical in Wyandotte**



The **Social Committee** has chosen another excellent event for our membership; **The Beehive, the 60's Musical** at the **Catherine A. Daly – The Avenue Theatre, 2656 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI** on **Sunday, January 27, 2019.**

The program starts with a luncheon at **Waterfront Restaurant (formally Pier 500), 507 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI, 48192** at **12:30 p.m.** You select one of the 8 meals selection (see flyer). Tickets are \$30.00 per club member and \$40.00 per non-member. There are only 35 tickets available on a first come – first serve basis. Return the completed coupon as soon as possible.

The musical event (starting at 3:30 PM) is titled **“Beehive – The ‘60s Musical.’** Arrive at the location no later than 3:00 p.m. to pick up your tickets. There are limited tickets; please reserve your commitment early. See attached flyer for event details.

**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, Mimi Kerr, Joe Agrusa (Brownstown) and Mark Grazioli,** and to the silent members.

Condolences to the families of **Joseph and Sharron Pagano** and **Emily and Lee Shifflett,** on the death of their mother, **Rose Pagano,** who passed away on November 29, 2018 at the age of 89. Rose and her late husband, **Joseph Pagano** (deceased 5/15/2010) joined the Club in July 1971. They were both very active in our club; they guided in the growth of the club, attended and helped in many events, including the Italian Festivals, Pasta Events, club events, trips, luncheons, and meetings.

Condolences to the following families in the DIAC membership: **Sam and Darlene Randazzo, Tom and Laurie Randazzo, Dennis Randazzo, Paola Hillebrand, Rose (Daniel) Boileau, Lisa (Jeffrey) Smith, Nino and Gianna Trupiano, Vito and Jessica Trupiano** and the many-many cousins. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to **Pauline Barraco,** on the death of her son-in-law, **Joel Karczewski,** who passed away on December 25<sup>th</sup>, he was 64 years old. May he rest in peace.

**Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno**



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

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Nancy Cosentino (1/1)</i>   | <i>Grace Pizzo (1/16)</i>       |
| <i>Anthony V. Vitale (1/2)</i> | <i>Andrea Prato (1/18)</i>      |
| <i>Emma Checchio (1/4)</i>     | <i>Mark Grazioli (1/22)</i>     |
| <i>Pat Mastrogiacomo (1/4)</i> | <i>Sam Randazzo (1/22)</i>      |
| <i>Gianna Trupiano (1/4)</i>   | <i>Joyce Pietrangelo (1/23)</i> |
| <i>Frank Giannotti (1/5)</i>   | <i>Alice Patton (1/26)</i>      |
| <i>Miriam Lumia (1/6)</i>      | <i>Catherine Rotondo (1/26)</i> |
| <i>Nino Vitale (1/6)</i>       | <i>Nino Trupiano (1/28)</i>     |
| <i>Lilla Vitale (1/13)</i>     | <i>Larry Simone (1/30)</i>      |
| <i>Susan Herbert (1/14)</i>    |                                 |

**Dear Santa**  
*I probably shouldn't have screamed at the old lady in the white Toyota, who cut me off last week. But other than that, I've been pretty good this year! Can I please have a new car for Christmas?*

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- Jan. 27, 2019, .....** **Beehive @ Catherine Daly Theater**  
Grace Pizzo - (734)379-9491.
- July 24, 2019, .....** **Diamond Jack Boat Ride**  
Frank Giannotti - (734)283-7394.
- Aug. 11, 2019, .....** **Club Summer Picnic**  
Social Committee.

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# Sunday - January 27, 2019

## Luncheon at - 12:30 P.M.



(Formerly Pier 500 Restaurant)

**507 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)286-9046**

American cuisine served in a classy dockside restaurant with live music, a cigar lounge & patios.

Menu: Please select 1 meal of your choice below. Soft Beverage is provided. Cash Bar Available.  
List your meal number on the return coupon below. Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

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|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Fish & Chips       | 2. Chicken Marsala | 3. Chicken Piccata | 4. Eggplant Parmesan     |
| 5. Fettuccine Alfredo | 6. Mostaccioli     | 7. Antipasto Salad | 8. Michigan Cherry Salad |

### BEEHIVE - THE 60s MUSICAL.

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Catherine A. Daly - Theater on Avenue  
2656 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)407-7020



Tickets: \$30.00 Lunch & Play - DIAC Club Member  
\$40.00 Lunch & Play - Non-Member

Please Note: Only 35 Tickets are Available - First come - First Serve

For further information call: Grace Pizzo at (734) 379-9491

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

I/(We) will be attending the Luncheon and Beehive Play on Sunday, January 27, 2019.

This coupon and payment must be received as soon as possible. 35 tickets available. First come - first serve

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Meal Choice Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club.**

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