



48th Year, 1971-2019

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

April 2019 Newsletter – Issue #281
Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Apr. 9, 2019 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Apr. 17, 2019 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley



Happy Easter, Buona Pasqua – April 21st



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APRIL SHOWERS
BRING MAY
FLOWERS

Message from the President



The month of March was certainly a busy one for the Club. We managed to once again, celebrate the **Feast of St. Joseph** in style and elegance. The staff at the **Bentley** did a great job with exceptional service, and although the pasta was not as traditional as we've come to expect, I thought it was tasty! We took in \$1,425.00 to give to charity sometime this year. The DIAC has given over \$100,000 to charity in honor of our patron saint.

There are two social events in April; I hope you can take part in. First is the play, **Sealed for Freshness** on Sunday, April 14. If you're a Tupperware fan, you'll enjoy this comedy. We have another **Card Party** scheduled for April 30 at the **Knights of Columbus**. This has been one of my favorite events with everybody playing different games. Lots of loud conversation, very Italian...

Our next big fundraiser is the **Taste of Italy** on May 22. We should have tickets available at the next membership meeting. The committee is working hard to ensure we have a good representation of local Italian fare. See the flyers for more information on these events.

The Club Board has decided to increase the number of Associate Members this year and add ten (10) more, if possible. If you have friends, who are not Italian, but like to hang out with us anyway, encourage them to join us. We need all the friends we can get.

Se non puoi batterli, unisciti a loro!
Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President



Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 12:00 noon**, at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. The 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**.

Easter Brunch at the Bentley



The **Bentley Banquet and Conference Center** is hosting an **Easter Sunday Brunch on Sunday, April 21, 2019**. Tickets can be purchased 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.

There are two (2) seating times: 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Make your reservation by calling the Bentley office at **(734)285-4044** with your seating time.

The meal menu and pricing is shown in the attached flyer.

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 local retail, restaurant, etc. Be sure to sign the sign-in book when you attend.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Evening General Meeting



There will be an evening club general membership meeting on **Wednesday, June 19, 2019**. The **Silver Shore Banquet Center** is the location. Meal prices have not been determined. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., with the general meeting starting immediately after. You'll be reminded (again) in the June newsletter. The change will allow members who work during the day to attend.

Card Party at Knights of Columbus



A **Card Party** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 30, 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 are 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 the attached flyer for further information.

A Taste of Italy – May 22, 2019



The **Downriver Italian-American Club** is planning its 13th "Taste of Italy" charitable event for the **Penrickton Center for Blind Children**, in Taylor Michigan. This year's event will be held on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**, at the **Bentley Banquet Center, 646 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI** (formerly the Downriver Italian-American Hall).

As in the past years, the "Taste" will feature donated samplings of food and drinks from various restaurants and suppliers of Italian cuisine in the local area. Participation will be limited, and we would like to take this opportunity to invite you, your family and friends, to join us to help make this a huge success.

For ticket sales, contact **Tony Lumia** (313) 565-0671 or **Jim Bademian** (313)388-2264. **This event is open to the public. Please attend and invite your family and friends.** A flyer is contained in this newsletter.

Sealed for Freshness - The Musical



The **Social Committee** has chosen another excellent event for our membership; **Sealed for Freshness – Tupperware SpooF** at the **Catherine A. Daly – The Avenue Theatre, 2656 Biddle**

Ave., Wyandotte, MI on Sunday, April 14, 2019. Details for this event was shown in the March newsletter. **Four (4) tickets are still available.**

The next play event is "Mamma Mia," scheduled on May 19, 2019. **Forty-five (45) 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).

The Voice Within

*There's a voice that lives within my heart
And talks to me each day
And helps me guide my wayward steps
Along life's treacherous way.

It speaks to me of virtues
And Whispers words of hope.
It keeps my flagging spirits high
When I have failed to cope.

This voice beguiles my very soul
And stills the demons there.
It makes me know that in this world
There are worlds of love to share.

And I know peace in turmoil's midst,
Strength beyond my own,
Joy too great to put in words,
For I know, I'm not alone.

If you but listen to your heart,
You'll hear this voice I share,
For it speaks not to me alone,
It's there for all who care.

And the dawning of a brave new age
Is waiting to begin
When each of us can hear and heed
That little voice within.*

-- Bill Hazel --

Congratulating New Club Member



Please welcome the following new club members who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club**: **Paul and Robin Remington** of Southgate, MI., sponsored by **Sam and Darlene Randazzo**.

Congratulations to the new members.

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

you all. **Get Well Wishes** to members who were/are ill: **Tony Lumia, Paola Ventimiglia, Paula Rice, Don Kerr** and to those whom we do not know.

Condolences to the family of **Florence Coleman**, on the death of her brother, **Salvatore (Sal) Sclafani**, who passed away on March 1, 2019, at the age of 75. Condolences to the family of **Nina (Frank) Liberati**. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Joseph (Joe) Agrusa** who passed away on March 4, 2019, at the age of 89. Joe and his late wife, **Rosalie "Lil" Agrusa** (deceased on 6/2/2010), joined the Club in September 1979. They've been with the Club from almost the beginning. They were both very active in the Club; they guided in the growth of the Club, attended and helped in many ways, including the Italian Festivals, Pasta Events, club events, trips, luncheons, and meetings. Joe and Lil loved the Club and the members. We will all miss our friend Joe Agrusa. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to DIAC members: **Sam Randazzo, Rose Boileau, Paola Hillebrand, Dennis Randazzo, Gaetano (Tom) Randazzo, Joseph Pagano, Emily Shifflett, and Nino Trupiano**; on the death of their cousin, **Nancy Passalacqua**, who passed away on March 8, 2019, at the age of 66. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to DIAC members: **Grace (Sam) Pizzo** and **Stella Marzano**, on the death of their sister-in-law, **Maria LoPiccolo**, who passed away on March 22, 2019, at the age of 82. 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.

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.

Joseph and Nicolina Susin (4/23)

John and Anna Finazzo (4/24)

Vito and Jessica Trupiano (4/25)

Patrick and Patricia Mastrogiacomo (4/28)

Peter and Jennifer Perniciaro (4/30)

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Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Paola Ventimiglia (4/3)

Angela Vassallo (4/5)

Linda Carrier (4/6)

Maria Giammalva (4/6)

Fannie Randazzo (4/7)

Nina Liberati (4/8)

Mary Caparaotta (4/9)

John Parisi (4/12)

Vito Badalamente (4/17)

Josie Palazzolo (4/21)

Norm Tabaka (4/27)

Myra Vitale (4/27)

Joyce Mitra (4/29)

Maria Vitale (4/29)

Theresa Herbert (4/30)

Joseph Pagano (4/30)

Calendar of 2019 Future Events

- Apr. 14, 2019, Sealed for Freshness @ Catherine Daly Theater**
Grace Pizzo - (734)379-9491.
- Apr. 21, 2019, Bentley Easter Sunday Brunch**
Bentley Banquet - (734)285-4044.
- 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 Committee.
- June 19, 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.
- Oct. 14, 2019, Columbus Day dinner**
Charles/Leslie Lupo, (734)282-1257

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"A TASTE OF ITALY"



Wednesday, May 22, 2019

BENTLEY BANQUET CENTER

(FORMERLY THE DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN HALL)

646 Biddle Avenue Wyandotte, Michigan



Featuring a Sampling of Italian Cuisine From:

- * BENTLEY BANQUET CTR
- * CANNOLI PASTRY
- * CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL
- * THE FISH MARKET
- * FRANK'S RESTAURANT
- * LIBERATI ITAL. DELI & BAKERY
- * MAGDALENO RISTORANTE
- * ROMAN VILLAGE
- * SAMMY'S CUCINA
- * SIBLEY GARDENS
- * TONY CANNOLI
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- * WATERFRONT RESTAURANT
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A sampling of Italian and California wines from

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26530 Eureka, Taylor, MI

(734) 946-7500



For more info and ticket sale, call:

TONY LUMIA (313)565-0671

JIM BADEMIAN (313)388-2264

PUBLIC WELCOME - BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS



The Bentley Banquet & Conference Center

Easter Sunday **BRUNCH**

JOIN US APRIL 21ST, 2019

IN OUR GRAND BALLROOM FOR A GOURMET CELEBRATION

SEATING TIMES:

11:00 AM | 2:00 PM

MENU TO FEATURE

FRESH SALADS AND ASSORTED FRUITS

SCRAMBLED EGGS

ROASTED ROSEMARY POTATOES

FRENCH TOAST WITH WARM MAPLE SYRUP

BACON

MADE TO ORDER STATIONS:

OMELET, PASTA, AND CREPE'S

CHEF'S CARVING STATION: BONE IN HAM

WITH FRESH BISCUITS

CHICKEN PICCATA WITH PICCATA SAUCE

BRAISED SHORT RIB WITH MUSHROOM

SEASONAL VEGETABLE

HOUSEMADE ROLLS AND BUTTER

DECEDENT DESSERT DISPLAY

COFFEE, TEA, JUICE BAR

BRUNCH CASH BAR AVAILABLE

***SEATING IS LIMITED FOR EACH TIME SLOT. RESERVATIONS AND ADVANCE PAYMENT
ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL RESERVATIONS.***

ADULTS \$26

SENIORS \$23

CHILDREN \$13 (AGES 4-10)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 19, 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL THE BENTLEY: 734-285-4044

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DIAC Card Party

Tuesday, April 30, 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

