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The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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Club Board Meeting ** CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE **
General Membership Meeting ** CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE **



Happy Easter, Buona Pasqua – April 12th



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A Message from our President



Times are strange. We have a new set of buzzwords in our vocabulary. “An abundance of caution,” “shelter in place,” “safe social distance.” Who would have thought it

possible? I hope that everyone is staying safe and is healthy.

It’s unfortunate that at a time when our club was growing and becoming more active, we had to bring everything to a temporary halt. It is my sincere hope that we can reschedule the many activities that we cancelled.

During this extraordinary time of crisis, we must try and look for the positive things in our lives. As Italian-Americans, family life is *molto importante*. We can never take for granted the loved ones in our lives. On this day, there are many different ways to communicate, and now is the time to use whatever we have at our disposal to check on one another and to be encouraging and helpful to the best of our ability.

As it stands now, all of our April and May activities are cancelled, and as we go forward, the Board will assess the calendar going forward. Our Niagara Falls trip is cancelled, and we will be getting refunds soon. I will be in touch with all of our Board members by phone or email to discuss any business that pertains to the club. Until then, pray for one another - especially for those in Italy who are suffering even more than us, from this pandemic.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Che Dio vi Benedica.

Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

Regarding COVID-19 Virus



The Club meetings and events have been suspended amid the coronavirus pandemic period.

People are encouraged to stay at home and avoid meeting with people who may be infected. Follow the recommended medical guideline on how to stay safe.

New Club Members



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

Roger and Maria (Bommarito) Robinson, of South Lyon MI; sponsored by **Josie Klube**.



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

Condolences to the family of **Honor Shoemaker** on the death of her husband, **Theodore Francis Butkin, Sr.**, who passed away on March 22, 2020, at the age of 81. May he rest in peace/

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Condolences to the family of **Gaetano A. Vitale** on the death of his wife, **Myra Vitale** who passed away on March 2, 2020, at the age of 54. Gaetano and Myra were married on October 27, 2018. Myra was struck with ALS, and this deadly incurable disease eventually took her life. Gaetano was the golf outing chairperson for many years, bringing revenue to our club.

Condolences to: **Vincenzo and Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale**; Brother: **Anthony and Allison Vitale**; Aunt/Uncle: **Damiano and Piera Vitale, Joe and Paula Ventimiglia, Nino and Fara Vitale**; Cousin: **Guy A. and Maria Vitale, Marco and Jennifer Vitale**. May shereest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Rose Gaglio** on the death of her brother-in-law, **Procopio Gaglio**, who passed away on February 29, 2020, at the age of 76. May he rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Rino Pagnucco** on the death of his mother, **Speranza "Hope" Pagnucco**, who passed away on March 5, 2020, at the age of 101. May she rest in peace.

2020 Scholarship to Be Awarded



A son or daughter of a club member; who is a graduating senior and is planning on attending higher education at a college or university may apply for a \$500 scholarship. Basic requirements: Must have a minimum B grade point average, their parents must be a member in good standing for at least 1 year. (Basis is membership by June 30 of the previous year). To obtain an application and for more information, contact **Frank Giannotti** at (734)283-7394. The completed application must be received no later than June 30, 2020.

Important Information



Grace Pizzo advises the membership that all scheduled club events have been cancelled or are on hold amid this pandemic coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Those members who have paid for the **Flashback and Funny Forward** event will have their monies refunded. Bianco Tours will refund club members who have paid partial or paid in full for the **Niagara Falls Getaway** trip. Call Grace at (734)379-9491.

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**.

Peter and Janet Miele (4/06)
Joseph and Nicolina Susin (4/23)
John and Anna Finazzo (4/24)
Vito and Jessica Trupiano (4/25)
Sam and Margaret LoDuca (4/28)
Patrick and Patricia Mastrogiacomo (4/28)
Peter and Jennifer Perniciaro (4/30)

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

<i>Paola Ventimiglia (4/3)</i>	<i>Josie Palazzolo (4/21)</i>
<i>Angela Vassallo (4/5)</i>	<i>Janet Miele (4/27)</i>
<i>Linda Carrier (4/6)</i>	<i>Peter Miele (4/27)</i>
<i>Maria Giammalva (4/6)</i>	<i>Joseph Pizzo (4/27)</i>
<i>Fannie Randazzo (4/7)</i>	<i>Norm Tabaka (4/27)</i>
<i>Nina Liberati (4/8)</i>	<i>Sam LoDuca (4/29)</i>
<i>Mary Caparotta(4/9)</i>	<i>Joyce Mitra (4/29)</i>
<i>John Parisi (4/12)</i>	<i>Maria Vitale (4/29)</i>
<i>Vito Badalamente (4/17)</i>	<i>Theresa Herbert (4/30)</i>
<i>Susan Shields (4/19)</i>	<i>Joseph Pagano (4/30)</i>

Calendar of Future Events

Apr. 12, 2020, **Easter Sunday Brunch @ Bentley**
 *** CANCELLED ***

Apr. 18, 2020, **Flashback & Funny Forward Play**
 *** CANCELLED ***

Apr. 23, 2020, **DIAC April Card Party**
 *** CANCELLED ***

May 3, 2020, **Spring Dinner Dance**
 *** CANCELLED ***

May 27/28, 2020, . **Niagara Falls Getaway Trip**
 *** CANCELLED ***

June 3, 2020, **Taste of Italy**
 *** ON HOLD????? ***

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