



49th Year, 1971-2020

The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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**** IMPORTANT DATES **** OCT/NOV 2020 Newsletter – Issue #295
Club Board Meeting ** CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE **
General Membership Meeting ** CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE **



A COVID Pandemic Autumn



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BEGINNING OF AUTUMN 2020

A Message from our President



I wish there was so much more to write but the reality is - these are not very good times to be a social club. The more we are isolated from one another, the more I long to get back to our monthly lunches and other activities that made the club so vibrant. Looking back to this summer makes me realize how much I missed it.

The **Board of Directors** did have a meeting on October 6, 2020, to discuss our plans going forward and I wish I had better news to report but as of now, we canceled the annual **Christmas Party** and decided to move our **50th Anniversary Gala Party** to October, of next year, in hopes that it will be safe once again, get together to celebrate.

We are continuing to receive monthly mortgage payments towards the sale of our building which will keep us in good financial standing for years to come. In the short term, the Board is looking to invest in a CD or an annuity that will generate some extra interest. I can't say enough about **Ziad Nakad** and the staff at the **Bentley Banquet Center**. They continue to make payments despite the extreme challenges in their business.

As we start getting prepared for the colder weather and the approaching Holidays, please make certain you are staying safe and using all the recommended precautions that will keep you/us from possible illness. I hope to see all of you in 2021 so we can have a *Celebrazione Spettacolare*.

Arrivederci e Buona Fortuna,
Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

DIAC Events Party Cancellation



The COVID-19 pandemic has not gone away and medical news shows it continuing into 2021. The Club Board, after deep consideration, has decided to cancel the **Christmas Party** of December 13. At this time, it is anybody's guess when things are back to normal.

Also, under consideration is the **Club 50th Anniversary Gala Party** which was slated for April 2021. That too may be delayed into October 2021 or be canceled, if conditions are not back to normal.

Please Welcome new Grandparents



Marshall and Colleen Grazioli welcome their new granddaughter, **Emma Jane Grazioli**, born on July 16, 2020. She was born

premature and weighed in at 5 lbs. - ?? ounces. The parents are **Kevin and Christina Grazioli**, of Indianapolis Indiana. The great-grandparents are **Mark and MaryJane Grazioli**.

Congratulations to the **Grazioli families**.

Congratulating New Club Couples



Please welcome to our membership, **Robert Sander**, spouse of club member, **Nicole Wolski**, who were recently married on August 28, 2020. **Congratulations to the new couple.**



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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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: (**Lenny Milewski, Rosemary Prato, and others??**), who were/are ill or were in the hospital. To us, who are following **Governor Gretchen Whitmer**: facial mask in public places, 6 feet social distance, as well as smaller group size.

Condolences to the family of **Sal DiPasquale** on the death of his wife, **Nancy DiPasquale**, who passed away on September 23, 2020, at the age of 79. Condolences to **Theresa Klavon**. **Nancy and Sal** were one of the founders of the club, been a member since 1971, **Nancy** was very active in the club; she worked the club festivals at **Yack Arena**, worked the club pasta events, was in charge of bus trips; was involved in so many other club activities and events. May she rest in peace. May her memory be a blessing.

Condolences to the families of **Josie Klube** (sister), & **Paul (Diane) Lupo, and Mary Lupo** on the death of their mother, **Rose Lupo**, who passed away on September 26, 2020, at the age of 93. **Rose** was a club member. She and her late husband, **Mike Lupo** (deceased (9/27/2007)), joined the Club in November 1972. They've been with the Club from the beginning. They were both very active in the club; they worked the festivals at Yack Arena, helped during the Pasta events, attended many club functions. Mike was on the Club Board for many years. **Condolences to all the relatives**. May she rest in peace. May her memory be a blessing.

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**.

Thomas and Lisa Sasse (8/01)
Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3)
Lenny and Pina Milewski (10/3)
Joseph and Josie Badalamenti (10/9)
Henry and Teresa LeSage (10/10)
Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14)
Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)
Robert and Ruth Lepidi (10/19)
Tony and Miriam Lumia (10/19)
John and Elaine Cartrette (10/20)
Alexander and Kelsey Parker (10/21)
Anthony and Gloria Kause (10/28)
Marco and Theresa Talluto (11/3)

Norman and Colleen Tabaka (11/7)
Matt and Sharon Thibeau (11/10)
Guy A. and Maria Vitale (11/10)
Robert and Susie Coch (11/21)
Joseph and Sharon Pagano (11/22)
Frank and Nina Liberati (11/25)
Paul and Robin Remington (11/26)
Bruce and Valarie Yinger (11/28)

Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



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

<i>Benedetta Vitale (10/2)</i>	<i>Rino Pagnucco (10/26)</i>
<i>Lisa Randazzo (10/5)</i>	<i>Donna Fickeisen (10/27)</i>
<i>Gino Mazzlonga (10/6)</i>	<i>Michael McNally (10/27)</i>
<i>Mike Palazzolo (10/7)</i>	<i>Angela McCarty (10/31)</i>
<i>Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8)</i>	<i>Dolly Chirco (11/1)</i>
<i>Linda Burnett (10/9)</i>	<i>Mary Lavine (11/1)</i>
<i>Joan Luzac (10/9)</i>	<i>Marco Vitale (11/1)</i>
<i>James Bademian (10/10)</i>	<i>Angelina Carlone (11/2)</i>
<i>Josie Klube (10/11)</i>	<i>Marlene Erno (11/3)</i>
<i>Laura Lee (10/12)</i>	<i>Marilyn Bomarito (11/7)</i>
<i>Phillip Migiaccio (10/12)</i>	<i>Francesca Wolski (11/07)</i>
<i>Diane Lupo (10/13)</i>	<i>Emilia Gonella (11/9)</i>
<i>Marco Talluto (10/17)</i>	<i>Angelo Norscia (11/11)</i>
<i>Darlene Randazzo (10/18)</i>	<i>Joanne Cuva (11/12)</i>
<i>John Finazzo (10/19)</i>	<i>Robert Coch (11/16)</i>
<i>Patrick Flaherty (10/20)</i>	<i>Colleen Grazioli (11/16)</i>
<i>Daniel Boileau (10/21)</i>	<i>Jacqueline Jagiello (11/19)</i>
<i>Karen Caputo (10/24)</i>	<i>Judy Palazzolo (11/19)</i>
<i>Joe Giammalva, Sr. (10/24)</i>	<i>Angelo Schiraldi (11/22)</i>
<i>Bill Herbert (10/24)</i>	<i>Garry Lee (11/25)</i>
<i>Annette McClintock (10/24)</i>	<i>MaryJane Grazioli (11/27)</i>
<i>BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25)</i>	<i>Piera Vitale (11/27)</i>

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