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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY MARCH 17, 2020**

# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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

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Club Board Meeting ..... Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2020 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
General Membership Meeting ..... Wednesday, Mar. 18, 2020 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley

## St. Joseph Celebration – Mar. 22, 2020

### A Message from our President



I'm getting pretty tired of winter here. It's time to move ahead to spring and get these gray days behind us. I say this because, as of this writing, I'm anxiously awaiting the next snowmageddon to arrive. Could be 4 inches, could be 8 inches. We never really know.

March should be a good month for our club as we celebrate the **Feast of St. Joseph** in a new location, **St. Vincent Pallotti** in Wyandotte, formerly, **St. Joseph's**. The date has also been changed, as reported earlier.

All the proceeds will be going to charities in the area, so if you can attend this event, it will be much appreciated. The pasta will be cooked by **Chef Joe Pagano**, who is going to recreate his grandfather's recipe. I've tasted it, and it is good.

We also have a **Card Party** scheduled for **March 26**. Throw in **St. Patrick's Day** (we should give the Irish their due) and it's a full month of festivities.

The membership dues should be paid by the end of the month. This will qualify you for our annual drawing. Your odds are good if you pay on time (157-1, better than the lottery).

Don't forget to mark June 3 on your calendar for the **Taste of Italy**. This is another worthwhile event with the profits going to the **Penrickton School for Blind and Deaf Children**. Last year we raised \$5,500.00 for them, and it would be great to keep that tradition going for a few more years.

Our club is growing more every month and the initiation fee is being waived until the end of May. If you have friends that are

thinking about joining us, now is the time to encourage them to do so.

Thank you for reading this. There will be a test later. - *sto scherzando*,

**Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President**

### Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, March 18, 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



As a reminder, this is the last month to pay your 2020 membership dues. 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 Honorary Members, (those with 25+ years of continued membership), there is **NO DUES** to be paid.

The deadline for dues is March 31, 2020



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Downriver Italian-American Club

Thur., Mar. 26, 2020, Card Party at  
Knights of Columbus, Wyandotte



A Card Party is scheduled for Thursday, Mar. 26, 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 are 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 April Card Party will be on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at the same location.**

Feast of St. Joseph - March 22, 2020  
St. Vincent Pallotti - Parish Hall



**Note: this is a DATE and LOCATION CHANGE!**

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of St. Joseph Celebration - Sunday, March 22, 2020.

The celebration starts at 1:30 p.m.

**Donation: \$10.00 per person.** Location St. Vincent Pallotti - Parish Hall, 334 Elm Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192.

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 assist 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 18, 2020, so a headcount can be established.

The celebration will be held at St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church (formerly St. Joseph Church) at the Parish Hall. 334 Elm Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192

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 5<sup>th</sup>.

Spring Dinner Dance – May 3, 2020



The Spring Dinner Dance is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2020, at the Bentley Banquet & Conference Center. The doors open at 4:00 pm, the meal at 4:30 pm and entertainment by Gino's Market Band at 6:00 pm. A wonderful meal has been selected. See the attached flyer for further information. **The deadline for reservation is April 24, 2020.** For further details contact: Grace Pizzo (734)379-9491, Julie Bademian (313)388-2264 or Paula Rice (734)748-0998 (cell). Please mark this date on your calendar. *Happy Spring to All.*

Congratulating the New Club Members



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

Paul and Diane Lupo; of Southgate, MI; sponsored by Paula Rice.  
Donna Fickeisen; of Brownstown, MI; sponsored by Jim Bely.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Downriver Italian-American Club**

**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 and Tony Lumia** are not doing well, **Shirley Cavataio** had surgery. **Get Well Wishes** to all those whom we do not know.

**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

**Heart Surgery**

A Lexus mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a LS460 when he spotted a well-known cardiac surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiac surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new."

So how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and you make \$1.7M when you and I are doing basically the same work. The cardiac surgeon paused, leaned over and whispered to the mechanic. "Try doing it with the engine running."

**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**.

- David and Christine Grybel (3/6)*
- 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 **Birthdays**.

- Brett Rice (3/3)*
- Rosalie Giammalva (3/4)*
- Ann I. Lepidi (3/4)*
- Paul Remington (3/8)*
- Stephanie Badalamenti (3/10)*
- Rose Vitale (3/10)*
- Danny Herbert (3/14)*
- Anthony J. Vitale (3/17)*
- Susan Byrd (3/19)*
- Joseph Susin (3/19)*
- Edith Gendron (3/22)*
- Charles Lupo (3/22)*
- Victoria Migliaccio (3/23)*
- Nick Caputo (3/24)*
- Sal DiPasquale (3/24)*
- Gaetano A. Vitale (3/29)*
- Douglas Melzer (3/30)*

**Calendar of Future Events**

- Mar. 22, 2020, ..... St. Joseph Celebration**  
 Sam Randazzo, (734)676-8463
- Mar. 26, 2020, ..... DIAC Card Party**  
 Julie Bademian, (313)388-2264
- Apr. 12, 2020, ..... Easter Sunday Brunch @ Bentley**  
 The Bentley – (734)285-4044
- 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 27/28, 2020, . Niagara Falls Getaway**  
 \*\* WAITING LIST AVAILABLE \*\*
- June 3, 2020, ..... Taste of Italy**  
 Jim Bademian, (313)388-2264

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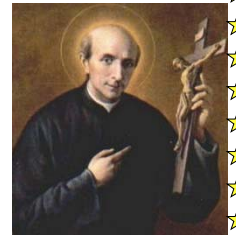


## Presents the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of St. Joseph Day

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Presented at:

St. Vincent Pallotti - Parish Hall  
(formerly St. Joseph Catholic Church)  
334 Elm Street  
Wyandotte, MI 48192  
(734) 285-9840



The celebration starts at 1:30 PM

A traditional Sicilian Pasta & Bean Dish is served, including an 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 18) by calling:**

**Sam Randazzo - (734) 676-8463 or**

**Grace Pizzo - (734) 379-9491**

May St. Joseph Bless You & Bring You Joy, Health 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**



# DIAC Spring Dinner Dance

Bentley Banquet & Conference Center ♣ 646 Biddle Ave. ♣ Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727 ♣ 734-285-4044

## Sunday, May 3, 2020

Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.

Buffet Style Dinner at 4:30 p.m.

Entertainment by Gino's Market Band at 6:00 p.m.



**Main Entrées:**  
 House Garden Salad  
 Homemade Rolls and Butter  
 Beef Burgundy  
 Seasonal Vegetables  
 Chicken Piccata  
 Bowtie Pasta w/Palomino Sauce  
 Garlic Parmesan Potatoes

**Dessert:**  
 Assorted Mini Desserts

**Beverages:**  
 Coffee, Tea, and Soft Beverage  
 Beer and Wine

**Cash Bar Available**



Invitation includes your Family and Friends

\$30.00 per Member, \$40.00 per Non-Member

Raffle ♣ Reservation Deadline: Friday, April 24, 2020

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

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For further information call: Grace Pizzo at (734) 379-9491

Julie Bademian at (313) 388-2264 Paula Rice at (734) 748-0998 (cell)



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I/(We) will be attending the DIAC Spring Dinner Dance on Sunday, May 3, 2020.

This coupon and payment must be received no later than Friday, April 24, 2020.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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:**