



45th Year, 1971-2016



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

December, 2016 Newsletter

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

Merry Christmas – Buon Natale a Tutti



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* No Meetings in December *



The Club Board and General Membership meetings for December have been cancelled. The next general meeting is on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

The Club Officers and Trustees wish all of our members 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
And a time for good wishes
For good folks like you!
Merry Christmas*

Message from the President



This is my last newsletter. These two years have gone so fast. I would like to thank all of you for your prayers while I have been in and out of the hospital. That's my life, but it won't let it keep me down. Many thanks to the great Board I have had to work with. The **Event Committee** has kept us busy. The subsidy for some of the events has brought more members joining us for fun times. Things have been great and I know it will continue with the new Board coming on. There are a few things scheduled for 2017. Try to join us if possible. (See related

articles). There were only 31 members at the November meeting, but there was a funeral and I know many of you had to attend that. Please try to attend the General Meetings, we need your ideas. We want to keep you informed of what is happening. Your comments, good and bad, are accepted. and will be addressed at the meetings. God Bless you all and keep you healthy and happy. I leave you with this little poem I found.

Ripples of Friendship

The smallest of pebbles that's tossed in a pond,
makes ripples that reach far and wide.
Just as the smallest of kindnesses shown,
can touch someone deeply inside.
So, we shouldn't dismiss any words that we've
made,
for they each left a mark as they've reached
someone's
heart with a comfort that won't quickly fade.

Florence Sclafani Coleman – President.



Christmas in Heaven What Do They Do?

*They come down to earth
to spend it with you.
So save them a seat
just one empty chair.
You may not see them
they will be there.*

Poem provide by Joseph J Agrusa

DIAC Membership Christmas Party



The Christmas Party will take place on **Sunday, December 18, 2016** at **Silver Shores Waterfront**, 1 James DeSana Dr. Wyandotte MI 48192, (behind Wyandotte Henry Ford Hospital).

Chairpersons are **Grace Pizzo** and **Paula Rice**, with the help from the committee members.

Your ticket(s) are for open seating. The deadline to reserve your ticket(s) is **Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016**. The event is open to member's family and their friends. A flyer with coupon is located in the Nov. newsletter.

New Year's Eve Party at The Bentley



The **Bentley Banquet and Conference Center** is hosting a **New Year's Eve - Legends Live Show** on **Saturday, December 31, 2016**. Tickets can be purchased from **Leslie Lupo** (734) 282-1257 or at **The Bentley**, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 285-4044. This is a non-club sponsored event. Please advise your family and friends.

Complete with dinner, beer, wine & champagne toast and featuring tributes to: **Lou Rawls**, **Jerry Lee Lewis**, **The Blues Brothers**, **Reba McEntire** and **Dion**.

Tickets are \$75.00 per person. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the featured event starting at 8:00 p.m. There will be a DJ and dancing, along with a cash bar.



Downriver Actors Guild Presents "CHICAGO, The Musical"



The **Downriver Actors Guild**, 2656 Biddle Ave., (formerly Robert Hall) Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734)407-7020 is hosting "CHICAGO, The Musical" on Sunday, January 29, 2017

Tickets: Adults \$16 and Senior/Student \$13. Prices may be lower based on a number of tickets reserved for the club. The play starts at 3:00 p.m.

Nightclub sensation **Velma** (Catherine Zeta-Jones) murders her philandering husband, and Chicago's slickest lawyer, **Billy Flynn** (Richard Gere), is set to defend her. But when **Roxie** (Renée Zellweger) also winds up in prison, Billy takes on her case as well -- turning her into a media circus of headlines. Neither woman will be outdone in their fight against each other and the public for fame and celebrity

For further information please contact **Miriam Lumia**, (313) 565-0671. Tickets are only sold at the **Downriver Actors Guild, in Wyandotte**.

Dinner location and time to be determined. The Club will subsidize part of the dinner only, but only if you attend the show More information to follow in Jan.

Valentine Legends Live at The Bentley



The **Bentley Banquet and Conference Center** is hosting a **Valentine's Day - Legends Live Show** on **Saturday, February 11, 2017**. Tickets can be purchased

from **Leslie Lupo** (734) 282-1257 or at **The Bentley**, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727, (734) 285-4044. This is a non-club sponsored event. Please advise your family and friends.

Complete with dinner, beer & wine and featuring tributes to: **Dean Martin**, **Whitney Houston** **Jersey Boys** and **Michael Bublé**.

Tickets are \$60.00 per person. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the entertainment starting at 8:00 p.m. Cash bar available. The Club will subsidize part of ticket cost to club members only.

~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The next **Greektown Casino** trip is on Dec. 14th The pickup/drop off points are: **Old K-Mart (Southgate) parking lot**; **Meijer's (Lincoln Park) parking lot**. Call **Indian Trails** at (800) 292-3831 and let them know where you want to be picked up. The Club is subsidizing part of the

cost. Future trips are set for the 2nd Wednesday of each month for the year 2017.

Sick and Good Will



Get Well Wishes to the following members who are/were ill: **Shirley Cavataio** is recuperating from a broken arm, **Grace Badalamente** was in the hospital, **Florence Coleman** was in the hospital, **Angelo Norscia** had 3 heart valve replaced, **Lenny Milewski** was hospitalized, **Sue Lupo** was in the hospital.

We wish good health to all our members who are not feeling well – especially those living alone and those living in assisted living. Please advise **Grace Pizzo** (734) 379-9491, of any illness

Condolences to the family of **Marilyn Bomarito** on the death of her husband, **Anthony (Tony) Bomarito**, who passed away on October 28, 2016 at the age of 78. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Johnny and Joyce Mitra** on the death of Joyce' sister, **Marjory Wallace**, who passed away on November 13, 2016 at the age of 88. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Sue Lupo** on the death of her grandson, **Phillip Lupo**, who passed away on November 18, 2016 at the age of 22. May he rest in peace.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

<i>Bruce Yinger (12/5)</i>	<i>Sharron Bryson (12/22)</i>
<i>Sylvia Vitale (12/6)</i>	<i>Vivian Cacioppo (12/22)</i>
<i>Gerry Wenzel (12/10)</i>	<i>Shirley Cavataio (12/22)</i>
<i>Giovanna Vitale (12/14)</i>	<i>Nancy DiPasquale (12/26)</i>
<i>Tom Talluto (12/17)</i>	<i>George Lavine (12/26)</i>
<i>Giuseppe Alastra (12/19)</i>	<i>Marian Maniaci (12/28)</i>
<i>Paul Consiglio (12/19)</i>	<i>Steven Vitale (11/28)</i>
<i>Angela M Palazzolo (12/20)</i>	<i>Robyn Vitale (12/30)</i>

Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario



We wish to extend our Best Wishes for many happy and healthy years together, to our couples who will be celebrating their anniversary.

Don and Emilia (Mimi) Kerr (12/31) 26th



On Christmas Time

How lovely 'tis to take this time
To greet our dearest friends,
To wish them health and happiness
Before the old year ends.

Darkness comes late afternoon
And winter lies ahead,
But friendship is a glowing fire
When all seems cold and dead.

Just as in some vacant barn,
Unnoticed in the night,
The whole of human history turns,
So we, too, make things right.

We must keep alive the flame
Though darkness grip the Earth;
For in the love we find in friends
Is our chance for rebirth.

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

- Dec. 1, 2016..... Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall**
Grace Pizzo
- Dec. 14, 2016..... Greektown Casino Trip**
Contact Indian Trails
- Dec. 18, 2016..... Club Christmas Party**
Social Committee
- Dec. 31, 2016..... New Year's Eve - Legend Live**
Leslie Lupo, Bentley Banquet Center
- Jan. 11, 2017..... Greektown Casino Trip**
Contact Indian Trails
- Jan. 29, 2017..... Chicago, The Musical**
Miriam Lumia
- Feb. 8, 2017..... Greektown Casino Trip**
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- Feb. 11, 2017..... Valentine's Day - Legend Live**
Leslie Lupo, Bentley Banquet Center



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Cash bar provided for your favorite drink.

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