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The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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**** IMPORTANT DATES **** **May 2020 Newsletter – Issue #292**
Club Board Meeting **** CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ****
General Membership Meeting **** CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ****



Happy Mother's Day – Sun. May 10, 2020



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A Message from our President



How's everybody holding up? This is certainly a stressful time in our nation's history. The stories we see on the news are heartbreaking, and I thank God that I haven't known anyone who has succumbed to the virus (knock on wood). If you hear of any club members who are sick in any way, let me, **Sam (734) 624-6902** or a Board member know. Communication is vital at this time.

As you can probably assume, all club functions have been cancelled for May and **Taste of Italy**, which was scheduled for the first week in June is cancelled as well. I am holding out hope that we can meet on **Wednesday, June 17, 2020**, in the evening. The meeting was originally to be held at **Silver Shores**, but that location has been changed, and a new location is yet to be determined. We hope to have that information for the June newsletter.

For those of us that are computer savvy, I suggest going to **YouTube** and checking out every favorite Italian relative, **Uncle Louie**. He certainly provides some comic relief at a time when we can really use it.

Spero di vedervi presto.
Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President



Forgive

In the blink of an eye, everything can change.
So forgive often and love with all your heart.
You may never know when you may not have that chance again.

Important Information

The **Diamond Jack Boat Ride** has been reserved for July 22nd as well as the **Club Picnic** on August 9th. Both of these events are **On-Hold** pending the outcome of the coronavirus pandemic outcome, in the state of Michigan. We will keep you updated with the monthly newsletters.

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. To us who are following shelter-in-place orders.

Condolences to the family of **Shirley Cavataio**, on the death of her daughter **Ruthann Marie Bullard**, who passed away on March 28, 2020, at the age of 56. May She rest in peace.

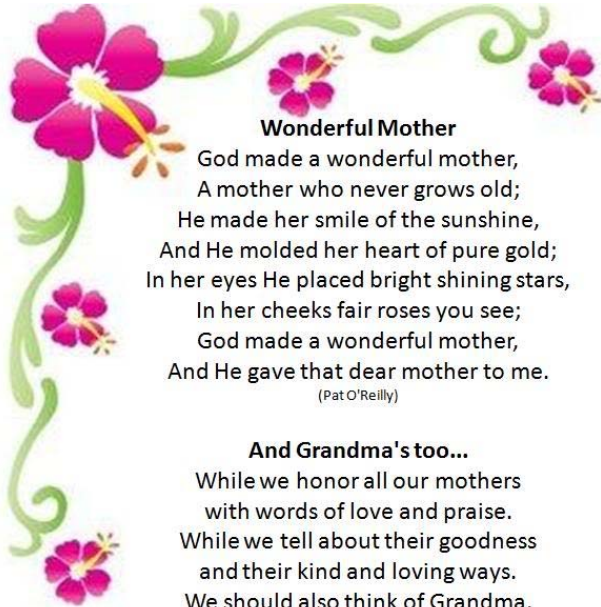
Condolences to the family of **Emma Jean Checchio**, who passed away on April 10, 2020, at the age of 85. She and her late husband, **Frank Checchio** (deceased January 5, 2016), joined the club in February 1994. They were both Honorary Members. May She rest in peace.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Condolences to the family of **Dolly Chirco**, on the death of her sister-in-law, **Antonina Manzella**, who passed away on April 10, 2020, at the age of 86. May She rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of **Paul J. Consiglio** on the death of his uncle, **Joseph E. Molnar**, who passed away on April 13, 2020, at the age of 93. May He rest in peace

**Wonderful Mother**

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

(Pat O'Reilly)

And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers
with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness
and their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma,
she's a mother too, you see....
For she mothered my dear mother
as my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

Steven Erno (5/1)	Guy A Vitale (5/20)
Rosalie Shimkus (5/1)	Rose Zerilli (5/21)
Salvatore Finazzo (5/2)	Teresa LeSage (5/22)
Vivian Palazzolo (5/2)	Alexander Parker (5/23)
Colleen Tabaka (5/5)	Catherine Sclafani (5/23)
Theresa Talluto (5/8)	Rose Boileau (5/24)
Matt Thibeau (5/10)	Joseph Ventimiglia (5/24)
Theresa Klavon (5/11)	Salvatore Vitale (5/24)
Michael Shields (5/14)	Gail Melzer (5/27)
Vito Palazzolo (5/15)	Jeanette Schiraldi (5/28)
Martha Guastella (5/16)	Anthony Lazzarino (5/30)



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**.

Bill and Elizabeth Dolunt (5/06)	
Gaetano and Laurie Randazzo (5/09)	40th
Anthony and Robyn Vitale (5/15)	
Steven and Marlene Erno (5/17)	
Daniel and Nancy Prone (5/18)	
Phil and Linda Migliaccio (5/21)	
Salvatore and Giovanna Vitale (5/24)	
Marco and Jennifer Vitale (5/24)	
Douglas and Gail Melzer (5/27)	25th
Mike and Nina Palazzolo (5/29)	45th

On Memorial Day – May 25, 2020

Memorial Day (originally called “**Decoration Day**”) began as a way to honor the Civil War dead. It started when individuals, and then cities and towns, placed flowers on the graves of Confederate and Union soldiers – whether buried in the North or the South. The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868, in Arlington National Cemetery. Today, Memorial Day has become a way to honor all those who died in service to the nation in all wars and conflicts, from the Revolutionary War to the present.

Calendar of Future Events

July 22, 2020, **Diamond Jack Boat Ride**
*** ON HOLD???? **

Aug. 9, 2020, **Club Membership Picnic**
*** ON HOLD???? **

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