



49th Year, 1971-2020



The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley

Happy Valentine's Day – Feb. 14, 2020



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FEBRUARY 2, 2020
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A Message from our President



I hope that everyone is having a wonderful start to the new decade. As is my January tradition, I came down with a wonderful cold that dropped my voice a few octaves lower than normal. Unfortunately, my career as an operatic baritone was short-lived. Fortunately, it was not the flu that so many have suffered through.

The **Executive Board** met on January 10, 2020, and with the consultation of the **Social Committee**, put together a schedule and budget for our upcoming events in 2020. I think you will be pleased with the variety of venues and I hope that all of our members will find an opportunity to participate.

Our next membership meeting is **February 19, 2020**, at the **Bentley Conference Center**. If you can attend, there may be a very important announcement concerning the Club's financial future. More to come later.

Le palme mi stanno bene!

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, February 19, 2020 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.**

2020 Club Membership Dues



Your 2020 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 a 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 Non-Honorary members, attached to the January newsletter was your 2020 dues invoice – use it with your payment.

For **Honorary Members**, (those with 25+ years of continued membership), there are **NO dues** to be paid. The listing of **new** (and all) the Honorary Members was included in the January newsletter.

The deadline for dues is **March 31, 2020**

As a bonus, all regular members who pay their dues before the deadline will be eligible to win a \$100.00 gift card, in a raffle drawn at the April 15, 2020 membership meeting.

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 2020. 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

Thur., Feb. 27, 2020, Card Party at Knights of Columbus, Wyandotte



A Card Party is scheduled for **Thursday, Feb. 27, 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. A 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.

The March Card Party will be on Thursday, March 26, 2020, at the same location.

Feast of St. Joseph - March 15, 2020
@ Knights of Columbus, Wyandotte



The 45th Annual Feast of St. Joseph Celebration - Sunday, March 15, 2020.

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

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calling **Sam or Grace** no later than March 8, 2020, so a headcount can be established.

Sam Randazzo - (734) 676-8463

Children Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 11, 2020



The Club is considering having an **Easter Egg Hunt** for members children and/or grandchildren on **Saturday, April 11, 2020**. This would be an outdoor morning event for children 10 years old or younger. The event would include a morning snack and drink, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Please call (leave a message if you get voicemail) or text **Paula Rice** at (734) 748-0998; email is ranrice@sbcglobal.net by Feb. 21, 2020. If you are interested, include your name and number of children attending. We need at least 40-50 children to host this event. An update will be in the March newsletter.

Flashback & Funny Forward
Saturday, April 18, 2020



The **Social Committee** has chosen another excellent play for our membership – **Flashback & Funny Forward – The Comedy Musical Variety** at the **Wayne County Community College, Heinz Prechter education Center, 21000 Northline Rd., Taylor, MI 48180** on **Saturday, April 18, 2020**. The luncheon is at **Mallie's Sports Grill & Bar, 19400 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI 48195, (734)287-0880**

The luncheon starts at 4:45 p.m. There is a menu selection you must select from - see attached flyer. **The play starts at 7:30 pm.** 40 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**. The deadline for reservation is Sunday, April 5th.

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: **Pina Milewski, Dennis**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Randazzo, Mary Jane Grazioli, Leslie Lupo, Marilyn Bomarito, and to all those whom we do not know.

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!

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**.

are celebrating their **Anniversaries**.

Robert and Jacqueline Jagiello (2/1)
Garry and Laura Lee (2/28)



Calendar of Future Events

- Feb. 27, 2020, **DIAC Card Party**
 Julie Bademian, (313)388-2264
- Mar. 15, 2020, **St. Joseph Celebration**
 Sam Randazzo, (734)676-8463
- Mar. 26, 2020, **DIAC Card Party**
 Julie Bademian, (313)388-2264
- Mar. 15, 2020, **St. Joseph Celebration**
 Sam Randazzo, (734)676-8463
- Apr. 11, 2020, **Children Easter Egg Hunt**
 Paula Rice, (734)285-8516
- Apr. 18, 2020, **Flashback & Funny Forward**
 Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
- Apr. 23, 2020, **DIAC Card Party**
 Julie Bademian, (313)388-2264
- May 3, 2020, **Spring Dinner Dance**
 Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
- May 13, 2020, **Taste of Italy**
 Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
- May 27/28, 2020, **Niagara Falls Getaway**
 Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

- Mona Austin (2/3)* *Antoinette Dominski (2/15)*
- Filippina Rubino (2/4)* *Tom Sasse (2/15)*
- Ciccina Vitale (2/4)* *Marlene Wellman (2/18)*
- Grace Asteriou (2/5)* *Leona Vizzini (2/19)*
- Elisa Norscia (2/6)* *Sandra DiSanto (2/20)*
- Frank Liberati (2/7)* *Marco Palazzolo (2/20)*
- Rosemary Prato (2/9)* *Janet Migliaccio (2/21)*
- Delores Phillips (2/11)* *Ted Brockway (2/23)*
- Daniel Prone (2/12)* *Florence Coleman (2/23)*
- Chris Dingell (2/13)* *Henry LeSage (2/25)*
- Rose Lupo (2/13)* *Pat Mastrogiacommo (2/25)*
- Tony Palazzolo (2/13)* *Don Jenson (2/26)*
- Samantha Waltz (2/13)* *Marie Pagnucco (2/26)*
- Jennifer Perniciaro (2/14)* *Sam Cosentino (2/27)*
- Dennis Randazzo (2/14)* *Vita Alastria (2/28)*



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The 45th Annual Feast of St. Joseph Day

Sunday, March 15, 2020



Presented at:

Knights of Columbus
3530 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, MI 48192
(734) 285-1530



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



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Saturday – April 18, 2020

Beginning with Meal at – 4:45 PM



MALLIE'S SPORTS GRILL & BAR



Mallie's Sports Grill & Bar 19400 Northline Rd. Southgate, MI 48195

Menu: Please select 1 meal menu of your choice from list below. Soft Beverage or coffee is provided.

List your meal number on the return coupon below. Meal is at 4:45 pm. Cash bar is available.

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1. Chicken Alfredo (Grilled Chicken atop of Creamy Fettuccini),
 2. Beer Battered Cod and French Fries,
 3. 12 oz House Sirloin Steak & Baked Potato (Your choice of meat doneness),
 4. Chicken Parmesan (Breaded Chicken Topped with Sauce & Mozzarella, Served over Spaghetti),
 5. House Burger with French Fries (Your choice of meat doneness).
- All meals come with a tossed salad and your choice of dressing.

FLASHBACK & FUNNY FORWARD THE COMEDY MUSICAL VARIETY

Time: 7:30 pm

Wayne County Community College
Heinz Prechter Education Center
21000 Northline Rd., Taylor, MI 48180



What do you get when you combine stand-up comedy, sketches, music and a touch of vaudeville?
Flashback, Funny Forward!
An uplifting, toe tapping, knee slapping, family friendly show that will have you laughing and humming all the way home.

Tickets: \$30.00 – Club Member.
\$40.00 – Non-Member.

Please Note: Only 40 Tickets are Available – First-come, first-serve basis

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

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Please fill in this form and return with your payment no later than Sunday, April 5, 2020. **40 tickets** available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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**

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DIAC Card Parties



Thursday, January 10, 2020	
Thursday, February 27, 2020	Join Us
Thursday, March 26, 2020	
Thursday, April 23, 2020	
September ??, 2020	
October ??, 2020	
November ??, 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

