



48th Year, 1971-2019



# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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**\*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*** February 2019 Newsletter – Issue #279  
Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
General Membership Meeting ..... Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley

## Happy Valentine's Day – Feb. 14, 2019



### 2019-2020 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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A FAMILY PHOTO OF OUR ANCESTORS

### Message from the President



2019 is in full swing now. We've had our first snowstorm of the winter. Then it got warm, and then it got cold again. Only in Michigan!

The Board has met and set a new budget to subsidize our events this year. The **Social Committee** is working hard to bring us the best entertainment value for the money. I encourage all members to take advantage of these events. We try to have as many on the weekends to afford every member an opportunity to participate.

We have started to plan our **St. Joseph Celebration Dinner** on March 17, 2019, at the **Bentley Banquet Center**. All proceeds will go towards charity. It is vitally important that we continue to celebrate our traditions and heritage and it's always good to have a tasty meal when we do. After our **St. Joseph** meal, we can go out and celebrate with the Irish too, since it's **St. Patrick's Day** as well. It can truly be a multi-cultural day of celebration! Pasta con faggioli and corned beef and cabbage on the same day?

**Madre Maria, aiutaci a tutti!**  
**Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President**

### Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 12:00 noon**, at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**, the former DIAC club building. The new cost of the luncheon is **\$10.00 per person** (meal and gratuity). The meal is well worth the cost. Make your lunch reservation by calling **Sam**

**Randazzo at (734)676-8463, no later than one week before..**

### 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**.

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 was included in the January newsletter.

At the April 17, 2019 General Membership meeting, a \$200.00 gift card will be awarded to a club member who has paid their dues by the March 31, 2019 deadline.

There will also be a raffle drawing for a \$100.00 gift card for Honorary members.

Good Luck to all! (Buona Fortuna!)

### Gift Card for Attending GM Mtgs



A \$50.00 gift card will be awarded to a club member who attends a **General Membership** meeting each month,

during 2019. You must be present to be eligible. The gift card may be of a local retail, restaurant, etc. Be sure to sign the sign-in book when you attend.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Downriver Italian-American Club

## Feast of St. Joseph - March 17, 2019



### The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of St. Joseph Celebration - Sunday, March 17, 2019.

The Celebration starts at 1:00 p.m.

**Donation: \$10.00 per person.**

This event is a Sicilian tradition passed down by our parents and grandparents. They set up altars with statues of saints and opened their homes to friends and neighbors. After a short pageant, they enjoyed a meal and left a donation to help a needy family. We follow the same tradition. An altar is set up with statues brought in by members - candles, bread, and fruits are placed on the Altar. We serve a meal of pasta and beans. Each person is given a package of a roll, a grapefruit, an orange, and a few cookies. There is a blessing of the food before the meal. We follow the tradition of our families as much as possible. We have held this event for the past 42 years. All donations are given to needy families and organizations, helping children. If you would like to make cookies or help us in any way, please contact **Sam Randazzo (734)676-8463** or **Grace Pizzo (734)379-9491**. Invite your friends and family and help us celebrate this charitable club event. If you are unable to attend, you may still donate. Make your check payable to **Downriver Italian American Club**, and please note at the bottom that it is for the **Feast of St. Joseph**. Send your donation to **Sam Randazzo**

3391 Brookshire  
Trenton, MI 48183-3970.

Again, we need members to donate cookies – please call **Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491**. RSVP your reservation by calling **Sam or Grace no later than March 10, 2019**, so a headcount can be established.

**Sam Randazzo - (734) 676-8463**  
**Grace Pizzo - (734) 379-9491**

## Card Party at Knights of Columbus



A **Card Party** is scheduled for **Thursday, February 21, 2019**, 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 is provided. Cash bar service is available.

There is a service charge of \$2.00 per person for the use of the hall facility and gratuity. See attached flyer for further information. See attached flyer for further information.

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

## Footloose - The Musical in Wyandotte



The **Social Committee** has chosen another excellent event for our membership; **Footloose - The Musical** at the **Catherine A. Daly – The Avenue Theatre, 2656**

**Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI** on **Sunday, February 17, 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/person (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 3:00 PM) is titled **“Footloose - The Musical.”** Arrive at the location no later than 2:45 p.m. to pick up your tickets. There are limited tickets; please reserve your commitment early. See attached flyer for event details.

The next play event is **“Sealed for Freshness,”** scheduled on April 14, 2019. **Thirty-five (35) tickets** are reserved. If you wish to attend, call **Grace Pizzo (734)379-9491** as soon as possible or **Paula Rice (734)748-0998 (cellular)**.

## No St. Pat's Corned Beef at K of C



**Mary Cottone** is advising the membership, the usual annual corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Wyandotte **Knights of Columbus** has been canceled for this year.

## Social Committee News



If you would like to attend an overnight trip to Traverse City, sometime in June, please stay after the General Meeting of February 20, to discuss this possibility. Further information, contact **Julie Bademian (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 members who were/are ill: **Stella Marzano, Gerry Wenzel** and to those whom we do not know.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Downriver Italian-American Club**

Condolences to the **Palamara** family, on the death of **Sam A. Palamara**, who passed away on January 10, 2019, at the age of 90. Sam and his late wife, **Elanor Noble**, joined the Club in October 1991. They both attended many club events in the early years. Sam was a councilman and held many other positions for the City of Wyandotte. May he rest in peace.

**Members Emergency Telephone Notification List**



If you wish to be on a membership call list and be notified by telephone when a member passes away. Please call **Steve Vitale** at (734)283-8207. There are some members on this list. The flow diagram shows who calls whom. The diagram will be provided to you.

**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>Mona Austin (2/3)</i>          | <i>Shirley Bommarito (2/19)</i> |
| <i>Ciccina Vitale (2/4)</i>       | <i>Leona Vizzini (2/19)</i>     |
| <i>Grace Asteriou (2/5)</i>       | <i>Sandra DiSanto (2/20)</i>    |
| <i>Elisa Norscia (2/6)</i>        | <i>Ted Brockway (2/23)</i>      |
| <i>Frank Liberati (2/7)</i>       | <i>Florence Coleman (2/23)</i>  |
| <i>Rosemary Prato (2/9)</i>       | <i>Henry LeSage (2/25)</i>      |
| <i>Delores Phillips (2/11)</i>    | <i>Pat Mastrogiacomo (2/25)</i> |
| <i>Chris Dingell (2/13)</i>       | <i>Don Jenson (2/26)</i>        |
| <i>Rose Lupo (2/13)</i>           | <i>Marie Pagnucco (2/26)</i>    |
| <i>Tony Palazzolo (2/13)</i>      | <i>Sam Cosentino (2/27)</i>     |
| <i>Jennifer Perniciaro (2/13)</i> | <i>Sue Lupo (2/27)</i>          |
| <i>Dennis Randazzo (2/14)</i>     | <i>Joseph J. Agrusa (2/28)</i>  |
| <i>Marlene Wellman (2/18)</i>     | <i>Vita Alastria (2/28)</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** this month.

*Robert and Jacqueline Jagiello (2/1)*

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- Feb. 17, 2019, ..... Footloose @ Catherine Daly Thea.**  
Grace Pizzo - (734)379-9491.
- Feb. 21, 2019, ..... DIAC Card Party**  
Julie Bademian - (313)388-2264.
- Mar. 11, 2019, ..... DIAC Card Party**  
Julie Bademian - (313)388-2264.
- Mar. 17, 2019, ..... St. Joseph Celebration**  
Sam Randazzo - (734)676-8463.
- Apr. 14, 2019, ..... Sealed for Freshness @ Catherine Daly Theater**  
Grace Pizzo - (734)379-9491.
- Apr. 30, 2019, ..... DIAC Card Party**  
Julie Bademian - (313)388-2264.
- May 19, 2019, ..... Mamma Mia @ Catherine Daly Theater**  
Grace Pizzo - (734)379-9491.
- May ??, 2019, ..... Taste of Italy**  
(Unknown at this time.)
- June 20, 2019, ..... Evening GM Meeting, Silver Shore**  
Sam Randazzo, (734)676-8463
- July 24, 2019, ..... Diamond Jack Boat Ride**  
Frank Giannotti - (734)283-7394.
- Aug. 11, 2019, ..... Club Summer Picnic**  
Social Committee.

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I Want to be Your Valentine.  
 Oh precious, Oh precious, please be mine  
 I want to be your Valentine.  
 I'll do anything to be your rose  
 I want to be the Valentine you chose.  
 Hold my hand and do not let go  
 Open your heart and feel our love grow.  
 Lock me in your heart just for a day  
 Feeling your love, while reality fades away.  
 I will wait, year after year  
 Crying and sobbing tear after tear.  
 Oh precious, Oh precious, please be mine  
 I want to be your Valentine!

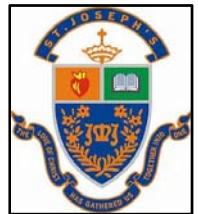


The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Downriver Italian-American Club  
Feast of St. Joseph Day

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Presented at:

The Bentley Banquet Center  
646 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, MI 48192  
(734) 285-4044



Celebration starts at 1:00 PM

A traditional Sicilian Pasta & Bean Dish is served, including a Grapefruit, Orange and a Bread Roll.

By tradition, the food is Blessed in the kitchen by a Catholic priest.

**Donation: \$10.00 per Person**

All Donations go to Charities.

Helping children and needy families in our community.

**This event is open to the public.**

**Invite your family and friends!**

Donation is payable at the door.

**RSVP your reservation (No later than March 11) by calling:**

**Sam Randazzo - (734) 676-8463 or**

**Grace Pizzo - (734) 379-9491**

May St. Joseph Bless You & Bring You Joy and Peace

# Sunday - February 17, 2019

## Lunch at - 12:30 PM

**Footloose**



(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 & patio.

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 pm.

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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. |

### FOOTLOOSE - THE MUSICAL.

Time: 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Catherine A. Daly - Theatre on Ave.

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 Footloose on Sunday, February 17, 2019.

This coupon and payment must be received as soon as possible. 35 tickets avail. 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**

# **Downriver Italian-American Club**

## ***DIAC Card Party***

**Thursday, February 21, 2019**  
**Knights of Columbus Hall**

**3530 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192**

**Card, Games and Social Conversation**

**Time: 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM or 10:00 PM**

**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**

