



47th Year, 1971-2018

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

June 2018 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, June 12, 2018 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, June 20, 2018 – 6:00 p.m., Silver Shores



Happy Father's Day – June 17, 2018



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ITALY'S FINEST
ALFA ROMEO
2018 GIULIA

No Membership Meeting for July and August



There are no membership meetings for the months of July and August. The Club events during this period include the **Casino Trips, Gilmore Car Museum, Summer Social Luncheons, Diamond Jack Boat Trip, Club Picnic and Nunsense A-Men Comedy Show/Turkeyville.** Details for these events are located in this newsletter. The newsletter will not be published during these months.

Have a safe and an enjoyable summer.

Message from the President



Now that summertime seems to have finally arrived, perhaps we can put away our umbrellas and get out and plant flowers and put the garden in. Even for Michigan, it's been a strange Spring season!

Darlene and I got to spend 10 days in Italy during May and that has made me really appreciate my heritage and the Italian culture even more. We must strive to continue to celebrate the food, the art, the music of Italy. It is a culture which we can be proud of! In my absence, Vice President **Paula Rice** did an excellent job running the membership meeting.

A big thank you to **Tony** and **Miriam Lumia** for organizing "A Taste of Italy" once again. Thanks to the wonderful turnout, the DIAC donated over \$4,900.00 to the **Penrickton Center.** I hope that we can continue to hold this event as the **Lumia's** will turn over the responsibilities to someone else next year. We will be looking for volunteers in 2019. I must once again, thank the **Social Committee** for putting together the **Rouge**

Plant tour and luncheon at **Buddy's Pizza;** another successful outing. They continue to bring us a variety of interesting and entertaining events.

Please try to attend the **June 20 Evening Dinner** and membership meeting. Dinner will be \$10 for members. We are voting on the By-Law changes that were announced at the May meeting. We should have plenty of time after the meeting to relax and enjoy the riverside. I hope to see you then.

I piloti in Italia sono pazzi!

Sam Randazzo – Club President

June Evening Meeting



The Club dinner this month will be on **Wednesday, June 20, 2018, (an evening meeting) at 6:00 PM,** at Silver Shores

Waterfront, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192, located just behind Wyandotte Ford Hospital.

The dinner cost is \$10.00 per person. Make your dinner reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo (734)676-8463,** no later than **one week before.**

~ Greektown Casino Trips ~



The upcoming **Greektown Casino** trips are on **Wed., June 13th, Wed., July 11th and Wed., Aug. 8th.** The pickup/drop off points are: **Meijer's (Southgate)**

parking lot (@12:50 p.m.); Meijer's (Lincoln Park) parking lot (@1:10 p.m.). The bus departs from the casino at 7:00 p.m. Call **Indian Trails at (800) 292-3831** and let them know where you want to be picked up. You need a credit card to make your reservation. The Club will subsidize part of cost.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

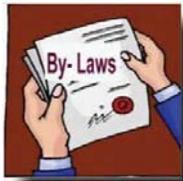
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Club Summer Social Luncheons



The club will once again have summer luncheons during the off-months summer break. The dates are **Wed. July 18, 2018**, and **Wed. August 15, 2018**. Time is **12:00 Noon**. The location is **The Bentley Banquet Center, 646 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)285-4044**. The cost is **\$9.00 per person**. Make your lunch reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at **(734)676-8463**, no later than the Sunday before the event.

Amending the Club By-Laws



The **By-Laws Committee**, consisting of **Nino Trupiano, Frank Giannotti, Charles Lupo, Sam Randazzo, Tom Randazzo and Paula Rice**, made recommended changes to the By-Laws to reflect current club operations. The amendments will be voted on at the evening membership on **June 20, 2018**. The changes pertain to wording (no longer applicable), and some minor additions. Attached in this newsletter are the proposed changes. These changes will be discussed prior to the voting. Please attend and participate.

Diamond Jack Boat Ride July 25



This year's **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** will be on **Wednesday, July 25, 2018**. The chairperson is **Frank Giannotti (734)283-7394**. The ride will be heading south, toward **Bob-Lo Island**. The Club has chartered the boat for the trip. Family and guests are invited. See flyer contained in this newsletter. Meet at **Bishop Park** no later than **2:30 PM**. Return the coupon and monies **no later than July 18, 2018**.

Immediately after the ride, there will be a meal at the **Bentley Conference Center, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI**. For Club members attending the boat ride, their meal will be subsidized by the club. Non-members (and club members who did not ride the boat), the cost of their meal is **\$10.00**.

Membership Picnic – Aug. 12, 2018



The **Annual Club Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, August 12, 2018**. The picnic location is at the **Young Patriots Park**, on **Sibley Road**, in **Riverview, MI 48193**.

The chairpersons for this event are **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo & Sam and Darlene**

Randazzo. Alice Patton (374)697-7902 is taking **reservations**. This event has always been a great success. Family and friends are welcome. Meal selection is required. Bocce will be played near the pavilion. The food is prepared by **Chef Joe Pagano and Paul Benedict** (same as last year). See flyer contained in this newsletter.

Salad Luncheon at St. Vincent Pallotti



There is a fundraiser, **Maurice Salad Luncheon**, at **St. Vincent Pallotti Parrish Hall** (formerly St. Joseph Church), **334 Elm St., Wyandotte, MI (734)285-9840**, on **July 19, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. till**

1:00 p.m. The cost is **\$10.00 per person**.

For ticket sales, contact **Mary Cottone (734)285-1563** or **Sue Byrd (734)258-2822**. Tickets are also available at the Parish Hall. This is a non-club sponsored event.

Congratulating New Club Members



Please welcome the following new members who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club**:

Robert and Ruth Lepidi of **Riverview, MI**; sponsored by **Ann Lepidi**.

Congratulations to the new Members.

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.

Condolences to the family of **Dennis and Alice Patton** on the death of Alice's sister, **Catherine Gow**, who passed away on **April 27, 2018** at the age of **73**. May she rest in peace.

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**.

Sam and Nancy Cosentino (6/01)

Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/02)

Danny and Theresa Herbert (6/03)

Jim and Juliann Bademian (6/06)

Vincenzo and Ciccina Vitale (6/08)

Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16)

Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)

Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (6/19)

Mark and Maryjane Grazioli (6/25)

50th

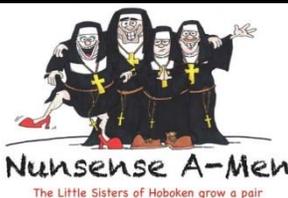
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- Gerald and Amelia McGowan (6/27)
- Nick and Karen Caputo (7/01)
- Frank and Liliana Giannotti (7/06)
- Nino and Gianna Trupiano (7/09)
- Angelo and Jeanette Schiraldi (7/16)
- Robert and Linda Carrier (7/17)
- Sam and Darlene Randazzo (7/24)
- Nino and Fara Vitale (7/24)
- Joe and Vita Alastra (7/27) 45th
- Joe and Joanne Cuva (7/27)
- Steve and Sylvia Vitale (7/30)
- Randy and Paula Rice (8/04)
- Anthony and Allison Vitale (8/08)
- Joe and Paola Ventimiglia (8/12)
- Daniel and Rose Boileau (8/16)
- Charlie and Leslie Lupo (8/16) 50th
- William and Susan Herbert (8/23)
- Arnaldo and Elda Fracassa (8/27)
- Tony and Joyce Pietrangelo (8/27)
- Paul and Mary Clark (8/28)



Nunsense A-Men Show/Turkeyville



This bus trip event will be on **Wednesday, August 30th**. Members \$79 – Non-Member \$89. Reservations need to be in by July 30th. Departure & Return location to be announced. Make checks payable to **Custom Holidays**. Please contact **Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491**. Her address: 32050 Liparoto Dr., Rockwood, MI 48173. Flyers will be available at the June membership meeting.

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



We wish to extend our **Congratulations and Best Wishes** to our members who are celebrating their **Birthday**.

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| Joe Cuva (6/01) | Mary Ellen Caruso (7/15) |
| Randall Rice (6/03) | Cindy Dingell (7/16) |
| Vito A. Trupiano (6/03) | Alexander Asteriou (7/18) |
| Allison Vitale (6/06) | Leslie Lupo (7/18) |
| Dennis Patton, Sr. (6/10) | Helen Sryniawski (7/21) |
| Anna Finazzo (6/13) | Nina Palazzolo (7/25) |
| Stella Marzano (6/13) | Bettie L Machinsky (7/29) |
| Susie Coch (6/14) | Ruth Lepidi (7/30) |
| Sarah Eaton (6/15) | Sam Pizzo (7/30) |
| Liliana Giannotti (6/17) | Joe Badalamenti (8/03) |
| Robert Lepidi (6/17) | Don Kerr (8/04) |
| Arnaldo Fracassa (6/18) | Joe J. Giammalva (8/05) |
| Paola Hillebrand (6/19) | Margaret Vitale (8/05) |
| Paula Rice (6/24) | Robert Carrier (8/07) |
| Karen Asteriou (6/25) | Victoria Meyring (8/09) |
| Pina Milewski (6/27) | Gaetano Randazzo (8/10) |
| Gerald McGowan (6/29) | Maria Horvath (0/12) |
| Connie Becker (7/01) | Rose Zahara (8/12) |
| Laurie Randazzo (7/06) | Sharon Pagano (8/14) |
| Mimi Kerr (7/07) | Tony Pietrangelo (8/14) |
| Vince Vitale (Mary St) (7/07) | Josie Badalamenti (8/15) |
| Maria Johnson (7/10) | Barbara Bianchi (8/17) |
| Tony Lumia (7/10) | Jennifer Vitale (8/18) |
| James Bely (7/11) | Jim Bommarito (8/22) |
| Elda Fracassa (7/13) | Grace Lewis (8/22) |
| Damiano Vitale (7/13) | Emalie Shifflett (8/25) |

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- June 20, 2018,** Evening GM Meeting, Silver Shore
Sam Randazzo (734) 676-8463
- June 28, 2018,** Gilmore Car Museum/Firekeeper
Grace Pizzo (734) 379-9491
- July 25, 2018,** Diamond Jack Boat Ride
Frank Giannotti (734) 283-7394
- Aug. 12, 2018,** Club Picnic
Alice Patton (734) 697-7902
- Aug. 30, 2018,** Nunsense A-Men Bus Trip
Social Committee
- Sept. 27, 2018,** Frankenmuth Bus Trip
Social Committee
- Oct. 8, 2018,** Columbus Day Dinner
Charles & Leslie Lupo (734) 282-1257

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Chartered Boat Cruise

Wednesday – July 25, 2018, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The Cruise will be Southbound Toward Bob-Lo



◆ Bishop Park Wyandotte Dock Directions

Board the Diamond Jack at quaint Bishop Park in Wyandotte for a two hour cruise on the sparkling waters of the lower Detroit River. Enjoy waterside views of the surrounding American and Canadian communities and beautiful wetland areas, while listening to interesting historical narration and anecdote. Ride alongside Great Lakes and ocean ships, pass steel mills, marine terminals and shipyards, historic LaSalle, Ontario and "explore" Canadian island backwaters rarely transited by commercial vessels. View historic waterfront mansions and an historic 1906 lighthouse. Relax - enjoy - and learn too! Passengers of all ages enjoy this truly unique "nautical adventure."

The Boat Trip is \$15.00 per Person. Family/Guests are invited.
Dinner is Free to Club Member Who Ride – \$10.00 All Others.
Further Information, Contact Frank Giannotti at (734) 283-7394.

Mail Coupon with Party Size and Respective Total Cost.
Make check payable to: Downriver Italian-American Club.
DIAC members, their family and guests are welcome.

I/We will be attending the **Diamond Jack Boat Ride/Dinner** on Wednesday – July 25, 2018. Wyandotte Dock. Dinner at The Bentley. This coupon and payment must be received **no later than Wednesday, July 18, 2018**

Name	Phone Number
# Attending Ride: _____	Member & Non-Member: \$ 15.00 x _____
# Member Dinner: _____	Dinner - Member: \$ Free x _____
# Guest Dinner _____	Dinner - Guest: \$ 10.00 x _____

Make your check payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club or DIAC** Total Amt: \$ _____
Return coupon and your check to: **Frank Giannotti, 14823 Williamsburg, Riverview, MI 48193-7703**



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Membership Picnic Party

Sunday – Aug. 12, 2018



WHERE: Young Patriots Park, Sibley Rd, (West of Fort Street) – Riverview, MI

TIME: 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

PRICE: Member: \$10.00

Children over 18: \$15.00

Guest of Member: \$15.00

WHO: Club Members, their Family and their Friends.



----- FOOD ----- MUSIC?-----BEVERAGE ----- GAMES -----

Meal: Steak or Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Bread/Roll, Beverage, Watermelon, Dessert.

The meal is prepared on site by **Chef Joseph J. Pagano**.

Volunteers needed to bring dessert - would be appreciated. **Call Alice Patton, (734) 697-7902**

Bocce tournament, horseshoe and other summer games allowed - bring them with you.

If you are planning on attending - please return the bottom coupon as soon as possible, but **no later than Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018**. Please enclose your check or money order, payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club**. It is important to get an accurate head count so there will be food for everyone. Paper dishes, paper cups, plastic knives and forks will be provided. (You may bring your own silverware and settings). **Please indicate your food choice on the return coupon.**

The picnic is chaired by: **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo**. Mail the coupon below, along with your check to:

Alice Patton
8779 Hardwood Drive
Belleville, MI 48111-7414
Phone: (734) 697-7902

Board Members will be helping.
 Thank you for your promptness.
Dennis, Alice, Sam, Grace,
Sam and Darlene.



I/We will be attending the Membership Annual Picnic on **Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018**.

Coupon must be received **no later than Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018**.

NAME: _____ # Steak _____ # Chicken _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

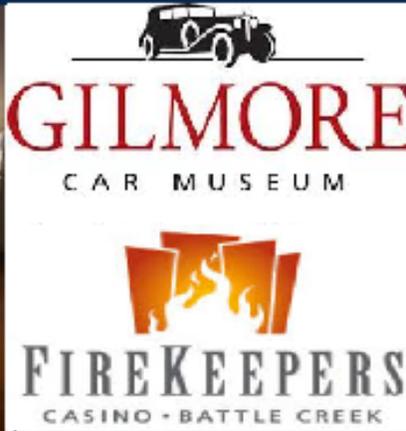
Number of Adults (\$10.00): _____ Children over 18 (\$15.00): _____ Guest (\$15.00): _____

A check or money order (made out to DIAC) in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Return coupon and your check to: **Alice Patton, 8779 Hardwood Drive, Belleville, MI 48111-7414**



Downriver Italian American Club



Thursday
June 28, 2018
8 AM - 7 PM

Member Price:
\$35

Non-member Price:
\$45

Departure & Return:
Meijer - Lincoln Park
7310 Dix Hwy - Park
behind the laundry mat

Gilmore Car Museum-The ever expanding Gilmore Car Museum, hailed as one of the Top Five car museums in the nation, features over nearly extraordinary cars and motorcycles from all eras. The Automotive Heritage Center (about 150 vehicles) is Open daily year-round. The outdoor park-like campus of historic buildings (including 1930s gas station, working 1940s diner and several exhibit structures) are open April - November. Museum exhibits range from cars of the 1890s to the classic Duesenberg, the elusive 1948 Tucker, to the muscle cars of the '60s & '70s. Located just off M-43 at Hickory Road near Hickory Corners (20 min. NE of Kalamazoo, MI)

Fire Keepers Casino-Guests will receive \$20 free slot play and \$5 in points that can be used for food, drink, merchandise or more additional free slot play.

There are only 56 tickets available - Reserve your seat early, this trip may sell out!!!

Motor coach driver gratuities are not included. Thank you!

Please fill in this form and make checks payable to Downriver Italian American Club. Return to Grace Pizzo at 32050 Liparoto Dr. Rockwood, MI 48173 before June 15, 2018 or until trip is sold out. For more information call Grace at 734.379.9491 or Paula Rice 734-748-0998.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

E-mail _____ Cell phone _____ Trip: Gilmore Car Museum & Firekeepers

In case of emergency, please notify: _____ Phone # _____

Today my travel companion is: _____

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES OF JUNE 20, 2018

CONSTITUTION-ARTICLE 3-MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the club shall be open to all families who have Italian ancestry by blood, from either maternal or paternal side, and any person who is related through marriage to a person of Italian ancestry, and who are basically in accord with the purposes above described, who qualify in compliance with the governing by-laws hereinafter provided, with final acceptance by the General Assembly. In the event of the death of the member of Italian ancestry, the (non-Italian spouse) remaining member shall continue as a member, but for as long as said member does not remarry a person other than of Italian ancestry, by blood, If such member remarries a non-Italian spouse, they both qualify for the status of Associate Members.

Proposed Addition

A non-Italian member who attains Honorary Status, who remarries a non-Italian, shall retain that status. However, the new spouse enters the club as an Associate member.

CONSTITUTION-ARTICLE 9-AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and/or by-laws may be amended, in or in part by a two thirds (2/3) vote of all regular members, in good standing, present at such meeting, regular or special, providing that such amendment shall be submitted in writing at any meeting with just a reading thereof, and then contained in a due notice to all members sent by the Financial Corresponding Secretary at least three (3) weeks before such a meeting, at which a timed discussion and vote thereon shall be had. As amendments are made to the Constitution and/or By-Laws, it shall be the responsibility of the Recording Secretary to record these changes on a master copy to facilitate future reviews.

Proposed Addition

Voting for the proposed by-laws changes shall take place at an evening meeting.

BY-LAWS ARTICLE 1 SECTION 2-B

An Associate Member shall be a (husband and wife) or a single person, who is not married, who shall qualify under Article III of the Constitution, and both (husband and wife) or single person shall be in good standing with respect to all dues and assessments. No person shall be eligible to be a member of the club until he/she has attained 18 years of age. However, he/she shall be entitled to attend or participate in all social activities that are derived from the membership of his/her parents. Associate Membership shall be limited to 50 members. The limit shall be determined from time to time by the Club Board and the approval of the General Assembly.

Proposed Deletion

Associate Membership shall be limited to 50 members.

ARTICLE V-CLUB BOARD-SECTION 1

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the club. He shall preside at all meeting of the Club including those of the Executive Committee. He, when available, shall be the officer to execute any documents concerning the Club, and shall countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer. He shall appoint all standing committees, with the cooperative approval of the Executive Committee and members in good standing. Preferable, as the leading factor in the Club, he should be exemplary in forwarding the Club's interests and be conversant in programmatic and parliamentary accomplishments. The term of the President shall be two (2) years and he shall not be eligible to serve as President again for four (4) years, after serving his term as President.

In the rare situation when there is no candidate for the Office of President the Nominations and Election Committee may ask from the membership present, a nomination from current and past Presidents (who are bound by term limits) for the Office of President. Then he/she may run for additional two (2) years. However, once he/she has served four continuous years as President he/she shall not be eligible to serve again for two years.

Proposed Deletion

and he shall not be eligible to serve as President again for four (4) years, after serving his term as President.

Proposed Change

In a situation when there is no candidate for the Office of President the Nominations and Election Committee may ask from the membership present, a nomination from current and past Presidents (who are bound by term limits) for the Office of President. Then he/she may run for an additional two (2) years.

NEW PROPOSAL - SECTION 1-B

The President shall appoint a Budget Committee and the Treasurer will present said budget at the first Club Board Meeting in January, if possible.

Section 3

The Recording Secretary shall attend all meeting of the Club, including those of the Executive Committee, and shall act as clerk thereof, recording the notes and/or minutes thereof, (a copy of which shall be afforded the President and Vice President within 7 days after any meeting). He shall report minutes at the next meeting. Further he, shall keep on hand a copy of all the minutes from the previous year for reference purposed. He shall also maintain a master copy of changes to the Constitution and By-Laws in accordance with Article 1X of the Constitution. All original minutes shall be kept in a fireproof cabinet in the Club office.

Proposed Change

All original minutes shall be kept in a fireproof cabinet in the Club Storage.

ARTICLE VII-COMMITTEES-SECTION 1A STANDING COMMITTEES

The President shall, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint the following Standing Committees, Sick and Goodwill, Membership, Publicity, Athletic, Hall, Planning and Social.

Proposed Deletion

Athletic, Publicity

ARTICLE 1V-OFFICER STATUS

Section 1 – any member in good standing shall be eligible for office in the Club. Being deemed an honor, the position of any officer shall be non-salaried. New officers are elected at the November election membership meeting and their term of office shall start on January 1st. The executive committee, including only the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Financial Corresponding Secretary, shall not be the immediate family, (husband, wife, children , brother and sisters).

Proposed Change

Remove Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary

Modify the last sentence to read: The Club Officers, including the President, Vice President, Treasurer, & Assistant Treasurer, shall not be of the immediate family (parents, husband, wife, children, brother and sister).