



49th Year, 1971-2020



The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

JUNE/JULY 2020 Newsletter – Issue #293

Club Board Meeting

** CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE **

General Membership Meeting

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Happy Father's Day – Sun. June 21, 2020



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A Message from our President



I hope that everybody is still doing well and staying safe from this dreaded virus. We are finally getting some good weather, which allows us to get outside and commence with the lawn care, landscaping and, most importantly, the gardens. As the weeks go by, I can't help but lament on the activities this club has been missing. Despite that, I remain encouraged that we can continue to have a lot of fun in the future. I am hoping for, at a minimum, a Christmas party this year, and then in 2021, we will celebrate our 50th Anniversary sometime in the spring.

For the rest of the summer, our newsletter will be sent out every other month. This will help us keep expenses down, and if there is any important news, we will post it on our website and **Facebook** pages. For those who aren't tech-savvy, I guess you'll get an old fashioned phone call.

Many have asked about the status of our land contract with **Nakad Holdings**. The plan was to pay the Club off from a loan that they were acquiring. Like everything else, that all came to a halt for now so, the land contract will continue until it terminates. We are in good financial health at this time, which is a blessing.

As the restrictions to our lives are starting to be eased, I urge you to be cautious. Unfortunately, this is the new normal for the time being. I am optimistic that things will get better, and I hope that we are all alive and well when it does.

I look forward to the day when we can have once again, lunch and a meeting. I long for

Marilyn's (Bomarito) voice reading those minutes in such a dramatic fashion.

Arrivederci e buona fortuna, Salvatore

Coronavirus Outbreak

The year 2020 has demonstrated a massive outbreak of the coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic globally, in the United States, including in the State of Michigan. **Governor Gretchen Whitmer**, having issued a **Shelter in Place** (Stay at Home) order to residents to follow, including face mask in public places, six (6) feet personal separation, and only allowing the assembly of no more than ten (10) individuals at a gathering. This action prohibits the **Downriver Italian-American Club** from holding Board and General Assembly meetings, as well as sponsoring social events for the membership.

When restrictions are relaxed, the Club will once again resume normal activities.

Executive Orders

Club president, **Sam Randazzo**, has issued 2 Executive Orders to circumvent the Club Elections for 2020, and the 2020 Financial Audits; both required by the Club By-laws. Attached in this newsletter is the Executive Order canceling the 2020 Club Election.

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.

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Paul Remington had a small heart attack last week and had a stent put in. He is recovering nicely at home.

Welcome new Daughter



Anthony V. and Allison Vitale proudly announce the birth of their new daughter, **Violetta Iris Vitale**, born on May 2, 2020. **Violetta** weighed in at 7 lbs. – 3.2 ounces, and was 20 inches long. **Violetta** is also welcomed by a brother, **Vincenzo**. The proud grandparents are **Vincenzo and Francesca (Ciccina) Vitale**.

Congratulations to all the **Vitale families**.



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**.

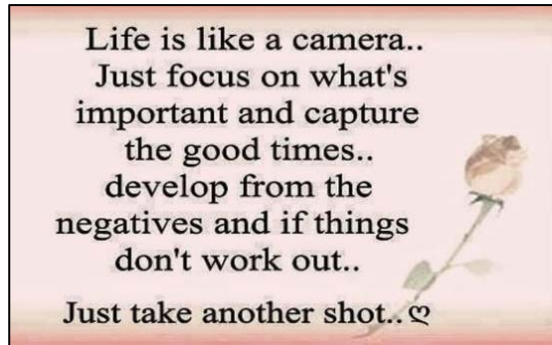
- Sam and Nancy Cosentino (6/01)*
- Sam and Grace Pizzo (6/02)*
- Danny and Theresa Herbert (6/03)*
- David and Phyllis Esordi (6/05) 55th*
- Jim and Juliann Bademian (6/06)*
- Vincenzo and Ciccina Vitale (6/08)*
- Dennis and Alice Patton (6/16)*
- Angelo and Elisa Norscia (6/18) 65th*
- Mark and MaryJane Grazioli (6/25) 60th*
- Gerald and Amelia McGowan (6/27)*
- Nick and Karen Caputo (7/01)*
- Frank and Lilianna Giannotti (7/06)*
- Marco and Judy Palazzolo (7/08)*
- Nino and Gianna Trupiano (7/09)*
- Marshall and Colleen Grazioli (7/13) 35th*
- Vito and Betty Palazzolo (7/14)*
- Angelo and Jeanette Schiraldi (7/16)*
- Robert and Linda Carrier (7/17)*
- Paul and Diane Lupo (7/18)*
- Roger and Maria Robinson (7/19)*
- Sam and Darlene Randazzo (7/24)*
- Nino and Fara Vitale (7/24) 55th*
- Joe and Vita Alastra (7/27)*
- Joe and Joanne Cuva (7/27)*
- Steve and Sylvia Vitale (7/30) 55th*

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

- Joe Cuva (6/01)*
- Kelsey Parker (6/02)*
- Randall Rice (6/03)*
- Vito A. Trupiano (6/03)*
- Mark Randazzo (6/06)*
- Allison Vitale (6/06)*
- Dennis Patton, Sr. (6/10)*
- Anna Finazzo (6/13)*
- Stella Marzano (6/13)*
- Susie Coch (6/14)*
- Sarah Eaton (6/15)*
- Liliana Giannotti (6/17)*
- Robert Lepidi (6/17)*
- Mary Lupo (6/17)*
- Carole Nowak (6/17)*
- Arnaldo Fracassa (6/18)*
- Paola Hillebrand (6/19)*
- Gary Roberts (6/20)*
- Roger Robinson (6/21)*
- Phyllis Esordi (6/24)*
- Paula Rice (6/24)*
- Pina Milewski (6/27)*
- John Cartrette (6/27)*
- Gerald McGowan (6/29)*
- Lisa Sasse (6/29)*
- Connie Becker (7/01)*
- Betty Palazzolo (7/05)*
- Laurie Randazzo (7/06)*
- Mimi Kerr (7/07)*
- Vince Vitale (7/07)*
- Maria Johnson (7/10)*
- Tony Lumia (7/10)*
- James Bely (7/11)*
- Elda Fracassa (7/13)*
- Damiano Vitale (7/13)*
- Nicole Wolski (7/14)*
- Mary Ellen Caruso (7/15)*
- Cindy Dingell (7/16)*
- William Dolunt (7/16)*
- Leslie Lupo (7/18)*
- Marshall Grazioli (7/20)*
- Lilianna Mazzalunga (7/21)*
- Helen Sryniawski (7/21)*
- Nancy Prone (7/23)*
- Nina Palazzolo (7/25)*
- Robin Remington (7/27)*
- Maria Robinson (7/28)*
- Ruth Lepidi (7/30)*
- Sam Pizzo (7/30)*



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.

Gone Viral

<p>we scramble for masks to ward off infections and other hazards that we need protection from if we have come into contact with anyone coughing or sneezing, be on your guard. wash your hands regularly and avoid touching your face. Because this virus, considering its severity, is simply nothing like what we have seen before.</p>	<p>like talismans—nightmares of phantoms—masks reveal our fears: which arise when we believe our own delusions. rumours of fatality cases would naturally alarm us, but be slow to judge others. instead, clean of prejudice, you can dwell upon the importance of hygiene. on the matter of sensitive topics: save your time spent worrying, which is worse than the actual threat. all this paranoia is as lethal as any other pandemic. this is not the last we shall see of it.</p>
<p>some warn: "how can we avoid foreign disease-ridden walking pathogens, with their nauseating habits, we can hardly quarantine them all." this disease has truly gone viral</p>	<p>media sources that paint visitors and immigrants as virus-spreaders? xenophobes are plagues of terror. they mask their true intentions, so the danger remains—of our own ignorance—until we know what is fear itself.</p>

This poem is a Twin Poem: the text can be read vertically (down each column), horizontally (across both columns), or hystersically

Ow Yeong Wai Kit



Today's Troubles

I'm troubled by the sadness
Of the youth of today.
At the beginning of life,
They want to throw it all away.
They're not feeling their value;
Can't see how lucky they are.
They made it to existence;
So much matter doesn't make it that far!
Problems are not permanent
But some of your solutions seem to be
Just keep on hanging in there
And things will get better ~ you'll see!

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Calendar of Future Events – On Hold

All club meetings and events are on hold pending the relaxing of all restrictions to the coronavirus or COVID 19 outbreak.

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Order: DIAC EO 2020-1

Executive Order to Cancel the 2021-2022 Club Election

Issued on: May 11, 2020

By the authority vested in me as President of the Downriver Italian-American Club by the Club Constitution and the by-Laws, it is hereby ordered that:

The year 2020 has demonstrated a massive outbreak of the coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic activity in the United States, including the State of Michigan. Governor Gretchen Whitmer, having issued a Shelter in Place (Stay at Home) order to residents to follow, including face mask in public places, six (6) feet personal separation, and only allowing the assembly of no more than ten (10) individuals at a gathering. This action prohibits the Downriver Italian-American Club from holding Board and General Assembly meetings, as well as sponsoring social events for the membership.

This order overrides the requirement of the Club By-Laws, ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS to be taken every two (2) years. For the years 2021-2022, the current Board Officers of the 2019-2020 administration may continue their office position into the 2021-2022 duration. Board officer(s) who resign their position, the vacancy shall be appointed by the club president, with the approval of the Club Board and final acceptance by the general assembly.

This order shall stay in effect until the Michigan governor laxes and/or withdraws all restrictive orders and thus allowing the Club to hold such meetings and social events.

The club membership shall be notified of this order no later than September 1, 2020.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this order, the President retains discretion, to the extend cancellation of club elections in any future emergencies, governed by State or Federal laws.

Revocation of Executive Order. This order does not revoke any previous Executive Orders.

SALVATORE RANDAZZO, Club President

EO Approved by the Club Board
May 11, 2020

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