



48th Year, 1971-2019

# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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

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Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
General Membership Meeting ..... Wednesday, June 19, 2019 – 7:00 p.m., Silver Shores



## Happy Father's Day – June 16, 2019



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JUNE 16, 2019  
TO ALL THE  
FATHERS.

### 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 Traverse City

Overnight Trip, Summer Social Luncheons, Diamond Jack Boat Ride, Club Picnic. 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 The newsletter will not be published during these months.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.

### A Message from our President



It looks like summer is finally here. I mow my lawn every four days thanks to all this rain. It beats the snow, that's for sure!

May is behind us and what a month it was for our club. Besides **Mother's Day**, we had a great time at **Mama Mia** and the **Taste of Italy** was a rousing success. A big thank you to everyone on the committee who picked up the mantle when **Tony Lumia** had to step down. As hard as it was to replace Tony, we managed to have 178 people attend this year's event. The food was excellent with every vendor stepping up to bring quality Italian entrees. If you tasted everything there, you walked away holding your *bonza*. We will be writing a big check to **Penrickton**, a truly worthwhile organization.

Please try to attend our evening meeting and dinner this month at **Silver Shores**. The Social Committee has some surprises in store for us and I promise a short meeting and a longer evening to have some fun. I hope to see some new faces as we are starting to get

more applications for membership to our club.

*È bello essere italiano,*

**Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President**

### June Evening Meeting



The Club dinner this month will be on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, (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 membership meeting will immediately follow the dinner.

The dinner cost is \$13.00 per person. Make your dinner reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo (734)676-8463,** no later than one week before.

### Club Summer Social Luncheons



The club will once again have summer luncheons during the off-months of July and August. The dates are

**Wed. July 17, 2019, and Wed. August 14, 2019.** Time is **12:00 Noon.** The location is **The Bentley Banquet Center, 646 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192, (734)285-4044.** The cost is **\$10.00 per person.** Make your lunch reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo at (734)676-8463,** no later than one week before the event.

### Diamond Jack Boat Ride July 24, 2019



This year's **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** will be on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. The

chairpersons are **Frank and Liliana Giannotti (734)283-7394.** The boat ride will

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be heading south, toward **Bob-Lo Island**. The Club has chartered the Diamond Jack boat for the trip. Family and guests are invited. Meet at Bishop Park no later than 2:30 PM.

Immediately after the ride, there will be a meal at the **Wyandotte Boat Club (Across from Portofino Restaurant), 1 Pine Street, Wyandotte, MI, 48192 (734)284-5560**.

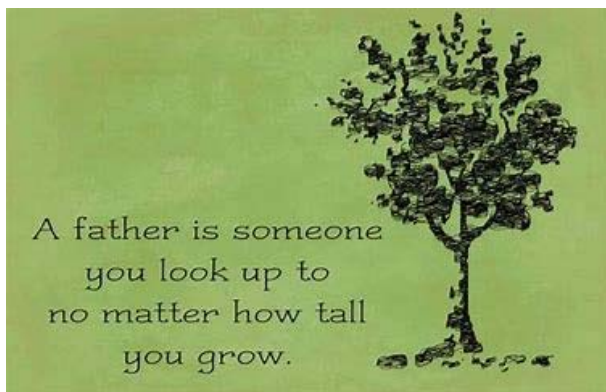
The cost of the boat ride is **\$15.00 per person**. For Club members who be riding on the boat, their meal is free. **Non-members (and Club members who did not ride the boat), the cost of their meal is \$10.00**. Return the coupon and monies **no later than July 17, 2019**. See flyer in this newsletter for further information.

## Membership Picnic – Aug. 11, 2019



The Annual Club Picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 11, 2019**. The picnic location is at the **Young Patriots Park (Riverview Civic Center)**, at 14100 Civic Park Dr. (Sibley Road), in Riverview, MI 48193.

The event is chaired by **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** (same as last year). See flyer contained in this newsletter.



## Salad Luncheon at St. Vincent Pallotti



The parish **Happy Cookers** are having a **Maurice Salad Luncheon** fundraiser, at **St. Vincent Pallotti Parrish Hall** (formerly St. Joseph Church), 334 Elm St., Wyandotte, MI (734)285-

9840, on **Thursday, July 18, 2019 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.

## 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. **Get Well Wishes** to members who were/are ill: **Tony Lumia, Emma Checchio** and those whom we do not know.

## 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)*  
*Anthony and Angela Chirco (6/10)*  
*Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16)*  
*Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18)*  
*Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25)*  
*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)*  
*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)*  
*William and Susan Herbert (8/23)*  
*Arnaldo and Elda Fracassa (8/27)*



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**Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno**



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

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

**Member Email Notification**



There is a membership email notification list where Club members get notified of important changes, emergency situation, meeting changes, etc. If you have an email address and are not currently on the list, send an email to Frank Giannotti, [frankgiannotti@comcast.net](mailto:frankgiannotti@comcast.net) and request to be placed on the list. We are a social club and having communication is of importance. The club newsletter can also be mailed to you via your email address.

**Club Newsletter via Your Email**



If you have an email address and would like to receive the club newsletter via your email address, send an email to corresponding secretary Frank Giannotti, [frankgiannotti@comcast.net](mailto:frankgiannotti@comcast.net)

and request to be placed on the newsletter list. The newsletter is sent in a pdf format. The newsletter is in full color, you can read it and print at your own leisure.

**Festa della Repubblica – June 2, 2019**



On Sunday, June 2, 2019, the Council of Presidents, COMITES, the Consul of Italy, and the Italian American Cultural Society, in cooperation with local Italian Clubs and Associations,

will be hold its annual **Festa della Repubblica Italiana**, the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary celebration of the birth of the Italian Republic. Everyone is invited. The doors open at 1:00 p.m. The event is from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be a special speaker, **Carlo Felice Corsetti, Generali di Brigata dell’Arma dei Carabinieri**, from Italy. After the formal program, a food tasting event sponsored by over 22 Italian clubs and Associations will be open for all to enjoy. Tables will also display objects and information regarding the various regions of Italy. Entertainment follows. The event will be held at the **Italian American Cultural Society Banquet & Conference Center, 43843 Romeo Plank Rd., Clinton, Twp., MI**. For additional information, please contact the **Italian American Cultural Center at 586-226-1582**.

**Membership Drive Initiative**



The Planning Committee, consisting of **Mark Grazioli (chairman), Marilyn Bommarito, Rose Boileau, Florence Coleman, Frank Giannotti, Sam Randazzo, Dennis Randazzo and**

**Paul Remington**, established with the purpose of increasing the Club membership.

Starting May 15, 2019, a membership drive for one year is being initiated by the DIAC. During this period, the normal Initiation Fee is waived and new members need only pay the dues for one year. One of the Club goals is to celebrate our heritage. Members are encouraged to become recruiters for this drive. This includes Regular and the 10 new additional Associate members that was recommended by the Board and approved by the membership.

**Father’s Day Thoughts**

- When I was:**
- Four years old:* My Daddy can do anything.
  - Five years old:* My daddy knows a whole lot.
  - Six years old:* My dad is smarter than your dad.
  - Eight Years old:* My dad doesn’t know exactly everything.
  - 10 years old:* In the olden days, when my dad grew up, things were sure different.



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*12 years old:* Oh, well, naturally, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.

*14 years old:* Don't pay any attention to my dad. He is so old-fashioned.

*21 years old:* Him? My Lord, he's hopelessly out of date.

*25 years old:* Dad knows about it, but then he should, because he has been around so long.

*30 years old:* Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience.

*35 years old:* I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.

*40 years old:* I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise.

*50 years old:* I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him.

## Scholarship for Higher Education



Scholarship

DIAC is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to a son or daughter of a club member; those attending higher education in the fall of this year. Some eligibility applies. If you are interested, a form can be mailed to you. Please contact **Frank Giannotti**, 14823 Williamsburg Blvd., Riverview, MI 48193-7703 or [frankgiannotti@comcast.net](mailto:frankgiannotti@comcast.net) or by phone (734)283-7394. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and conduct an interview. Good luck to all.



## New Friends and Old Friends

Make new friends, but keep the old;  
Those are silver, these are gold.  
New-made friendships, like new wine,  
Age will mellow and refine.  
Friendships that have stood the test –  
Time and change - are surely best;  
Brow may wrinkle, hair grow gray,  
Friendship never knows decay.  
For 'mid old friends, tried and true,  
Once more we our youth renew.  
But old friends, alas! may die,  
New friends must their place supply.  
Cherish friendship in your breast-  
New is good, but old is best;  
Make new friends, but keep the old;  
Those are silver, these are gold.  
© Joseph Parry, sent by Wendy Hinson

## Calendar of 2019 Future Events

- June 2, 2019, .....** **Festa Della Repubblica**  
Italian-American Cultural Society  
43843 Romeo Plank, Clinton Twp MI
- June 5,6, 2019, .....** **Overnight Trip to Traverse City**  
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491  
Paula Rice (734)748-0998
- July 24, 2019, .....** **Diamond Jack Boat Ride**  
Frank Giannotti - (734)283-7394.
- Aug. 11, 2019, .....** **Club Summer Picnic**  
Social Committee.
- Oct. 14, 2019, .....** **Columbus Day dinner**  
Charles/Leslie Lupo, (734)282-1257

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## Chartered Boat Cruise & Snack

Wednesday – July 24, 2019, 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.

The Cookout Includes: Italian Sausage, Hamburger, Corn, Dessert, Coffee.

The meal is Free to Club Members Who Ride – \$10.00 for All Others.

All Beverages are Cash Bar at Wyandotte Boat Club

Meal Prepared by **Chef Joseph J. Pagano** at **Wyandotte Boat Club**, After the Ride

1 Pine Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192, (Across Street from Portofino Restaurant)

Mail Coupon with Party Size and Total Cost. Make check payable to:

**Downriver Italian-American Club**. DIAC members, their family, and guests are welcome

**Further Information, Contact Frank Giannotti at (734) 283-7394.**

I/We will be attending the **Diamond Jack Boat Ride/Dinner** on Wednesday – July 24, 2019. Wyandotte Dock. Dinner at the WBC. This coupon and payment must be received no later than Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Name

Phone Number

# Attending Ride: \_\_\_\_\_ Member & Non-Member: \$ 15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Member Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner - Member: \$ Free x \_\_\_\_\_ Total: **FREE**

# Guest Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner - Guest: \$ 10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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. 11, 2019



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

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

**SERVING TIME:** 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**PRICE:** Club 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**



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

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

The meal is prepared onsite 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. 3, 2019**. 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**  
**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 D.I.A.C. Annual Picnic, on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019.

Coupon must be received **no later than Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019**.

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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