



46th Year, 1971-2017



# The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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

## October 2017 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
General Membership Meeting..... Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley

## Columbus Day – October 9, 2017

### Message from the President



The fall season is fast approaching and it forces us to start making changes to our routines. The gardens are finished, the children (grandchildren, great-grandchildren) are back in school, and the snow birds are thinking of heading south again. As beautiful as the fall colors are, it brings to me, a little remorse because I can't help but think that another Michigan winter is in front of us and another lovely summer is behind us.

Our September luncheon and meeting was lightly attended. Only 40 were in attendance. We have many members who are not feeling well. Let's hope that all recover and we can have our usual turnout for the October lunch and meeting. Chef Ben Palazzolo provides a wonderful meal; you can't beat the price!

We have moved the November membership meeting to Sunday, Nov. 19 at 6:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus in Wyandotte. This is so all of our members can have an opportunity to take part in the business of our Club and to give input. The Club will provide pizza and soft drinks. There will be a cash bar available. I have committed to having two evening meetings per year. The June meeting was well attended, and I hope we can have the same turnout again.

Take the time to look over all the upcoming events we have planned. The Social Committee is working hard to provide a variety of entertainment venues. I hope to see all of you at one or more event. Our membership is beginning to grow again, and the future looks bright.

*La vita è bella,*

Sam Randazzo – Club President

### Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on Wednesday, October 18, 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, October 15th.

### ~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The upcoming Greektown Casino trips are on Wednesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. 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. You must now use a credit card to make your reservation. The Club is subsidizing part of the cost. Future trips are set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

### Columbus Day Celebration

Columbus Day Celebration - Monday, October 9, 2017. Contact Charles or Leslie Lupo at (734)282-1257 if you'll be attending and have not made your reservation. See article and flyer in the September newsletter.

### "Sister Act – A Musical Comedy" – Oct. 29, 2017



The Social Committee has chosen an event for our membership, at the Catherine A. Daly – The Avenue Theatre, 2656 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI on Sunday,



#### 2017-2018 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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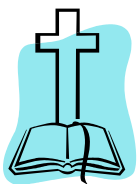


**October 29, 2017.** The musical comedy is titled “**Sister Act.**” Arrive at the location no later than 2:30 p.m. to pick up your tickets. The Play starts at 3:00 p.m. Ticket cost is \$11.00 per person. There are limited tickets; please call and reserve yours. Afterwards, the group will have dinner at **Smokies Tavern, 930 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI**

The club will subsidize \$10.00 toward the cost of your meal (but you must attend the play and the dinner). Individual tabs will be created which will include tax and 18-20% gratuity.

Call **Paula Rice** at (734)285-8516 to select your pre-order meal. See attached flyer for further information.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street) in Wyandotte, MI 48192.

Details are contained in the attached flyer. You need to return the coupon for your reservation. This event is open to members, their families and friends. The event is chaired by **Florence Coleman** (734)281-7126.

### Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall – Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

The **Social Committee** has chosen an event for our membership, at **Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall** on Thursday, November 30, 2017. This includes a bus trip, luncheon and a hilarious interactive comedy show. The bus leaves the **Bentley Banquet Center** parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The club will subsidize part of the cost for members only. See attached flyer for details. Return the completed coupon (no later than November 1, 2016), to **Grace Pizzo** asap, so a headcount can be established.

### Congratulating New Club Members



Please welcome the following new members who recently joined the Club. **Alexander and Karen Asteriou** of Allen Park, sponsored by **Grace Asteriou**.

**Mary Caparaotta** of Riverview, MI, sponsored by **Henry and Theresa (Terry) LeSage**

**Donald DiPietro** of Wyandotte, MI, sponsored by **Frank and Liliana Giannotti**

**Linda Kerr** of Trenton, MI, sponsored by **Don and Mimi Kerr**.

**Peter and Brenda Mangiapane**, of Allen Park, MI, sponsored by **Grace Asteriou**.

**Victoria (McFaul) Meyring** of Riverview, MI, sponsored by **Marilyn Bomarito**.

**James and Elizabeth (Asteriou) Shannon**, of Gibraltar, MI, sponsored by **Grace Asteriou**.

**Congratulations to the new Members.**

### Welcoming New Family Addition

**Frank and Liliana Giannotti** proudly announce the birth of their 3<sup>rd</sup> grandchild, **Sonia Elizabeth Rigney**. Sonia was born on Sunday, September 3, 2017. She weighed in at 8 lbs. – 13 oz. and was 21 inches long.

The proud parents are **Nicholas and Lina (Giannotti) Rigney** of West Bloomfield, MI. Sonia is welcomed by her first cousins, **Nicholas and Matthew Giannotti**. As well as her uncle and aunt, **Angelo and Lia (Vitale) Giannotti**.

**Congratulations to the Rigney and Giannotti families.**



Baby Sonia Elizabeth Rigney

### Evening Membership Meeting



There will be an evening general membership meeting at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 19, 2017**. There will be free pizza and beverage immediately following the meeting. Meeting location is **Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192**.

### Sick and Good Will



Get Well Wishes to the following members who were not in their best health: **Tony Lumia, Tony Pietrangelo, MaryJane Grazioli, Rose Pagano, George Lavine, Sam Pizzo and Lina Susin**.

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

Condolences to the family of **Nick and Karen Caputo**, on the death of Karen's mother, **Luisa Harleton**, who passed away on September 10, 2017, at the age of 91. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Jim and Julie Bademian**, on the death of Julie's brother, **James Pankas**, who passed away on September 16, 2017, at the age of 75. May he rest in peace.

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

## Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Bettina Vitale (10/2)	Marco Talluto (10/17)
Vivian Martino (10/3)	Darlene Randazzo (10/18)
Lisa Smith (10/5)	John Finazzo (10/19)
Mike Palazzolo (10/7)	Daniel Boileau (10/21)
Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8)	Karen Caputo (10/24)
Linda Burnett (10/9)	Joe Giammalva (10/24)
Joan Luzac (10/9)	BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25)
James Bademian (10/10)	Rino Pagnucco (10/26)
Josie Klube (10/11)	Michael McNally (10/27)
Jeffrey Smith (10/17)	Angela McCarty (10/31)

## 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.

Jeffrey and Lisa Smith (10/2)	
Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3)	
Lenny and Pina Milewski (10/3)	
Peter and Brenda Mangiapane (10/5)	20 <sup>th</sup>
Joseph and Josie Badalamenti (10/9)	
Henry and Teresa LeSage (10/10)	
Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14)	
Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)	
Tony and Miriam Lumia (10/19)	60 <sup>th</sup>
Rino and Marie Pagnucco (10/31)	25 <sup>th</sup>

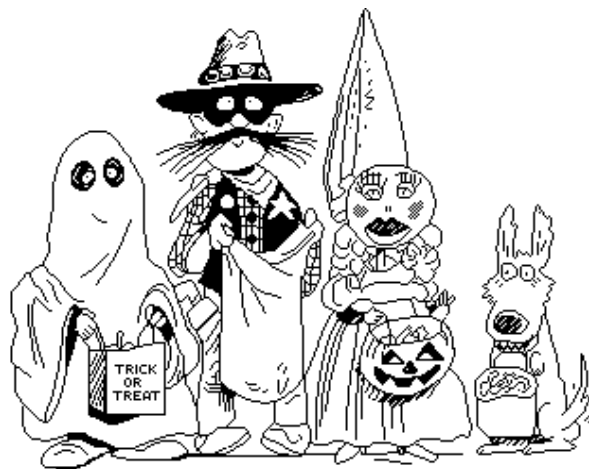


Inspiration provided by Florence Coleman

## The Little Things in Life



Enjoy the little things in life. For one day, you will look back and realize - they were the BIG THINGS.



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Oct. 9, 2017, ..... Columbus Day Celebration  
Charles and Leslie Lupo
- Oct. 11, 2017, ..... Greektown Casino Trip  
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Oct. 29, 2017, ..... Sister Act – Musical Comedy  
J Bademian, G Pizzo, P Rice.
- Nov. 8, 2017, ..... Greektown Casino Trip  
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Nov. 12, 2017 ..... DIAC Memorial Mass  
Florence Sclafani-Coleman
- Nov. 19, 2017 ..... Evening GM Meeting @ KofC  
Sam Randazzo
- Nov. 30, 2017, ..... Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall  
Grace Pizzo.
- Dec. 13, 2017, ..... Greektown Casino Trip  
Indian Trails, (800) 292-3831
- Dec. 17, 2016, ..... Club Christmas Party  
Grace Pizzo, Paula Rice

### The Downriver Italian-American Club Newsletter

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# DIAC Memorial Mass/Luncheon

Presented by:

P.O. Box 1797

Southgate, MI 48195-0797    Tel. (734) 281-7126

**Mass Service at:**

St. Vincent Pallotte Catholic Church  
(formerly St. Joseph Catholic Church)

334 Elm St. (between 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street)

Wyandotte, MI 48192

Mass at 11:30 a.m.

**Buffet Luncheon: The Bentley Banquet Ctr. - Gucci Room**  
646 Biddle Avenue

Wyandotte, MI 48192-2727

(734) 285 - 4044

Time: 1:00 p.m.

**Members: \$10.00/Person ❖ Non-Members: \$15.00/Person**

Children (7 to 10 yrs. old): \$6.00

**If you are unable to attend the Mass, then please join us for the luncheon.**

Further information call: **Florence (Sclafani) Coleman** at (734) 281-7126

The names of the deceased Club Members will be recognized.

I/We will be attending the **Memorial Mass/Luncheon** on Sunday – Nov. 12, 2017, at St. Vincent Pallotte Church, Luncheon at The Bentley. This coupon and payment must be received ***no later than Sunday, November 5, 2017***

Name

Phone Number

No. Attending Mass:                      Luncheon - Club Member: \$ 10.00   x                      Total: \$

Luncheon - Non-Member: \$ 15.00    x                      Total: \$

Children 7 -10 yrs of age: \$6.00      x      Total: \$

Make your check payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club or DIAC** Total: \$

Return coupon and your check to: Florence Coleman, 14157 Stratford, Riverview, MI 48193-7550

# Downriver Italian American Club

## *FAMILY AND FRIENDS*

### Thursday, November 30, 2017

**Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall**

**108 E. Main Northville, MI 48167**

**248-349-0522 [www.genittis.com](http://www.genittis.com)**



Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017

**\$30**

**Non-members \$50**

9:30 am—3:00 pm

Departure & Return  
From the Bentley, Wyan.

Enjoy the hilarious interactive-comedy!

In past years we've spoofed holiday office parties, family gatherings, and even had a pirate adventure. You, the audience, get to be a part of the show.....



## **"COWPOKE HOLIDAY - WESTERN STYLE"**



It's the holidays in the old west and you're invited to the Saddle Sore Saloon, as a guest of Miss Katty and her bartender Slim, for a rootin' tootin' good time. Have a drink with the prospector Sam or dance with Sheriff Longarm, but only if the evening isn't ruined by Poison Pete, the meanest hombre west of the Mississippi. Get ready to save the town in this interactive holiday comedy!

### **What to expect at Genitti's**

Depart the Bentley, at 9:30 a.m., Arrive in Northville at 10:30 a.m. for a bit of shopping. Luncheon at Genitti's at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy their famous 7-course family style dinner including, Italian Wedding Soup and Garlic Bread, Pasta, Antipasto Salad, Baked Chicken with Vegetable, Italian Steak with Potato, Italian Sausage with Green Peppers and Onions and Cannoli for dessert! After the dinner, all into the theater to see the show!!

Please fill this form and return with your payment to: Grace Pizzo, 32050 Liparota Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173-8618, before November 1st or until trip is sold out. Make checks payable to Downriver Italian American Club (DIAC).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please notify: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Today my travel companion is: \_\_\_\_\_



Downriver Italian American Club

*FAMILY AND FRIENDS*



*Sister Act*

Catherine A. Daly

Theatre on

**theavenue**

2656 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte

Sunday, October 29th

3:00 PM.

Play starts at 3PM, be at the theatre  
at 2:30 to receive your ticket

**Tickets—\$11**

DIAC Members will receive a  
\$10 subsidy at Smokies—must  
attend the play and dinner to  
receive the subsidy



Dinner immediately following  
Smokies Tavern  
930 Biddle Ave  
Wyandotte, (734)283-3228  
See Menu Options (over)  
Individual tabs will be  
created which will include  
tax and 18-20% gratuity

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