



48th Year, 1971-2019

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

September 2019 Newsletter – Issue #284

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019 – 3:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019 – 1:00 p.m., The Bentley



Columbus Day Dinner – October 14, 2019

A Message from our President



Where did the summer go? Was everyone as busy as me? The Club had some wonderful events the last couple of months. The **Traverse City Trip** in June, the **Boat Ride** in July and the

Annual Picnic in August were all well attended. If you missed these events, you missed out on some good food and good times with friends and family. Although I missed both summer lunches at **The Bentley**, I believe it is important to continue to get together without our membership meetings. It keeps the lines of communication open. I think we should consider meeting all summer and taking December and January off - Maybe February too. Let me know what you think. We can discuss it at the September membership meeting.

I am looking forward to our next event, our annual **Columbus Day Dinner** on October 14 at Silver Shores, in Wyandotte. The food is always great at the entertainment will have you dancing the night away. We should always celebrate our Italian heritage and no matter how you feel about Columbus, it is an Italian holiday and we need to eat!

Celebra la Vita!

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club dinner this month will be on **Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 12:00 noon**, at **The Bentley, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. The cost of the luncheon is **\$10.00 per person** (meal and gratuity). The meal is well worth the cost.

Make your lunch reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at (734)676-8463, no later than one week before.

Columbus Day Celebration:
Monday, October 14, 2019



The Club will be hosting a **Columbus Day Celebration** on Monday, October 14, 2019. The event will be celebrated at **Silver Shores Waterfront**

Banquet Hall, 1 James DeSana Drive, Wyandotte, MI 48192

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

Live entertainment by **Gino Market Band**. The doors open at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment at 8:00 PM.

The cost is **\$25.00 for club members** and **\$28.00 for non-members**. A wonderful meal has been selected. See attached flyer for details.

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

Murder Mystery Dinner Train



There will be a **Murder Mystery Dinner Train Ride** on **Friday, October 25, 2019**. The cost \$80 for

member and \$99.00 for non-member. The time is from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Details are shown in the attached flyer. Please note: the deadline is September 15, 2019, or until the trip is sold out. Make check payable to **Custom Holidays**. Call **Grace Pizzo** at (734)379-9491 or **Julie Bademian** at (313)388-2264, for further information. As in the past, this trip has been a fantastic event.



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THE BEGINNING OF FALL IN YEAR 2019.



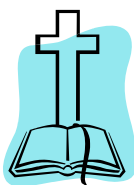
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Re: Rat Pack Lounge Turkeyville Trip

Grace Pizzo stated the **Rat Pack Lounge – Turkeyville Trip** on Thursday, September 19, 2019. **HAS BEEN SOLD OUT.**

DIAC Memorial Mass – Nov. 10, 2019



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is **Sunday, November 10, 2019**, at **St. Vincent Pallotte** (formerly **St. Joseph Catholic Church**), located at 334 Elm Street (Between 3rd and 4th Street) in Wyandotte, MI 48192.

The Mass will be at 11:00 am; Luncheon will be at the **Sportmen's Den, 15001 Sibley Rd., Riverview, MI**. The event is chaired by **Florence Coleman** and **Frank Giannotti**. A flyer with details will appear in the October newsletter. Please note: location has not been finalized.

Diamond Jack Boat Ride Report



The **Diamond Jack Boat Ride and Snack** on July 24, 2019, was a success. Ninety-three (93) people attended the Boat ride, and 99 people enjoyed

the delicious meal prepared by **Chef Joseph (Joe) Pagano** and his staff, served at the Wyandotte Boat Club. It turned out to be a beautiful day. Photos taken are available for viewing at the club website. The members and their guests all had a great time, on the ride to Boblo Island.

Club Picnic Report



The Club picnic was a success - the weather cooperated, the food was excellent. 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:

No teams were formed. Bocce was played by those interested.

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU

A big thank-you to **Joe Pagano** who took photos during the picnic event. The photos have been uploaded to the club website, www.diac.us. You will be notified by email when the photos are available for viewing.

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 or were in the hospital: **Tony Lumia, Florence Coleman, Karen Caputo, Emilia Gonella, Stella Marzano, Angelo Norscia, Mary Cottone, Vivian Palazzolo, Grace Asteriou, Marilyn Bommarito**, and to those whom we do not know.

Condolences to the family of **Vivian Martino** who passed away on Sunday, August 25, 2019, at the age of 97. She and her late husband, **Gino Martino, Sr.** (deceased 12/8/2002), joined the Club on April 1986. They helped the club in many ways, including the Italian Festivals, Pasta Events, and the many club events. May she rest in peace. Condolences to **Vivian Palazzolo**.

Congratulating New Club Members



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

Congratulations to the following new**Regular Members.**

David and Christine Grybel; of Southgate; sponsored by Paula Rice.

Garry and Laura Lee; of Dearborn; sponsored by Paul and Robin Remington.

Sam and Margie LoDuca; of Romulus; sponsored by Dolly Chirco.

Peter and Jeanette Miele; of Trenton; sponsored by Rose Boileau.

Frank and Janet Migliaccio; of Southgate; sponsored by Marilyn Bomarito.

Marco and Judy Palazzolo; of Milford; sponsored by Marilyn Bomarito.

Marshall and Colleen Grazioli; of Canton; sponsored by Mark and Mary Jane Grazioli.

Daniel and Nancy Prone; of Trenton; sponsored by Mark and Mary Jane Grazioli.

Steve and Marlene Erno; of Dearborn; sponsored by Mark and Mary Jane Grazioli.

Congratulations to the following new Associate Members.

Theodore and Honor Butkin; of Riverview; sponsored by Charles and Leslie Lupo.

Patrick and Janet Flaherty; of Grosse Ile; sponsored by Sue Byrd.

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Georgine Martin; of Wyandotte; sponsored by Charles and Leslie Lupo.

Gary and Arlene Roberts; of Wyandotte; sponsored by Mark Grazioli.

Michael and Susan Shields; of Southgate; sponsored by Paula and Randy Rice.

Matthew and Sharon Thibeau; of Dearborn; sponsored by Sam and Darlene Randazzo.

Congratulations to all the new members.

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>Joseph Bozzo (9/02)</i> | <i>Sadie Kusic (9/16)</i> |
| <i>Arlene Roberts (9/02)</i> | <i>Valerie Yinger (9/17)</i> |
| <i>Lenny Milewski (9/03)</i> | <i>Roger Shifflett (9/19)</i> |
| <i>Donald Wellman (9/03)</i> | <i>Mary Cottone (9/20)</i> |
| <i>Vince Vitale(Mary St) (9/04)</i> | <i>Rose Gaglio (9/20)</i> |
| <i>Christine Grybel (9/05)</i> | <i>Kelli McNally (9/22)</i> |
| <i>Diana Parisi (9/05)</i> | <i>Fara Vitale (9/22)</i> |
| <i>Lenny Zerilli (9/05)</i> | <i>Pauline Barraco (9/24)</i> |
| <i>Linda Kerr (9/07)</i> | <i>Rocky Kaune (9/24)</i> |
| <i>Amelia McGowan (9/10)</i> | <i>Julie Bademian (9/26)</i> |
| <i>Theresa Simone (9/11)</i> | <i>Nicolina Susin (9/26)</i> |
| <i>Georgine Martin (9/12)</i> | <i>Robert Jagiello (9/30)</i> |
| <i>Steven Badalamente (9/14)</i> | |

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 **Ann**iversary.

- George and Mary Lavine (9/03)*
- Lenny and Rose Zerilli (9/03)*
- Damiano and Piera Vitale (9/06)*
- Frank and Janet Migliaccio (9/15)*
- Donald and Marlene Wellman (9/16)*
- Patrick and Janet Flaherty (9/18)*
- Joe and Rosalie Giammalva (9/24)*
- John and Diana Parisi (9/26)*
- Giacinto and Theresa Simone (9/28)*
- Roger and Emalie Shifflett (9/29)*

The Haircut

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible

a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

(You're going to love Dad's reply!)

"Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

Calendar of Future Events

- Sept. 19, 2019, Rat Pack Lounge - Turkeyville Trip**
SOLD OUT
- Oct. 14, 2019, Columbus Day Celebration**
Charles/Leslie Lupo, (734)282-1257
- Oct. 25, 2019, Murder Mystery Dinner Train**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
- Nov. 10, 2019, Memorial Mass**
Florence Coleman - (734)281-7126.
- Dec. 5, 2019, Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
- Dec. 15, 2019, Club Christmas Party**
Grace Pizzo, (734)379-9491
- May 27/28, 2020, . Niagara Falls Getaway**
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Columbus Day Celebration

Monday, October 14, 2019

Silver Shores Waterfront Banquet Center

1 James DeSana Drive. Wyandotte, MI 48192 - (734) 246-4800

Live Entertainment by Gino's Market Band of Windsor, Ontario



Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

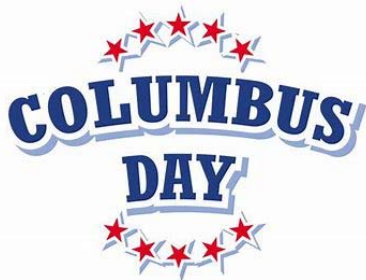
\$25.00 for Club Member

\$28.00 for Non-Member



~ Dinner Menu ~

Michigan Cherry Salad -
w/ Cherry Vinaigrette Dressing
Italian Wedding Soup w/ Meatballs
Penne with Meat Sauce
Chicken Piccata
Beef Medallions
Garlic Roasted Redskin Potatoes
Dinner Rolls, Butter
Dessert (Club Provided)
Soft Beverage, Coffee and Ice Tea
Cash Bar Available



Deadline for Reservation: Monday, October 7, 2019

Whole tables (of 8) can be reserved in advance. Payment can be made at the Sept. 18, 2019 General Meeting or by mail to Leslie Lupo, 459 Cedar, Wyandotte, MI. 48192-4301.

Tickets must be paid in advance. No cash on, the night of the event.

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

Email: lupo2390@att.net





Murder Mystery Dinner Train

A Unique Dining Experience



ADRIAN & BLISSFIELD
"The Old Road Dinner Train"

ToledoRails

**Friday
October 25, 2019**

10:00am-4:30pm

**Times may vary depending on your
Departure & Return Location**

\$80 Members

\$99 Non-Members

Departure & Return:

*To be Announced
One week prior to trip*

Activity Level: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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website at www.customholidaysonline.com*

* Menu

*Enjoy a delicious 3 course
lunch aboard the train!*

-Oven Roast Pork Loin-

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Reservations need to be in by Sep 15 or until
sold out. Should you cancel prior to Sep 15,
there is a \$10 fee. If you cancel Sep15-Oct 10
there is a \$65 fee. If you cancel Oct 11 or after
there is no refund. You can get a substitute at
any time and incur no penalty.

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*Tour price includes gratuities for above trip inclusions.
Custom Holidays tour director & motor coach driver
gratuities are not included. Thank you!*

The Murder Mystery Train is a very popular show. During our Murder Mystery show, The Murder Mystery Train comes with fine-dining and hilarious table-side murder mystery featuring our acting troupe and a rotating series of shows throughout the year.

Each railcar will have members selected to participate in each show, you may even be selected as the victim!

So come out to join in the fun with Howie and Dewey Cheatum and see the twisted and devious plot unfold before your very eyes!

**All shows are rated PG-13*

Enjoy small town atmosphere as you take one hour for boutique shopping after lunch in downtown Blissfield.



**MURDER MYSTERY
DINNER TRAIN**

For More Information • Call Grace Pizzo 734-379-9491 • or Julie Bademien 313-388-2264 •

Please fill in this form and return with your payment to Custom Holidays before September 15 or until trip is sold out. Make checks payable to Custom Holidays and send to: Grace Pizzo 32050 Liparato Dr, Rockwood, Mi 48173

Name _____ Address _____

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Murder Mystery Train Ride

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

****IMPORTANT** Today my travel companion is: _____**



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