



48th Year, 1971-2019

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting *** CANCELLED ***
General Membership Meeting *** CANCELLED ***



Merry Christmas – Buon Natale a Tutti

◆ No Meetings in December and January 2020◆



The Club Board and General Membership meetings for December and January are canceled. The next general meeting is on February 11, 2020.

There will be a January newsletter announcing upcoming events and a notice that club dues are due.

The Club Officers wish all of our members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. Be safe, be healthy and see you next year

It's Christmas; it's Christmas

Each merry bell chimes

A time for remembering

Old friends and old times

A time for warm greetings

Old ties to renew

Moreover, a time for good wishes

For good folks like you!

Merry Christmas

A Message from our President



'This the season to be jolly? Fatter for sure. The upside to being Italian is there is always plenty of great food to eat especially during the holidays. Tis the season for sweatpants!

Looking back on 2019, we have a lot to be proud of as a club. Thanks to the Planning Committee recommendations our club has grown by over 50 members. This is after many years of decline. Thanks to Mark

Grazioli and his team for putting forth a couple of simple ideas that have proven to be a success.

Our Social Committee did another great job of bringing us quality entertainment throughout the year. I'm looking forward to 2020 and the events they have been planning. They are truly the heartbeat of our club.

The Christmas Party is fast approaching and if you want to have a good time, this is it. Our good friend, Pino Morelli will be performing which means the dance floor will be crowded. The committee has planned some extra special touches this year. You can't beat the price and you'll be home early enough on Sunday night. Let's send the year off with a big bang and party like its 1999... (We were 20 years younger, anyway).

Buon Natale a tutti,

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall December. 5, 2019



One last reminder, the Social Committee has chosen a day trip for our membership, to Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall,

Northville, MI, on Thursday, December 5, 2019. This includes a bus trip, luncheon, and a hilarious interactive comedy show. The bus leaves **The Bentley Banquet Center** parking lot at 10:00 a.m. The club will subsidize part of the cost for members only. Return the completed coupon, found in the October newsletter, (no later than November 24, 2019), to Grace Pizzo.

56 tickets have been purchased; available on a first-come/first-serve basis. The bus will stop at Cantoro's.



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A MERRY
CHRISTMAS TO ALL
OUR MEMBERS

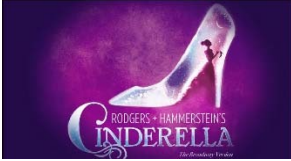
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By-Laws Changes - Voting Results



Club Members in attendance at the November 24, 2019 evening membership meeting voted in majority to approve the proposed changes to the Club Constitution and By-Laws.

Cinderella - The Broadway Version



This is just a reminder: There is the **Cinderella – The Broadway Version** at the **Catherine A. Daly – The Avenue Theatre, 2656 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI** on **Sunday, December 8, 2019**. The luncheon is at **Magdaleno Ristorante, 152 Elm Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)282-8300**, The luncheon is at **12:00 noon - the play starts at 3:00 pm.**

Christmas Party – Dec. 15, 2019



This year's **Christmas Party** will take place on **Sunday, December 15, 2019**. Chairpersons are **Grace Pizzo, Alice Patton, Paula Rice, and Julie Bademian**, with the help from the other members.

Live entertainment by **Pino Marelli**. The location is **Silver Shores Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Dr. Wyandotte MI 48192** (behind Wyandotte Ford Hospital).

You may purchase individual tickets with open seating. The deadline is **Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019**. The event is open to the member's family and their friends. See flyer in this newsletter

January 9, 2020 Card Party at Knights of Columbus



A **Card Party** is scheduled for **Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020**, at the **Knights of Columbus Hall, 3530 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192**.

The event starts at 6:30 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. The event is chaired by **Julie and Jim Bademian**, give them a call at **(313)388-2264** and let them know you are attending. Bring your own game board and card games. See you there.



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Forever Plaid - The Musical



The **Social Committee** has chosen another excellent play for our membership - **Forever Plaid – The Musical** at the **Catherine A. Daly – The Avenue Theatre, 2656 Biddle Ave.,**

Wyandotte, MI on **Sunday, January 12, 2020**. The luncheon is at **Magdaleno Ristorante, 152 Elm Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)282-8300**

The luncheon starts at 12:00 noon. The menu is found in the attached flyer. **The play starts at 3:00 pm**. **30 tickets** have been purchased for this event. They will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Make your reservation early before the tickets are sold out.

Return the flyer coupon. Further information contact **Grace Pizzo (734)379-9491** or **Julie Bademian (313)388-2264**. See flyer in this newsletter.

Congratulating New Club Members



Please welcome the following new club members who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club**:

Antoinette (Finazzo) Dominski; of Southgate; sponsored by Salvatore (Sam) Finazzo.

Anthony ad Gloria (Bomarito) Kause; of Brownstown; sponsored by Marilyn Bomarito.

Annette McClintock; of Lincoln Park; sponsored by Florence Coleman.

Giavanna M Palazzolo; of Royal Oak; sponsored by Marilyn Bomarito.

Alexander and Kelsey (Rice) Parker; of Dearborn Heights; sponsored by Paula and Randy Rice.

Joseph A Pizzo; of Ypsilanti; sponsored by Sam and Grace Pizzo.

Mark and Julia Randazzo; of Garden City; sponsored by Sam and Darlene Randazzo.

Brett Rice; of South Lyon; sponsored by Randy and Paula Rice.

Gioacchino (Jack) and Filippina Rubino; of Southgate; sponsored by Nino and Gianna Trupiano.

Francesca Waltz; of Brownstown; sponsored by Sam and Grace Pizzo.

Samantha Waltz; of Monroe; sponsored by Sam and Grace Pizzo.

Margaret Wolski; of Monroe; sponsored by Sam and Grace Pizzo.

Nicole Wolski; of Southgate; sponsored by Sam and Grace Pizzo.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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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 or were in the hospital: **Grace Asteriou**, and to those whom we do not know.

Welcome new Great-Granddaughter



Sam and Grace Pizzo proudly announce their new great-granddaughter, **Willow Grace Wolski**, born on November 15, 2019. **Willow Grace** weighed in at 9 lbs. - 4 ounces, and was 21-1/2 inches long. The proud parents are **Mitchell Wolski and Sellica Czarny**.

Congratulations to the **Pizzo and Marzano families**.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

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| <i>Bruce Yinger (12/5)</i> | <i>Joanne Wolfgang (12/19)</i> |
| <i>Sylvia Vitale (12/6)</i> | <i>Angela M Palazzolo (12/20)</i> |
| <i>David Esordi (12/8)</i> | <i>Sharron Bryson (12/22)</i> |
| <i>Gerry Wenzel (12/10)</i> | <i>Vivian Cacioppo (12/22)</i> |
| <i>Anthony Kause (12/12)</i> | <i>Shirley Cavataio (12/22)</i> |
| <i>Giovanna Vitale (12/14)</i> | <i>Nancy DiPasquale (12/26)</i> |
| <i>Richard Caldwell (12/15)</i> | <i>George Lavine (12/26)</i> |
| <i>Frank Migliaccio (12/17)</i> | <i>Marian Maniaci (12/28)</i> |
| <i>Tom Talluto (12/17)</i> | <i>Steven Vitale (12/28)</i> |
| <i>Giuseppe Alastra (12/19)</i> | <i>Pete Perniciaro (12/29)</i> |
| <i>Paul Consiglio (12/19)</i> | <i>Robyn Vitale (12/30)</i> |
| <i>Giavanna Palazzolo (12/19)</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 **Anniversaries**.

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- Richard and Mary Caldwell (12/18)*
Michael and Susan Shields (12/18)
Don and Emilia (Mimi) Kerr (12/31)



La Befana – An Italian Christmas Tale



In Italian folklore, **La Befana** is the story of the three wise men who stopped at her house (a widower) to ask directions on their way to Bethlehem.

They invited her to join them, but she refused, as she was busy cleaning. She promised that she would catch up with them when she was finished; but by that time, they were long gone.

She frantically began running after them still carrying her broom with presents for baby Jesus. *Magically*, she began to fly on her broomstick but still could not find the wise men or baby Jesus.

Since then, in Italy on January 6th, the **Feast of the Epiphany**, **La Befana** flies on her broom leaving gifts for children. She brings candies and presents to the boys and girls who were good; and pieces of coal and ashes for those who were bad, in a similar way as St. Nicholas or Santa Claus.

Calendar of Future Events

- Dec. 5, 2019, Genitti’s Hole-in-the-Wall**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
- Dec. 8, 2019, Cinderella Play/Luncheon**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
- Dec. 15, 2019, Club Christmas Party**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
- Jan. 9, 2020, DIAC Card Party**
Julie Bademian, (313)388-2264
- Jan. 12, 2020, Forever Plaid Play/Luncheon**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
- May 27/28, 2020, . Niagara Falls Getaway**
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DIAC Membership Christmas Party

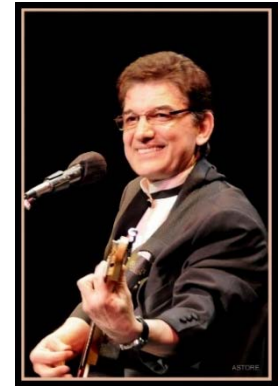
Celebrated at: Silver Shores Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Dr. Wyandotte, MI 48192-4690, 734-246-4800

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.

Buffet Style Dinner at 4:30 p.m.

Entertainment by Pino Marelli



Main Entrées:
 House Garden Salad
 Homemade Rolls and Butter
 Beef Burgundy
 Seasonal Vegetables
 Braised Pork Roast w/Blackberry Sauce
 Bowtie Pasta w/Palomino Sauce
 Garlic Parmesan Potatoes

Dessert:
 Cheesecake

Beverages:
 Coffee, Tea, and Soft Beverage

Cash Bar Available



Invitation includes your Family and Friends
 \$23.00 per Member, \$29.00 per Non-Member
 Door Prizes & Raffle. Deadline: Saturday, November 31, 2019
 All reservations must be reserved and paid for in advance
 Only a fully paid table of 8 can be guaranteed group seating.

Make check or money order payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**

Mail to: Grace Pizzo

32050 Liparoto Drive

Rockwood, MI 48173-8618

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 DIAC 2019 Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15, 2019.
This coupon and payment must be received no later than Saturday, November 30, 2019.

Name: _____ Number of People Attending: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Downriver Italian-American Club**.

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

All reservations must be reserved and paid for in advance. Only a fully paid table of 8 can be guaranteed group seating.

If you would like to be seated with a friend (at their table), please print their name(s) here:

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DIAC Card Party

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Knights of Columbus Hall

3530 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Card, Games and Social Conversation

Time: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM or 9:30 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



Downriver Italian-American Club
Sunday – January 12, 2020
Beginning with Lunch at – 12:00 Noon

Forever Plaid



Magdaleno Ristorante

152 Elm Street., Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)282-8300

Italian restaurant featuring a warm ambiance, wine list & Sunday brunch with a bloody Mary bar.

First Course: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Breakfast Potatoes with Peppers and Onions, Stuffed Toast with Berry Topping,

Second Course: Fresh Garden Salad with Italian Dressing, Pasta

Third Course: 2 Protein items and Veggies, Fresh Fruit & Dessert Bar

Coffee, Tea and Soft Beverage provided. Cash Bar Available.

FOREVER PLAID – 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 - Club Member.

\$40.00 Lunch & Play - Non-Member.

Please Note: Only 30 Tickets are Available – First come - first serve basis

For information call: Grace Pizzo at (734) 379-9491 or Julie Bademian at (313) 388-2264

Please fill in this form and return with your payment, no later than Sunday, January 4, 2020. **30 tickets** available on a first come – first serve basis.

Name: _____ Number of People Attending: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

In case of emergency, please notify: _____ Phone No: _____

Make checks payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club.**

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