



# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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## \*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*

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Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, May 7, 2019 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
General Membership Meeting ..... Wednesday, May 15, 2019 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley

48th Year, 1971-2019



## "A Taste of Italy" – Wed. May 22, 2019



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MAY 12, 2019  
TO ALL THE  
MOTHERS.

### A Message from our President



April is behind us. It seems like springtime will never get here - perhaps because Easter was so late this year. I can't wait for warm weather to get here permanently. I guess that's the downside of living in Michigan. On the plus side, we have no hurricanes!

The **Taste of Italy** is coming up on May 22, and the committee is working hard to make sure it is another successful event. Tickets are going fast, and I encourage all members to participate and bring friends and family. The food is excellent, and the cause is worthwhile.

The June 19<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting will be our semi-annual evening event with dinner at **Silvershores Baquet Center** (first) and the GM meeting following. For the members who are unable to make our daytime meetings, this is an excellent opportunity to join us for a great dinner and then suffer through our meeting agenda with the rest of us. I would love to see you there. The **Social Committee** has a busy summer of events planned, and this is an excellent opportunity to ask any questions regarding these events as well as the direction the club is taking in the future.

*Mangia, bevi, e sposati,*  
Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President



### Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, May 15, 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.

### A Taste of Italy – May 22, 2019



The **Downriver Italian-American Club** is planning its 13<sup>th</sup> "Taste of Italy"

charitable event for the **Penrickton Center for Blind Children**, in Taylor Michigan. This year's event is 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 **Jim Bademian** (313)388-2264 or **Mary Cottone** (734)285-1563. This event is open to the public. Please attend and invite your family and friends.

There was a donation cost error in the flyer of the April newsletter. The correct donation is \$40.00 per person. A flyer is contained in this newsletter.

## 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 cost is \$13.00 per person**. 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.

## Mamma Mia - The Musical



The **Mamma Mia!** Play Event has been **SOLD OUT**. Contact **Grace Pizzo** at (734)379-9491, to be put on the waiting list.

The play **Mamma Mia!** is at the **Catherine A. Daly - The Avenue Theatre, 2656 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI** on **Sunday, May 19, 2019**. The play time is from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

As a note, the restaurant has been changed. The new location is **Major Biddle /Truago** (the old Smokies Restaurant), **930 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI**. Everyone will meet at the restaurant immediately following the play.

The meal is served **Buffet Style**, that includes:

**Tenderloin Steak Bites**

**City Chicken**

**Stuffed Cabbage Roll**

**Lemon Feta Chicken**

**Spaghetti with Meat Sauce**

**Tossed Salad**

**Red Potatoes with Herb Spices**

**Rolls, Butter, Beverage. Cash Bar Available.**

## Traverse City Overnight Trip



There is an overnight bus trip to **Traverse City** on **June 5 and 6, 2019**. Down payment and final payment have already been taken. An optional tour to a winery, \$10.00 per person, is available. At the time of this writing, six (6) bus seats are available. For further information call **Grace Pizzo (734) 379-9491**.

Full payment is now required for the reservation. The member's cost is \$165.00 per person, non-member \$215.00 per person, all based on double occupancy.



## 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: **Tony Lumia, Florence Coleman, Theresa Herbert, Emma Checchio** and those whom we do not know.

Condolences to the family of **Mimi (Don) Kerr**, on the death of her brother, **David Rinna**, who passed away on February 19, 2019, at the age of 74. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Tony (Miriam) Lumia** on the death of his brother, **Gasper Lumia** who passed away on April 14, 2019, at the age of 92. May he rest in peace.

## Membership VISA Raffle Winners



The winner of the \$200.00 VISA gift card (Regular Member) was **Joseph (Joe) Pagano**, of Flat Rock, MI. The winner of the \$100.00 VISA gift card (Honorary Member) was **Vivian Martino**, of Wyandotte, MI. Congratulations to Joe and Vivian!

*Dear Mom...*

*Since the day I was small  
Till the day I became tall  
Since I began understanding things  
Till the day I got my own wings  
Your love, has never fallen short  
You have been my only support  
I want to hold you tight and hug you  
I just want to say Thank you.*

## On Memorial Day - May 28, 2018



Memorial Day (originally called "Decoration Day") began as a way to honor the Civil War dead. It started when individuals, and then cities and town, placed flowers on the graves of Confederate and Union soldiers - whether buried in the North or the South. The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868, in Arlington National Cemetery. Today, Memorial Day has become a way to honor all those who died in service to the nation in all wars and conflicts, from the Revolutionary War to the

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present. In 1968, the official holiday was moved to the last Monday in May.

**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.

- Gaetano and Laurie Randazzo (5/09)*
- James and Elizabeth Shannon (5/15)*
- Anthony and Robyn Vitale (5/15)*
- Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (5/24)*
- Marco and Jennifer Vitale (5/24)*
- Douglas and Gail Melzer (5/27)*
- Mike and Nina Palazzolo (5/29)*

**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 Shimkus (5/1)</i>   | <i>Teresa LeSage (5/22)</i>      |
| <i>Vivian Palazzolo (5/2)</i>  | <i>Catherine Sclafani (5/23)</i> |
| <i>Colleen Tabaka (5/5)</i>    | <i>Rose Boileau (5/24)</i>       |
| <i>Theresa Talluto (5/8)</i>   | <i>Joseph Ventimiglia (5/24)</i> |
| <i>Theresa Klavon (5/11)</i>   | <i>Salvatore Vitale (5/24)</i>   |
| <i>Martha Guastella (5/16)</i> | <i>Gail Melzer (5/27)</i>        |
| <i>Guy A Vitale (5/20)</i>     | <i>Jeanette Schiraldi (5/28)</i> |
| <i>Rose Zerilli (5/21)</i>     |                                  |



**Calendar of 2019 Future Events**

- May 19, 2019, .....** **Mamma Mia @ Catherine Daly Theater**  
Grace Pizzo - (734)379-9491.
- May 22, 2019, .....** **Taste of Italy**  
Tony Lumia & the Committee.
- June 5,6, 2019, .....** **Overnight Trip to Traverse City**  
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491  
Paula Rice (734)748-0998
- 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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**Mamma Mia! Mamma Mia!**  
**Sunday - May 19, 2019**  
**Dinner Immediately Following the Play. See Menu in the newsletter**  
**New Restaurant Location: Major Biddle/Truago**  
**930 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)283-3228**

<p><b>Mamma Mia! Mamma Mia! – The Musical.</b></p> <p>Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm                  Catherine A. Daly – Theatre on Ave.                  2656 Biddle Avenue                  Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)407-7020</p>	
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# “A TASTE OF ITALY”



Wednesday, May 22, 2019

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(FORMERLY THE DOWNRIVER ITALIAN-AMERICAN HALL)

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- \* MAGDALENO RISTORANTE
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