



48th Year, 1971-2019



# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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**\*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*** March 2019 Newsletter – Issue #280  
Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, Mar. 12, 2019 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
General Membership Meeting ..... Wednesday, Mar. 20, 2019 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley

## St. Joseph Celebration – Mar. 17, 2019

### Message from the President



The days are getting longer and we can start looking forward to springtime in Michigan. That means more snow is on the way, for certain. February was

the shortest month of the year but it was certainly packed with lots of activities. It's no wonder the month past by so fast.

March is bringing us our annual **St. Joseph Day Celebration** on the 17<sup>th</sup>. This coincides with **St. Patrick's Day** but I'm sure neither saint objects to sharing the day. Make plans to celebrate with us at the Bentley for the traditional pasta, fruit and bread and of course, honoring our patron saint. All proceeds from this event goes to support local charities.

Don't forget about the club **Card Party** on March 11. These are always fun and the more we get together, the stronger our club becomes.

*Vivi la vita al Massimo,*  
**Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President**

### Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 12:00 noon**, at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. The cost for 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



**March 31, 2019 is your last day to pay your club dues.** 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.**

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 General Membership Meetings



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.



2019-2020  
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## 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, March 11, 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.



## Sealed for Freshness - The Musical



The **Social Committee** has chosen another excellent event for our membership; **Sealed for Freshness – Tupperware Spooof** at the **Catherine A. Daly – The Avenue Theatre, 2656 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI** on **Sunday, April 14, 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 **“Sealed for Freshness – A Tupperware Spooof.”** 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 **“Mamma Mia,”** scheduled on **May 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)**.

## Congratulating New Club Member



Please welcome the following new club members who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club**: **Giuseppe (Joe) LoCicero** of **Wyandotte, MI.**, sponsored by **Leslie Lupo**.

**Congratulation to the new member.**

## Please Welcome new Grandparents



**Lee and Emalie Shifflett** welcome their new granddaughter, born on **February 11, 2019**. She weighed in at **7 lbs. - 7 ounces**, and was **19.5 inches** tall.

Congratulations to the **Shifflett family**.

## 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:

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Downriver Italian-American Club**

Tony Lumia, Rosemary Prato and to those whom we do not know.

Condolences to **Christopher and Cindy Dingell**, on the death of **Honorable Congressman John David Dingell Jr.**, who passed away on February 7, 2019, at the age of 92. John Dingell of Dearborn, served nearly 60 years in the US House, making him the longest-serving member in congressional history. He stepped down in early 2015. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Susanna (Sue) Lupo** who passed away on February 13, 2019 at the age of 85. She and her late husband, **Phil Lupo** (deceased 4/16/2015), joined the Club in February 1976. They've been with the Club from the beginning. They helped the club in many ways, including the Italian Festivals, Pasta Events, and the many club events.

Condolences to the relatives in the DIAC membership: **Charles and Leslie Lupo, Florence Coleman, Rose Lupo, Josie Klube, and Shirley Bommarito.** May she 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.

**Don't Give Up So Fast**

There are good days and bad days  
and days of stormy weather  
and times when it seems that everything  
is going wrong all together  
but the longest lane has a turning point  
and sunshine follows rain  
and springtime follows winter  
and the world grows bright again

- Author Unknown -

**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.

**Sal and Nancy DiPasquale (3/22)**  
**Alexander and Karen Asteriou (3/30)**

**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>Rosalie Giammalva (3/4)</i>      | <i>Joseph Susin (3/19)</i>      |
| <i>Ann I. Lepidi (3/4)</i>          | <i>Edith Gendron (3/22)</i>     |
| <i>Stephanie Badalamenti (3/10)</i> | <i>Charles Lupo (3/22)</i>      |
| <i>Rose Vitale (3/10)</i>           | <i>Nick Caputo (3/24)</i>       |
| <i>Danny Herbert (3/14)</i>         | <i>Sal DiPasquale (3/24)</i>    |
| <i>Anthony J. Vitale (3/17)</i>     | <i>Gaetano A. Vitale (3/29)</i> |
| <i>Susan Byrd (3/19)</i>            | <i>Douglas Melzer (3/30)</i>    |

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- 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 22, 2019, ..... Taste of Italy**  
Tony Lumia, the Club Board.
- 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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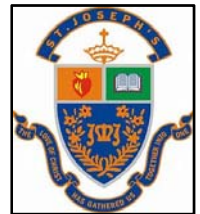
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The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Downriver Italian-American Club  
Feast of St. Joseph Day

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 - April 14, 2019

## Beginning with Lunch at - 12:30 PM

**Sealed for  
Freshness**



(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. |

### SEALED FOR FRESHNESS.

"A Tupperware SpooF."

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 Sealed for Freshness on Sunday, April 14, 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***

**Monday, March 11, 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**

**Bring your own Board and Card games**

**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**

