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The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting: ** Board will be Notified if Scheduled **

General Membership Meeting:Wed., Oct. 15 2025 – 1:00 p.m. @ The Bentley



Legends Dinner Show – October 19, 2025



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Ciao Club Members:

It's hard to believe we have already turned the calendar to October! What a wonderful year it has been so far, filled with memorable activities and good company. We're closing out the year with a fantastic lineup of events:

- **October 19:** Our *Legends Dinner Show* – excited to bring this event back.
- **October 29:** *Norma & Wanda* comedy play /luncheon, Purple Rose Theatre, Chelsea, MI.
- **November 19:** A trip to *Genitti's Hole in the Wall* – sure to be a fun outing.
- **December 21:** Our *Christmas Party* (please note the new date!) – mark your calendars now.

This month, don't miss our **General Membership Meeting** at the **Bentley Banquet Center on October 15 (lunch at noon, meeting at 1:00 PM).**

As autumn settles in, may you enjoy the crisp air, the brilliant colors of the leaves, and perhaps even that final lawn mowing before we trade in the rakes for snowblowers. And always remember the saying: *"Enjoy life while you can—it can be taken in a heartbeat."*

Ciao, - Leslie Lupo – Club President

Card Party at K of C



This month's **Card Party** is set for **Tuesday, October 7, 2025**, at the **Knights of Columbus Hall**, located at **3530 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192**. The event begins at **6:30 p.m.**, and all Club members and their guests are invited. Light snacks, including chips, pretzels, and fruits, will be provided, and cash bar is available.

The bus leaves **Sam's Club**, 15700 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI. Park your vehicle by the gas station. The bus leaves at 10:00 a.m. and arrives at Genitti's at 10:45 a.m.

For October: Wear an **Orange or Halloween outfit**. The event coordinator is **Julie Bademian**. Call her at **(313) 388-2264** and tell her you'll be attending.

A **\$2.00 service charge per person** will apply to cover the hall facility use and gratuity.

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



This month's Club's luncheon is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 12:00 noon**, and will be held at **The Bentley Conference Center**, located at **646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. Following the luncheon, the monthly General Membership meeting will take place.

The cost for the luncheon is **\$15.00 per person**, which includes the meal and gratuity. To reserve your spot, please contact **Leslie Lupo at (734) 282-1257** no later than one week prior to the event.

Genitti's Hole in the Wall Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025



The **Social Committee** has chosen a great event for our membership, **Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall** on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**. This includes a bus trip, luncheon and a hilarious interactive comedy show "A Game of Death."

The bus leaves **Sam's Club**, 15700 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI. Park your vehicle by the gas station. The bus leaves at 10:00 a.m. and arrives at Genitti's at 10:45 a.m.

On return, the bus leaves Genitti's at approx. 2:30 pm and then stops at **Cantoro's Italian Market** on Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI"



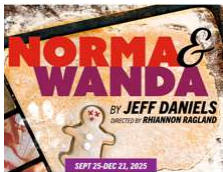
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Everyone will have time to shop and return to the bus by 4:00 p.m., then head back to **Sam's Club** at approximately 5:00 p.m. **Bianco Tours** provides travel.

See attached flyer for details. 55 seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Return the completed coupon to **Grace Pizzo**, 32050 Liparota Drive, Rockwood, MI 48273.

Social Committee Theatre Outing



The Social Committee is pleased to announce an upcoming event at The Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea, Michigan, on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. The featured production will be *Norma & Wanda* by Jeff Daniels.

A total of 22 tickets have been reserved and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a self-drive event; however, members are encouraged to arrange carpooling if desired.

Lunch Reservation (optional): 1:00 p.m. at **Valiant Bar & Grill**, 1120 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI (self-pay).

The Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park Street, Chelsea, MI 48118. Doors Open: 2:30 p.m. Performance Begins: 3:00 p.m. Ticket Cost: \$32.00 for members / \$52.00 for non-members

Norma & Wanda present the humorous story of two very different sisters entangled in a comical situation involving an old high school sweetheart, a lively church social, and a secret family recipe for Christmas sausage.

Reservations: Please RSVP to **Grace Pizzo**, 32050 Liparota Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173, or call (734) 379-9491, no later than Sunday, October 19, 2025.

Welcome New Family Members



Club Members **Alex and Kelsey (Rice) Parker** proudly announce the birth of their third child, **Palmer June Parker**, born on August 5, 2025. Palmer weighed 9 lbs, 7 oz, and measured 22 inches long. Palmer is welcomed by her sister, **Hattie** (4 Yrs), and brother, **Grady** (3 Yrs).

The proud grandparents are **Paula and Randy Rice**, and great-grandparents **Leslie and Charles Lupo**, and uncle **Brett Rice**.



Club member **Margaret Waltz** proudly announces the birth of her granddaughter, **Emma Grace DeYarman**, on September 12, 2025 (5 lbs. 14 oz., 19 in.). Parents **Steven and Samantha DeYarman** and big brother **Dawson** (age 2) joyfully welcome her. **Emma** is the sixth great-grandchild of **Grace Pizzo** and niece to **Joe Pizzo**, **Fran** and **Mitchell Wolski**, and to distant aunt **Stella Marzano**.

Welcome New Club Member



Please welcome new club members: **Phyllis (Filocia) Biundo**, of Lincoln Park, MI, sponsored by **Vito Palazzolo**

Chris Dardzinski, of Lincoln Park, MI, sponsored by **Beth Socia**.

Angelo Giannotti, of Van Buren Twp., MI, sponsored by **Frank and Liliana Giannotti**.

Ann Lenard; of Woodhaven, MI, sponsored by **Jim and Julie Bademian**.

Rosolino (Russ) LoDuca, of Lincoln Park, MI, sponsored by **Nino and Gianna Trupiano**.

Fara Palazzolo, of Lincoln Park, MI, sponsored by **Nino and Gianna Trupiano**.

Joe and Lori Sieli, of Wyandotte, MI, sponsored by **Salvatore (Sam) Finazzo**.

Sophie Solecki, of Trenton, MI, sponsored by **Karl and Geraldine Underwood**.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Angelo A. Giannotti (10/2)	Diane Lupo (10/13)
Benedetta Vitale (10/2)	Donna Pagano (10/15)
Lisa Randazzo (10/5)	Darlene Randazzo (10/18)
Vivian Nyland (10/8)	Monica Ulczynski (10/18)
Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8)	John Finazzo (10/19)
Linda Burnett (10/9)	Patrick Flaherty (10/20)
Joan Luzac (10/9)	Daniel Boileau (10/21)
Beth Socia (10/9)	Joe Giammalva, Sr. (10/24)
Sophie Solecki (10/9)	Bill Herbert (10/24)
Jim Bademian (10/10)	BettyJ Ferraiuolo (10/25)
Virbena Badalamenti (10/11)	Michael McNally (10/27)
Josie Klube (10/11)	Angeline McCarty (10/31)
Laura Lee (10/12)	

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Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



We extend our best wishes for many happy and healthy years to our members who are celebrating their anniversaries this-month.

- Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3)*
- Henry and Teresa LeSage (10/10)*
- Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14)*
- Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)*
- Robert and Ruth Lepidi (10/19)*
- Alexander and Kelsey Parker (10/21)*

Sick and Goodwill Notice



Our thoughts and prayers are with our members and their families who may be facing health challenges, undergoing tests, receiving treatments, or preparing for surgeries. We also extend **special blessings** to the many caretakers who

selflessly support their ailing loved ones. May God bless them all, and may He continue to watch over and protect our troops.



It is with profound sadness that we inform you of the passing of Honorary Club Member **Florence Lena Coleman** on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at the age of 84.

Florence, together with her late husband, **Richard (Dick) Coleman** (deceased August 28, 2001), joined our Club in February 1973 and remained devoted members for more than 52 years. Their unwavering dedication and contributions to our community have been truly remarkable. Florence was widely regarded as the matriarch of our Club, and her leadership and spirit will forever be remembered.

Florence held many distinguished roles, including serving as **Club President** during the terms 1997–1998, 2005–2006, and 2015–2016. She also held numerous other positions on the Club Board.

Her tireless efforts extended to organizing and ensuring the success of the **Club's Pasta events, Italian Festivals at Yack Arena, Membership Funeral Mass,** and countless other activities. Florence and Dick participated wholeheartedly in nearly every Club event, including trips, dances, parades, picnics, the **St. Joseph Celebration, Christmas parties, Taste of Italy, and The Legends Live.** Her enthusiasm, hospitality, and joy touched every member who knew her.

Our deepest condolences to the entire family, including daughter **Nina (Frank) Liberati** and sister-in-law **Catherine Sclafani**, who are club members. *May her memory be a blessing*

Condolences to **Antonino (Nino) Vitale** on the death of his sister-in-law, **Rose Vitale**, who passed away on September 8, 2025, at the age of 94. Condolences to the following Club members: **Marco (Jennifer) Vitale, Guy (Maria) Vitale, and Serafina (Sam) Badalamenti.** *May her memory be a blessing*

We send **Get-Well Wishes** to our members and their families who are not feeling well, including **Charlie Lupo, Gerard McGowan, Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo, Randy Rice,** and others who may be facing difficulties. May they find strength, healing, and comfort during these times.

Calendar of Future Events

- Oct. 7, 2025, Oct. Card Party**
Julie Bademian, (313)388-2264
 - Oct. 15, 2025, Oct. GM Meeting, @ Bentley.**
Leslie Lupo, (734)282-1257
 - Oct. 19, 2025, Legends Dinner Show**
Leslie Lupo, (734)282-1257
 - Oct. 29, 2025, Norma & Wanda Comedy Play Trip**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
 - Nov. 4, 2025, Nov. Card Party**
Julie Bademian, (313)388-2264
 - Nov. 19, 2025, Genittis Hole in the Wall Bus Trip**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
 - Nov. 23, 2025, Nov. GM Evening Meeting @WBC***
Leslie Lupo, (734)282-1257
 - Dec. 2, 2025, Dec. Card Party**
Julie Bademian, (313)388-2264
 - Dec. 21, 2025, Membership Christmas Party**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
- WBC* = Wyandotte Boat Club, Wyandotte, MI**

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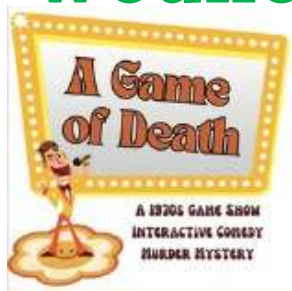


Presents: Lights, Camera, Comedy!



A Luncheon and Interactive Comedy Show

Wednesday, November 19, 2025



Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall
108 E. Main, Northville, MI 48167
(248)349-0522 – www.genittis.com



Price: \$55.00 for Club Member
\$70.00 for Non-Member

Enjoy a hilarious interactive comedy. In recent years, we've spoofed holiday office parties, family gatherings, and even a pirate adventure. You, the audience, get to be a part of the show....



Lights, Camera, Comedy!



A Game of Death – You're invited to the taping of the pilot episode of what promises to be the everyone's favorite 1970's game show: The Lucky Duck! Featuring fabulous prizes, celebrity guests, and as "luck" would have it, a murder. You'll get a chance to play along and even vote for the killer in Genitti's newest interactive comedy murder mystery!

What to expect at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

Bus depart from **Sam's Warehouse store, 15700 Northline, Southgate, MI 48195** at 10:00 a.m. **Park near the gas station.** Arrive at Northville, MI at 10:45 a.m., for a bit of shopping or sightseeing, and lunch at Genitti's at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy their famous 7-course family-style dinner, including Italian Wedding Soup, Garlic Breadsticks, Genitti's Very Own White Pasta, Antipasto Salad with Italian Vinaigrette, Baked Chicken with Vegetable, Italian Steak with Oven-Roasted Potatoes, Italian Sausage with Green Peppers & Onions, Cannoli for Dessert! After dinner, go into the theater to see the show!!

After the play (approx. 2:30 p.m.), the bus will depart Genitti's and travel to **Cantoro's Italian Market & Trattoria, 15550 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI.** Everyone will have time to shop and get back on the bus at 4:00 p.m. and head back to Sam's Warehouse at approximately 5:00 p.m. Travel by **Bianco Tours.**

Please fill in this form and return with your payment to: **Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparota Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173**, before November 9, 2025 or until the trip is sold out (55 tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis). Make checks payable to **Downriver Italian American Club.**

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Email: _____ Cell phone: _____

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

Today, my travel companion is: _____

Prices: \$55.00 for Club Member - \$70.00 for Non-Member

***** Hurry, 55 tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis *****

Grace Pizzo (734)379-9491