



44th Year, 1971-2015

# The Downriver Italian-American Club®

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

## June 2015 Newsletter

Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, June 9, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.  
General Membership Meeting..... \*\*\*Wednesday, June 17, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.\*\*\*



## Happy Father's Day – June 21, 2015



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### Membership Meeting Date/Time Change



**Please Note:** The June General Membership meeting will be held on June 17, 2015, at 1:00 PM – immediately following the June 17<sup>th</sup> Club Luncheon.

**Please jot June 17 2015, at 1:00 p.m. on your calendar and remind fellow members.**

### No Membership Meetings for July and August



There will be no membership meetings for the months of July and August. The Club functions during this period include the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade, Club Picnic and the Diamond Jack Boat Trip**. Details of 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 The newsletter will not be published during these months.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



I'm very pleased that we had (44) members at our first afternoon General Meeting held on May 20th. Most of the members attended the lunch and stayed for the meetings. I think it worked out great. We only had (30) members attend the April Sunday meeting. We have to try to keep together. We will have a luncheon on the 3rd Wednesday, June 17th and I would like to see more of you attending. A lot is going on right now, your Board Members and I would like to hear what you have to say about it all. We can

only do that if you come to the meetings and speak up. Please don't hesitate to ask questions. We are still waiting on the purchaser to ok a Temporary Lease Agreement with us in order to get a Conditional License from the Liquor Control Commission. We and the buyer have met all the requirements for the transfer of our Liquor License. The Conditional License will be issued when the LCC receives a Lease Agreement, it will be attached to the Conditional License and be ready to use temporarily. The Lease will only be until they get their permanent Liquor License which might take some time. Under the Lease Agreement, the purchaser will be paying us rent each month and will be able to come into the building and do business. The rent will cover our expenses on the building. Again, if you have any questions, please come to the meetings.

We will be having our Club Picnic this year at **Crown Point Condo's Clubhouse**, off of Sibley Rd. in Riverview. See related article.

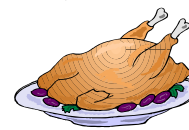
I think I will close with this paragraph until our building is sold. Please don't give up on our CLUB. If we all work together, we can have as much fun as we had before we bought our building. Only this time, we will gear our activities to senior events. This can only happen if we ALL stick together. Like I said, ideas are GREAT. Please don't hesitate to speak up.

**Wishing all you fathers a VERY Happy Father's Day**

**Florence (Sclafani) Coleman – Club President.**

### June Luncheon at the Hall

**Mary Cottone** is scheduling another extended **Club Luncheon** for members and their friends, on **Wednesday, June 17, 2015, starting at 11:30 am.** The menu is baked chicken, lunchmeat tray, bread, salad, coffee, tea and soft beverage. Members and friends can bring their favorite dessert to share.



The cost is \$8.00 per person. Make check payable to **Downriver Italian-American Hall**. Please send your reservation to: **Mary Cottone, 478 Mulberry, Wyandotte, MI 48192**, no later than June 12, 2015. Come join the fun.

### Wyandotte Independence Day Parade



The Club will participate in the **Wyandotte Independence Day Parade** on **Saturday, July 4, 2015**. Volunteers are needed to decorate. At this time we are unsure if a flatbed trailer is available. The work begins at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the parade. Chairperson **Mary Cottone** will provide details regarding the club staging location at the June membership meeting.

Members are encouraged to walk the parade route. Children are needed to carry the club banner and adults to carry the flags - bring your grandchildren, all are welcome. Please wear your red, white, green attire. Those that cannot walk can sit on the trailer. The more people participating, the better our presence will be. There will be a pizza snack and beverage at the Hall after the parade.

If you have any questions, please contact **Mary Cottone** at (313)689-5313 (cell) or the Hall office (734) 285-4044. (313)565-0671

### Membership Picnic – July 26, 2015

\*\*\* New Location \*\*\*



The **Annual Club Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, July 26, 2015**. The new location is the **Crown Pointe Condos Club House**. The chairpersons for this event are **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo, and Tony and Miriam Lumia** with help from the membership. This event has always been a great success. The main meal is steak, or chicken, or baby back ribs. Bocce will be played near the clubhouse. Here are the directions: (Signs will be placed along the way).

**Starting at Fort Street and Sibley Road, (in Riverview)**, go west on Sibley Road, you pass Grange Rd, come to Hilltop Drive (on your right) and you make right turn into Hilltop. Hilltop turns into Golfview Drive. Follow this curve drive until you see the Club House building on the right side. There are ample parking spaces for you to park your car. The facility has a kitchen and a room with tables and chairs. You may bring your own chair(s) to sit outdoor.

Thanks to **Don and Mimi Kerr, and George and Mary Lavine** for suggesting this very nice location.

### Diamond Jack Boat Ride – Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>

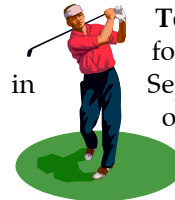


**Diamond Jack Boat Ride – Thursday, August 20, 2015. Bishop Park, Wyandotte, MI**

Enjoy an afternoon boat ride on the Detroit River, going south, toward the Bob-lo Island. The boat departs at 3:30 p.m. and returns at around 5:30 pm. .

Cost is \$10.00 per person. **Sam Randazzo, Tony Lumia, and Tony Pietrangelo** are chairing this event. If you are interested in attending, a headcount is needed. Please contact **Sam or Darlene Randazzo**, at (734) 676-8463. You will pay at the boat dock. You may bring a friend along.

### Golf Outing in September



**Tony Pietrangelo** is organizing a golf outing for club members and their friends, sometime September. Those who wish to partake in this outing are to call **Tony Pietrangelo** at (734)771-4660 – no later than August 1, 2015. Those attending will determine location (and cost). This is also open to the women and their friends.

This will be a great opportunity to show your golf skills

### Sick and Good Will



Belated Get Well Wishes to the following members who were/are ill or hospitalized:

**Vivian Palazzolo, Sam Randazzo (15<sup>th</sup> Street), Stella Marzano, Marco Talluto.**

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 if you know of a member who is ill or if there is an emergency in their family.

Condolences to the family of **Steven and Sylvia Vitale** on the death of Sylvia's sister, **Bernice Pulice**, who passed away on May 12, 2015, at the age of 81. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Judge Christopher and Cindy Dingell** on the death of Chris's sister, **Jeanne P. (Dingell) Lagodka**, who passed away on May 15, 2015, in Poland. May she rest in peace.

### Educational Achievement News



**Rose and Lenny Zerilli** proudly announce their grandson; **Steven Zerilli**, completed his medical degree from Michigan State University – School of Medicine. **Dr. Steven**

**Zerilli** will start his residency at the University of North Carolina – Charlotte, on July 1, 2015.

Steven Zerilli is the son of **Sam and Karen Zerilli**. His undergraduate was at University of Michigan – Ann Arbor. Congratulations to the **Zerilli** families.

### Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

<i>Joe Cuva (6/01)</i>	<i>Elda Fracassa (7/13)</i>
<i>Randy Rice (6/03)</i>	<i>Damiano Vitale (7/13)</i>
<i>Vito A. Trupiano (6/03)</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Caruso (7/15)</i>
<i>Allison Vitale (6/06)</i>	<i>Cindy Dingell (7/16)</i>
<i>Dennis Patton, Sr. (6/10)</i>	<i>Leslie Lupo (7/18)</i>
<i>Anna Finazzo (6/13)</i>	<i>Helen Sryniawski (7/21)</i>
<i>Stella Marzano (6/13)</i>	<i>Nina Palazzolo (7/25)</i>
<i>Susie Coch (6/14)</i>	<i>Sam Pizzo (7/30)</i>
<i>Liliana Giannotti (6/17)</i>	<i>Joe Badalamenti (8/03)</i>
<i>Arnaldo Fracassa (6/18)</i>	<i>Don Kerr (8/04)</i>
<i>Donna Grazioli (6/20)</i>	<i>Joe J. Giammalva (8/05)</i>
<i>Nancy Kaune (6/23)</i>	<i>Margaret Vitale (8/05)</i>
<i>Alex Cellini (6/24)</i>	<i>Robert Carrier (8/07)</i>
<i>Paula Rice (6/24)</i>	<i>Gaetano Randazzo (8/10)</i>
<i>Pina Milewski (6/27)</i>	<i>Maria Horvath (0/12)</i>
<i>Connie Becker (7/01)</i>	<i>Rose Zahara (8/12)</i>
<i>Lena Brockway (7/04)</i>	<i>Sharon Pagano (8/14)</i>
<i>Laurie Randazzo (7/06)</i>	<i>Tony Pietrangelo (8/14)</i>
<i>Mimi Kerr (7/07)</i>	<i>Josie Badalamenti (8/15)</i>
<i>Vince Vitale (Taylor) (7/07)</i>	<i>Barbara Bianchi (8/17)</i>
<i>Enrico Ciotti (7/10)</i>	<i>Jennifer Vitale (8/18)</i>
<i>Maria Johnson (7/10)</i>	<i>Jim Bommarito (8/22)</i>
<i>Tony Lumia (7/10)</i>	<i>Grace Lewis (8/22)</i>
<i>Maryann Graziani (7/12)</i>	

### Happy Anniversary – Felice Anniversario



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

<i>Sam and Nancy Cosentino (6/01)</i>	
<i>Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/02)</i>	
<i>Matteo and Diana Giaimo (6/04)</i>	
<i>Jim and Juliann Bademian (6/06)</i>	
<i>Joe and Vivian Cacioppo (6/06)</i>	
<i>Vince and Ciccina Vitale (6/08)</i>	
<i>Rocky and Nancy Kaune (6/12)</i>	
<i>Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16)</i>	
<i>Johnny and Joyce Mitra (6/18)</i>	60 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)</i>	60 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Emanuele and Marian Maniaci (6/19)</i>	

*Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)*

*Nick and Karen Caputo (7/01)*

*Alfonso and Carmela Stralle (7/05)*

*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)* 50<sup>th</sup>

*Joe and Vita Alastra (7/27)*

*Joe and Joanne Cuva (7/27)*

*Steve and Sylvia Vitale (7/30)* 50<sup>th</sup>

*Sal and Marianna Curcuru (7/31)* 50<sup>th</sup>

*Randy and Paula Rice (8/04)*

*Anthony and Allison Vitale (8/08)* 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Joe and Paola Ventimiglia (8/12)* 40<sup>th</sup>

*Charlie and Leslie Lupo (8/16)*

*Arnaldo and Elda Fracassa (8/27)*

*Tony and Joyce Pietrangelo (8/27)*

*Paul and Mary Clark (8/28)*

### Calendar of Upcoming Club/Hall Events

- July 4, 2015** ..... **Wyandotte Independence Parade.**  
Mary Cottone & Membership.
- July 26, 2015** ..... **DIAC Annual Picnic**  
Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo, Tony and Miriam Lumia
- Aug. 20, 2015** ..... **Diamond Jack Boat Ride.**  
Sam Randazzo, Tony Lumia, Tony Pietrangelo
- Nov. 1, 2015** ..... **Memorial Mass.**  
Florence Coleman & Membership.
- Dec. ??, 2015** ..... **Club Christmas Party.**  
Chairpersons ???

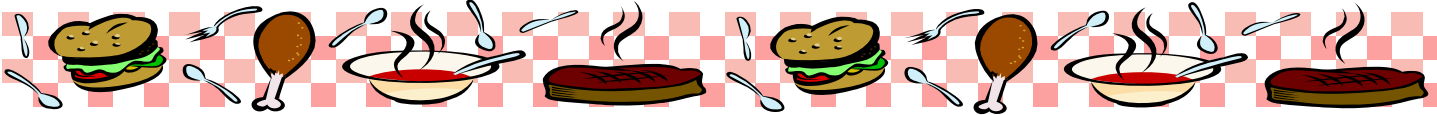


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*The Downriver Italian-American Hall - Banquet & Conference Center*



**Downriver Italian-American Club  
Membership Picnic Party  
Sunday - July 26, 2015**

**Where: Crown Pointe Condo's Club House - Riverview, MI  
Time: 12 Noon - Until 6:00 PM  
Who: Club Members, their family and their friends**

Adults \$20.00

Children over 18: \$25.00

Guests of Member: \$25.00

Children under 12: Free (Children's Meal)

Children of Ages 12 to 17: \$15.00

-----FOOD-----MUSIC?-----BEVERAGES-----

Adult meal: Ribs, Steak or Roasted Chicken, Potato, Salad, Bread/Roll, Beverages, Watermelon and Dessert

Children's meal (under 12): Hot dog, Dessert and Beverage only

Volunteers to bring baked goods (for dessert) would be appreciated. Call Alice Patton (734) 697-7902

Bocce tournament (Frank Giannotti will chair), horseshoes 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, July 18th**. 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.**

Chairpersons for this event are **Dennis and Alice Patton, Sam and Grace Pizzo, Sam and Darlene Randazzo and Tony and Mariam Lumia**. Board Members will be helping.

Mail the coupon below, along with your check to: Alice Patton, 8779 Hardwood, Belleville, MI 48111

Thank you for your promptness in responding:

**Dennis, Alice, Sam, Grace, Sam, Darlene, Miriam and Tony**

-----RETURN COUPON BELOW-----

I/We will be attending the D.I.A.C. Annual Picnic, on Sunday, July 26, 2015.

Coupon must be received no later than Saturday, July 18, 2015

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ # Ribs \_\_\_\_\_ # Steak \_\_\_\_\_ #Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults (\$20.00): \_\_\_\_\_ Children under 12 (Free): \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Children 12 to 17(\$15.00): \_\_\_\_\_ Children over 18 (\$25.00): \_\_\_\_\_ Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

A check or money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

