



46th Year, 1971-2017



The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

September 2017 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting..... Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley

Labor Day – Monday, September 4th

Message from the President



What happened to the summer? It sure seems to have gone by too quickly. I can't believe it's already September. It's nice to be enjoying

the harvest of all of our gardens. There is nothing better than eating fresh fruit and vegetables. Call me prejudiced; I think Italians have the best gardens.

Our club had a pretty memorable summer. We had 75 members at our June evening dinner and meeting at **Silver Shores**. A lot of us stayed to play some bocce and bingo. I'm encouraged by the good response and will try to have another evening meeting if possible, this year.

Members had a wonderful time attending the **Toledo Mud Hens** baseball game. Dinner at **Tony Packo's** is always a bonus, and we should plan this outing again in 2018.

The monthly summer lunches at **The Bentley** was an excellent idea. 50 or more members were in attendance both months. With no meeting scheduled, we had plenty of time for cards, bingo and socializing. Let's plan on doing that again next year.

The **Diamond Jack Boat Ride and Dinner** was well attended with more than 80 members, friends and relatives attending. Once again, the staff at the **Bentley** did an amazing job serving a cook-out style dinner. Thanks to **Tony and Miriam Lumia** for putting together another excellent event. The **Club Picnic** at **Young Patriots Park** was another wonderful get together. The weather was perfect; the food was tasty and 70 of us had a pretty good time. Hats off to **Chef Joseph (Joe) Pagano** and his team for putting together the meal, set up and clean up.

Don't forget our **Columbus Day Dinner** on October 9. See the attached flyer. Invite friends and family to help us celebrate our Italian heritage.

Mangia, bevi e sposati.

Sam Randazzo – Club President

Sept. Luncheon @ Bentley Banquet & Conference Center



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, September 20, at 12:00 noon**, at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. This location is the former club building.

The cost of the luncheon is \$9.00 per person. Make your lunch reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463, no later than **Sunday, September 17th**.

~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The upcoming **Greektown Casino** trips are on **Wednesday, Sept. 13th** and **Wednesday, Oct. 11th**. The pickup/drop off points are: **Meijer's (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.

Columbus Day Celebration Monday, October 9, 2017



The Club will be hosting a **Columbus Day Celebration** on **Monday, October 9, 2017**. The event will be celebrated at **Silver Shores Waterfront Banquet Hall, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192**.



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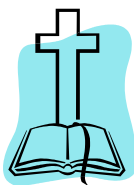
The **Silver Shores Waterfront Banquet Hall** is located just behind Ford-Wyandotte Hospital.

There is live entertainment by **Pino Marelli**. The doors open at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the entertaining immediately following.

The cost is \$20.00 per person. The event is open to club members, their guests and to the general public.

For ticket sale and further information, contact **Charles or Leslie Lupo** at (734) 282-1257 or by email lupo2390@att.net See attached flyer for more info.

DIAC Memorial Mass - Nov. 12, 2017



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is Sunday, November 12, 2017, at **St. Vincent Pallotte** (formerly **St. Joseph Catholic Church**), located at 334 Elm Street (Between 3rd and 4th Street) in Wyandotte, MI 48192.

The details need to be finalized. The October newsletter will provide the details. Please mark this date on your calendar and please remind your family and friends. The event is chaired by **Florence Coleman**.

Club Picnic Report



The Club picnic was a success - the weather cooperated, the food was great. The picnic was held at the **Young Patriots Park, Civic Center**, in Riverview, MI. An outstanding job by **Chef Joseph (Joe) Pagano** and his staff. The food was just delicious. Many thanks to the chairpersons: **Sam and Darlene Randazzo**, **Sam and Grace Pizzo**, and **Dennis and Alice Patton**. The ribeye steak and chicken proved to be an excellent choice this year. The members and their guests all had a great time.

THE BOCCE GAME RESULTS:

The men who participated in the bocce games were: **Jim Bademian**, **Jim Bely**, **Nick Caputo**, **Frank Giannotti**, **Danny Herbert**, **Don Kerr**, **George Lavine**, **Henry LeSage**, **Dennis Patton**, **Angelo Schiraldi**, **Sam Randazzo**, **Bily Tsikaris**, **Damiano Vitale**, **Vincenzo Vitale**, **Gerry Wenzel**, and **Lenny Zerilli**.

The ladies who participated in bocce games were: **Sherron Bryson**, **Mimi Kerr**, **Mary Lavine**, **Miriam Lumia**, **Elisa Norscia**, **Donna (Lumia) Rutter**, **Ciccina Vitale** and **Rose Zerilli**.

The teams were randomly selected. Amazing how they supported the team's effort. After a few rounds of competition, a team emerges as victorious and great honor is bestowed upon them with a certificate to honor the occasion.

First place honors went to the following teams:

Men's Team Champion: **Danny Herbert**, **Don Kerr**, **Dennis Patton**, and **Damiano Vitale**.

Ladies Team Champion: **Mimi Kerr**, **Mary Lavine**, **Miriam Lumia**, and **Donna (Lumia) Rutter**.

Congratulations to the winners and all the participants. Their certificates will be presented at the September membership meeting. View the activity pictures at the club website, www.diac.us.



Men's 2017 Bocce Champions: **Dennis Patton**, **Danny Herbert**, **Don Kerr** and **Damiano Vitale**.



Ladies 2017 Bocce Champions: **Mary Lavine**, **Mimi Kerr**, **Miriam Lumia** and **Donna (Lumia) Rutter**.

Congratulating New Club Members



Please welcome the following new members who recently joined the Club.

Susan (Vojcik) Byrd of Wyandotte, sponsored by **Charles and Leslie Lupo**.

Danny and Theresa (Caparaotta) Herbert of Woodhaven, sponsored by **Frank and Liliana Giannotti**

Henry and Teresa (Caparaotta) LeSage of Riverview, sponsored by **Frank and Liliana Giannotti**

Jeffrey and Lisa (Randazzo) Smith, of Wyandotte, sponsored by (her parents) **Sam and Darlene Randazzo**.

Congratulations to the new Members.

Sick and Good Will

Get Well Wishes to the members who were/are not feeling well: **Tony Pietrangelo** was in the hospital, **Florence Coleman**, and **Sam Cosentino** were in the hospital, and **Sam Pizzo** had shoulder replacement surgery.

Please advise **Grace Pizzo** (734) 379-9491, of any illness.

Condolences to the family of **Don Jenson**, on the death of his father, **James (Jim) Jenson**, who passed away on May 30, 2017, at the age of 93. Jim and his late wife, **Violet Jenson** joined our club in April 1972. They both active in the Club during the Italian Festivals at Wyandotte Yack Arena. Attended many club functions and helped in the fundraising events over the many years. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Joyce Mitra**, on the death of her husband, **Johnny J. Mitra**, who passed away on June 19, 2017, at the age of 84. Johnny and Joyce Mitra joined our club in May 2001. Johnny and Joyce were very active in our club, attended many events, luncheons and meetings. Johnny was our kitchen master chef when the Club had the monthly pasta event fundraisers. He was so dedicated to the Tuesday's pasta, sauce and meatball preparation and did the same on the Wednesday's serving. Johnny made those days flow so smoothly. He was a team leader that made things happen. This news of Johnny passing away came very unexpectedly. We will all miss our friend Johnny Mitra. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Joseph (Joe) Leone**, who passed away on July 12, 2017, at the age of 89. Joe joined the club in May 2005. Joe attended many club functions. Joe was a brother to the late **Nancy McFaul**. Condolences to Joe's niece, **Victoria Meyring**. May he rest in peace.

Prayers of strength during a time of healing is extended to all DIAC members and their families.

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.

George and Mary Lavine (9/03)	57th
Lenny and Rose Zerilli (9/03)	62nd
Damiano and Piera Vitale (9/06)	44th
Donald and Marlene Wellman	56th
Joe and Rosalie Giammalva (9/24)	23rd
John and Diana Parisi (9/26)	47th
Giacinto and Theresa Simone (9/28)	60th
Roger and Emalie Shifflett (9/29)	33rd

Happy Labor Day**Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno**

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

Joseph Bozzo (9/02)	Lena Menna (9/16)
Lenny Milewski (9/03)	Valerie Yinger (9/17)
Donald Wellman (9/03)	Roger Shifflett (9/19)
Emanuele Maniaci (9/04)	Mary Cottone (9/20)
Vincenzo Vitale (9/04)	Rose Gaglio (9/20)
Diana Parisi (9/05)	Kelli McNally (9/22)
Lenny Zerilli (9/05)	Fara Vitale (9/22)
Paul Clark, Jr. (9/08)	Pauline Barraco (9/24)
Anthony Scalfani (9/10)	Rocky Kaune (9/24)
Theresa Simone (9/11)	Julie Bademian (9/26)
Giuseppe Agrusa (9/13)	Nicolina Susin (9/26)
Steven Badalamente (9/14)	Robert Jagiello (9/30)
Sadie Kusic (9/16)	

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sept. 13, 2017,..... Greektown Casino Trip
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831

Oct. 9, 2017, Columbus Day Celebration
Charles and Leslie Lupo

Oct. 11, 2017, Greektown Casino Trip
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831

Nov. 8, 2017, Greektown Casino Trip
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831

Nov. 12, 2017 DIAC Memorial Mass
Florence Scalfani-Coleman

Nov. 15??, 2017 Evening GM Meeting
Sam Randazzo

Dec. 13, 2017,..... Greektown Casino Trip
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831

Dec. 17, 2016..... Club Christmas Party
Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice

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Columbus Day Celebration

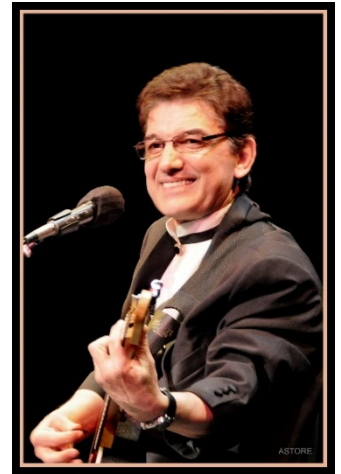
Monday, October 9, 2017

The Event is Celebrated at
Silver Shores Waterfront Banquet Center
1 James DeSana Drive
Wyandotte, MI 48192
(734) 246-4800

Live Entertainment by Pino Marelli



Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Entertainment at 8:00 p.m.
\$20.00 per person



~ Dinner Menu ~

Silver Shores Salad with House Dressing
Italian Wedding Soup with Meatballs
Gnocchi with Wild Boar Ragu
Chicken Marsala
Sausage with Green Peppers and Onions
Mostaccioli with Meat Sauce
Rolls, Butter
Dessert
Coffee Station and Soft Beverage
Cash Bar Available

Ticket Information: Charles Lupo, (734)282-1257

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